



Minutes for the
Madison County Commissioners Court
Wednesday, October 26, 2022

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MADISON

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF MADISON COUNTY TEXAS

The Madison County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session the 26th day of October 2022, 9:31 a.m., at the Madison County Courthouse Annex, County Courtroom, 103 W. Trinity Street, Suite 106, Madisonville, Texas with the following members:

Clark Osborne	County Judge	Present
Billy McNutt	Commissioner, Precinct 1	Present
Carl Wiseman	Commissioner, Precinct 2	Present
Carl Cannon	Commissioner, Precinct 3	Present
David Pohorelsky	Commissioner, Precinct 4	Present

ITEM 1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAGS

Judge Osborne gave the invocation and led pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

ITEM 2. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Judge Osborne called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

COUNTY CLERK – SUSANNE MORRIS

ITEM 3. Review and/or correct minutes of Regular Session Meeting held October 12, 2022. See attached.

ITEM 4. COLLECTION REPORTS

- a) Approve Collection Report for County Clerk and County Criminal Court
No reports were submitted.
- b) Approve Collection Reports for District Attorney
No reports were submitted.
- c) Approve Collection Report for District Clerk

Rhonda Savage, District Clerk submitted a Fee Report for September 2022, \$22,092.57 in collections. Commissioner Cannon moved to approve; Commissioner Wiseman seconded the motion; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve District Clerk's September 2022 Fee Report, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Clark Osborne, County Judge	X			
Billy McNutt, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All in favor, motion carried.

TREASURER – JUDI DELESANDRI

ITEM 5. Approve paying County bills.

Accounts Payable Claims List for October 26, 2022, was submitted by Judi Delesandri, County Treasurer. See A/P Claims List attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Judge Osborne said we have a motion and second and called for a vote to approve paying October 26, 2022, county bills, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Clark Osborne, County Judge	X			
Billy McNutt, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All in agreement, motion carried.

ITEM 6. Approve bills paid since last court date October 12, 2022. See attached.

Commissioner Pohorelsky made a motion to approve; Commissioner McNutt gave a second; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve bills paid since last court date October 12, 2022, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Clark Osborne, County Judge	X			
Billy McNutt, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

No one opposed, motion carried.

ITEM 7. Approve Treasurer's Report.

No report was submitted.

ITEM 8. Approve personnel changes

Judi Delesandri, County Treasurer reported two payroll changes, Colin Pritz, Deputy, Sheriff's Department, 10/15/2022, in an open position, rate of pay, \$19.13 hourly. Matthew Srader, Deputy, Sheriff's Department was hired in open position, 10/18/2022, rate of pay \$20.42 hourly.

AUDITOR – TONI JOYNER

ITEM 9. Auditor's Report

A budget analysis report was provided by auditor's office. A copy is included in these minutes for review.

ITEM 10. Budget Amendments
No budget amendments were submitted.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

ITEM 11. Designated Representative Monthly Report - Lynn Jeffries
Jeffries reported receiving nine temporary food permit applications for the October 15, 2022 Mushroom Festival, fees totaling, \$468.00.

ITEM 12. Tax Assessor/Collector Monthly Report – Karen Lane, TAC
No report was submitted.

ITEM 13. Emergency Management Report – Shelly Butts
Shelly Butts did not have a formal report but informed commissioners about a hearing on Mitigation funding coming up. Madison County's amount of funding increased from \$600,000 to \$900,000 and may increase more. Another report on the funding will be given November 9, 2022, commissioners' court meeting.

ITEM 14. County Extension Agent Monthly Report-Allen Homann
Homann gave a report on 4-H activities for October 2022. 4-H members participated in the State Fair of Texas, Heart of Texas Fair, and Brazos Valley Fair. Agrilife events included the Cow Country Congress held recently at Windy Hill Ranch with 92 participants. Upcoming events are an annual Commissioners Brunch, December 13, 2022, and January 20, 2022 a CEU conference.

ITEM 15. Veterans Affairs – Open Position

ITEM 16. Elections Administrator-Bobbie Duke
Duke reported first day of early voting, 240 voters, and second day 209.

ITEM 17. Justice of the Peace – Steve Cole/Jon Stevens
Steve Cole, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 reported September 2022 funds, \$3,946.43 to county, \$162.99, technology and courthouse security, and \$1,947.58 to the state. See attached.
A report was submitted by the office of Jon Stevens, J.P. Pct. 1, September 2022 funds, \$10,349.56 to county, \$428.24, technology and courthouse security, and \$5,011.13 to the state. See attached.

ITEM 18. Sheriff's Department – Bobby Adams
No report was submitted.

ITEM 19. Madison County Library – Veronica Landmann
No report was submitted.

ITEM 20. Historical Commission –
Judge Osborne said Historical Commission Committee Chairman, Colvin Walker will be submitting a list of nominees, commission members, for your approval at a January 2023 commissioners' court meeting. Those members are appointed in odd years and serve a two-year term of office.

ITEM 21. **Public Comment – Hear Comments in reference to the following Agenda Items Only – time limit 3 minutes, one person at a time will be called from the Public Participation Forms submitted. Move to the front of the Court and stand at the podium.**

No Public Participation forms were submitted to Clerk of Court.

