



Minutes for the
Madison County Commissioners Court
Tuesday, September 9, 2025

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MADISON

IN COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF MADISON COUNTY, TEXAS

The Madison County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the 9th day of September 2025, 9:30 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
Stephen Parrish	Commissioner, Precinct 1	Present
Carl Wiseman	Commissioner, Precinct 2	Present
Carl Cannon	Commissioner, Precinct 3	Present
David Pohorelsky	Commissioner, Precinct 4	Present

1. Invocation and Pledges of Allegiance
 - Invocation – Mr. Bennett
 - Pledge of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags – Judge Osborne
2. Public Hearing on County Clerk's Proposed Records Archive Plan for FY2026 – Call the Hearing to Order.
Hearing was called to order at 9:31 A.M.
 - a) Hear and consider any public comments regarding the proposed County Clerk's Records Archive Plan for FY2026 pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 118.001(f) and 118.025. Proposed County Clerk's Archive Plan attached.
No public comments regarding the proposed County Clerk's Archive Plan.
3. Adjourn Public Hearing on County Clerk's Proposed Records Archive Plan for FY2026.
Judge Osborne adjourned the public hearing on County Clerk's Proposed Records Archive Plan for FY2026 at 9:32 A.M.
4. Public hearing on Adoption of the Madison County FY2025 tax rate – Call the Hearing to Order.
Hearing called to order at 9:32 A.M.
 - a) Hear and consider any public comments regarding the adoption of the Madison County FY2025 tax rate.
No public comments regarding the adoption of the Madison County FY2025 tax rate.
5. Adjourn Public Hearing on Adoption of the Madison County FY2025 tax rate.
Judge Osborne adjourned the public hearing on Adoption of the Madison County FY2025 tax rate at 9:33 A.M.
6. Call Regular Meeting to Order
 - Meeting was called to order at 9:33 A.M.

COUNTY CLERK – ADRIAN LAWSON

7. Review and/or correct minutes of the commissioners' court regular meeting held on August 26, 2025.
No corrections needed.

COLLECTION REPORTS

8. Approve Collection Reports for County Clerk and County Criminal Court.
No reports submitted.
9. Approve Collection Reports for District Attorney.
No report submitted.
10. Approve Collection Report for District Clerk.
Report submitted, see attached.
Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second;
Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the Collection Report for District Clerk, all in favor.
MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer – Judi Delesandri

11. Approve paying County bills.
Report submitted, see attached.
Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second;
Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve paying County bills, all in favor.
MOTION CARRIED.
12. Approve bills paid since last court date – August 26, 2025.
Report submitted, see attached.
Commissioner Parrish made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second;
Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve bills paid since last court date August 26, 2025, all in favor.
MOTION CARRIED.
13. Approve Treasurer's Report.
No report submitted.
14. Approve personnel changes.
Report submitted, see attached.
Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second;
Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the personnel changes, all in favor.
MOTION CARRIED.

Auditor – Susan Pugh

15. Auditor's Report
Report submitted, see attached.
Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Parrish gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the Auditor's Report, all in favor.
MOTION CARRIED.
16. Budget Amendments.
Report submitted, see attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Parrish gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the budget amendments and line-item transfers, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Departmental Reports

17. Historical Commission
No report submitted.
18. Designated Representative Monthly Report – Tom McWhorter
Health reports submitted, see attached. Tom stated that for the month of August they proceeded five septic permits for a total of \$1,035.00.
19. Tax Assessor/Collector Monthly Report – Karen Lane, TAC
Report submitted, see attached.
20. Emergency Management Report – Shelly Butts
Report submitted, see attached.
21. County Extension Agent Monthly Report-Allen Homann/Ty Jordan
No report submitted.
22. Veterans Affairs - Erica Greene
No report submitted.
23. Elections Administrator-Bobbie Duke
No report submitted.
24. Justice of the Peace – Steve Cole/Jon Stevens
No report submitted.
25. Sheriff's Office – Bobby Adams
Report submitted, see attached.
26. Madison County Library – Veronica Landmann
No reports submitted.
27. Constable – Charles Turner/Aaron Campbell
Reports submitted, see attached.
28. District Attorney – Courtney Cain
No report submitted. Courtney spoke about court and V.A.C. statistics, and introduced the new ADA, Emily Sterling. Emily Sterling gave a brief overview of her background as an attorney.
29. County Commissioners Report
 - Pct. 1 – Commissioner Parrish
No report submitted. Commissioner Parrish stated they were cleaning ditches.
 - Pct. 2 – Commissioner Wiseman
No report submitted. Commissioner Wiseman stated general maintenance and grinding roads.
 - Pct. 3 – Commissioner Cannon
No report submitted. Commissioner Cannon stated they were mowing and maintaining the roads. Commissioner Cannon also stated they had a tractor down.
 - Pct. 4 – Commissioner Pohorelsky
No report submitted. Commissioner Pohorelsky stated routine maintenance.

30. Judge's Report – Clark Osborne

No report submitted. Judge Osborne spoke about a upcoming meeting with TxDot about the Highway barriers, the remodels in the courthouse and annex, office moves for Juvenile Probation and Veterans Affairs, and the floors in the basement of the courthouse and Adult Probation moving back to the courthouse.

31. 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 form submitted to the Clerk of Court.
- Adrian Lawson received certificate of achievement for FACT Clearinghouse and Account Management.
- Shelly Butts completed 16 hours of CFM Renewal 2025 Technical Summit.