ITEM 22. Discuss and consider approving Proclamation designating the month of October as Colonial Heritage Month in Madison County. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve the Proclamation, Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve Proclamation designating the month of October as Colonial Heritage Month in Madison County, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Clark Osborne, County Judge	X			
Billy McNutt, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 23. Hear Presentation from Bo Williams and Brandon Northcutt with MidSouth Fiber regarding their planned fiberoptic expansion in Madison County.

Bo Williams, Vice President of Operations and Engineering, Brandon Northcutt, Vice President of Internet Technology, and Will Bond, Fiber Sales Representative, of MidSouth Electric Co-Op gave a presentation regarding their planned fiberoptic expansion in Madison County. Williams gave background information on how MidSouth started its fiber business saying basically to connect the infrastructure on our electrical system, to implement some smart grid technologies, and to help the resiliency in our own network. To do so, we had to build a fiber system on all of our electrical poles, so, at this point our CEO and the Board of Directors decided to provide high speed internet to our rural membership, he said. In 2019 we opted to go into an internet service provider business, it took three years to complete. Electric is governed by the Public Utility Commission, so we cannot go across some lines, but for fiber internet we can cross lines. Our CEO is looking into building into some more rural communities and Williams presented maps on video screen for the court to review. We have built a small operation center office in Madisonville to get our corporate network looped together providing a way for new internet customers. We are working on three projects to loop in network from the Bishop substation, Bedias substation and North Zulch substation to offer internet services to other customers. Williams referred to the map and said this project will cost fifteen million dollars, and MidSouth has agreed to take on this project, government funding is not even five percent. Williams said we are looking to come up with a permitting process where we can put the fiber infrastructure in the county right-of-way; and had copies of other county permitting processes to view. Northcutt answered the question on rates for internet service, residential rates are 100 Mbps, \$64.95; 500 Mbps \$79.95; and 1 Gbps, \$99.95. Business rates are 100 Mbps, \$99.95; 500 Mbps, \$199.95; and Gbps, \$399.95.

ITEM 24. Discuss and consider HOT Fund request from the Madison County Chamber of Commerce for advertising and promotion for the Madisonville Mushroom Festival. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion; Commissioner McNutt seconded the motion; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve HOT Fund request from the Madison County Chamber of Commerce for advertising and promotion for the Madisonville Mushroom Festival, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Clark Osborne, County Judge	X			
Billy McNutt, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All agreed, motion carried.

ITEM 25. Discuss and consider application for final minor plat with variance for property recorded in Volume 1864, page 145, Number 117952 of the Madison County Records located in the Alfred Gee Survey, Abstract 0016, in the unrecorded West Madison II Subdivision Lot 8, being 4.55 acres more or less, known as 5505 Strawther Road, North Zulch, Texas 77872.

Shelly Butts, Subdivisions/Rural Development Coordinator explained this minor plat application with a variance request for the long narrow shape of the parent lot. Said division resulting in the creation of two lots: 1) Lot 8A, a 1.21 acre tract and 2) Lot B, a 3.34 acre tract.

Commissioner Pohorelsky moved to approve; Commissioner Wiseman seconded the motion; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve application for final minor plat with variance for property recorded in Volume 1864, page 145, Number 117952 of the Madison County Records located in the Alfred Gee Survey, Abstract 0016, in the unrecorded West Madison II Subdivision Lot 8, being 4.55 acres more or less, known as 5505 Strawther Road, North Zulch, Texas 77872, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Clark Osborne, County Judge	X			
Billy McNutt, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All in agreement, motion carried.

ITEM 26. Discuss and consider seeking bids for road materials and hauling for Madison County from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Commissioner Cannon moved for approval; Commissioner McNutt gave a second; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve seeking bids for road materials and hauling for Madison County from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Clark Osborne, County Judge	X			
Billy McNutt, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

ITEM 27. Discuss and consider approving Madison County Compensation Scale for FY 2023.

Toni Joyner, Auditor said you do this each year after you set the budget to change the salary ranges on the compensation scale. The salary committee is recommending to the commissioners' court that the minimum salary range was changed by fifty percent of what the budget change was and the maximum salary change was equal to what the budget was, she said.

Commissioner Cannon moved for approval; Commissioner Wiseman seconded the motion; and Judge Osborne call for a vote to approve Madison County Compensation Scale for FY 2023, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Clark Osborne, County Judge	X			
Billy McNutt, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All in favor, motion carried.

ITEM 28. Public Comment- No Discussion or Action will be taken at this time by the Court – A three (3) minute limit per speaker. One person at a time will be called from the Public Participation submitted. Move to the front of the Court and stand at the podium. Please address your comments to your commissioner.

No Public Participation forms were submitted to the Clerk of Court.

ITEM 31. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Judge Osborne called for a vote to adjourn, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Clark Osborne, County Judge	X			
Billy McNutt, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

Unanimous agreement, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 10:20 A.M.

I, Susanne Morris, Madison County Clerk, do hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for October 26, 2022.

Approved and signed this 9th day of November 2022.



Susanne Morris
 For: _____
 Susanne Morris, Clerk
 Commissioners Court
 Madison County, Texas