32. Presentations

33. Action Items

- a) Discuss and take action on Order to Adopt County Clerk's Records Archive Plan for funding the preservation and restoration for the County Clerk's records per Local Government Code 118.011(f) and 118.025.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court, see attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to adopt; Commissioner Parrish gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to Adopt the County Clerk's Records Archive Plan for funding the preservation and restoration for the County Clerk's records per local Government Code 118.011(f) and 118.025, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

- b) Discuss and take action on adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Madison County Budget.
(Record Vote)

Judge Osborne, and Susan Pugh provided information to the court, see attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Madison County Budget.

Vote:

Court	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse
Clark Osborne, County Judge	X			
Stephen Parrish, Commissioner Precinct 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Precinct 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Precinct 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Precinct 4	X			

MOTION CARRIED.

- c) Discuss and take action on the property tax being raised to \$.50 per \$100 of valuation, which is effectively a 4.16% increase. (Record Vote) (See attached Tax Payer Impact Statement)

Judge Osborne provided information to the court, see attached.

Judge Osborne made a motion to approve; Commissioner Parrish gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.50 per \$100 of valuation, which is effectively a 4.16% increase in the tax rate.

Vote:

Court	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse
Clark Osborne, County Judge	X			
Stephen Parrish, Commissioner Precinct 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Precinct 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Precinct 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Precinct 4	X			

MOTION CARRIED.

- d) Discuss and take action on adopting the Tax Year 2025 Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of 0.4872 per \$100 valuation and the 2025 Debt Service Tax Rate of 0.0128 per \$100 valuation. (Record Vote)

Judge Osborne provided information to the court.

Judge Osborne made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve adopting the 2025 Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of 0.4872 per \$100 valuation and the 2025 Debt Service Tax Rate of 0.0128 per \$100 valuation, for a total 2025 tax rate of 0.50 per \$100 valuation.

Vote:

Court	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse
Clark Osborne, County Judge	X			
Stephen Parrish, Commissioner Precinct 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Precinct 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Precinct 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Precinct 4	X			

MOTION CARRIED.

- e) Discuss and take action on Order Levying Property Taxes for the Year 2025. (Record Vote)

Judge Osborne, and Karen Lane provided information to the court, see attached.

Judge Osborne made a motion to approve; Commissioner Parrish gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the Order Levying Property Taxes for the Year 2025.

Vote:

Court	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recuse
Clark Osborne, County Judge	X			
Stephen Parrish, Commissioner Precinct 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Precinct 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Precinct 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Precinct 4	X			

MOTION CARRIED.

- f) Discuss and take action on the District Attorney applying for SB-22 Rural Prosecutor's Office Salary Assistance Grant for FY2026.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court.

Commissioner Parrish made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the District Attorney applying for SB-22 Rural Prosecutor's Office Salary Assistance Grant for FY2026, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

- g) Discuss and take action on the County Judge applying for SB-22 Rural Sheriff's Salary Assistance Grant for FY2026.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the County Judge applying for SB-22 Rural Sheriff's Salary Assistance Grant for FY2026, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

h) Discuss and take action on the revised Madison County Exemption Agreement to Burn. Judge Osborne provided information to the court, see attached.

Commissioner Pohorelsky made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the revised Madison County Exemption Agreement to Burn, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

i) Discuss and take action on Commissioner Pct.1 accepting a donation from John R. Hardy, Inc. d/b/a/ Hardy Oil Transports of Four (4) – 10ft. overhead storage tanks.

Commissioner Parrish provided information to the court.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve accepting a donation from John R. Hardy, Inc. d/b/a Hardy Oil Transports of Four (4) - 10ft. overhead storage tanks, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

j) Discuss and take action on the New Rate Setting Worksheet for Senior Meals.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court, see attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the new rate setting worksheet for Senior Meals, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

k) Discuss and take action on FY2026 Brazos Valley Area Agency on Aging Subrecipient Agreement.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court, see attached.

Commissioner Pohorelsky made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the revised Madison County Exemption Agreement to Burn, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

l) Discuss and take action on Proposed Septic Permit Fee Schedule increase.

Tom McWhorter provided information to the court, see attached.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the Proposed Septic Permit Fee Schedule increase, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

m) Accept Texas Mushroom Festival's HOT Funds Post-Event Report from 2024.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court, see attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to accept; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to accept the Texas Mushroom Festival's HOT Funds Post-Event Report from 2024, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

n) Discuss and take action on Texas Mushroom Festival's request for HOT Funds for the 2025 Mushroom Festival.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court, see attached.

Commissioner Parrish made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the Texas Mushroom Festival's request for HOT Funds for the 2025 Mushroom Festival, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

- o) Discuss and take action on Madison County Chamber of Commerce Application for HOT Funds for the 2025 Texas Mushroom Festival.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court, see attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the Madison County Chamber of Commerce Application for HOT Funds for the 2025 Texas Mushroom Festival, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

- p) Discuss and take action on Nonfinancial Cooperative Agreement between Workfare Provider and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Administrator Authority for FY2026.

Judge Osborne provided information to the court, see attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Parrish gave a second; Judge Osborne called for a vote to approve the Nonfinancial Cooperative Agreement between Workfare Provider and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Administrator Authority for FY2026, all in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

34. 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 Forms submitted. Move to the front of the Court and stand at the podium. Please address your comments to your commissioner.

- One Public Participation form submitted to the Clerk of Court.
 - Larry Steele spoke about the Sheriff Office refusing a complaint form.

35. Addendum – Madison County, Texas Taxpayer Impact Statement.

- a) Madison County Texas Taxpayer Impact Statement for Median-valued Homestead Property Section 551.043(c), Texas Government Code.
No action necessary.

36. Adjourn

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was adjourned Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 10:10 A.M.

I, Adrian Lawson, Madison County Clerk, do hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for September 9, 2025.

Signed this 16th day of September 2025.



Adrian Lawson, County Clerk
Commissioners' Court
Madison County, Texas

