



Minutes for the  
Madison County Commissioners Court  
Monday, January 24, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022, 8:30 a.m., at the Madison County Courthouse Annex, County Courtroom, 103 W. Trinity Street, Suite 106, Madisonville, Texas with the following members:

Tony Leago	County Judge	Absent
Ricky Driskell	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**

The invocation and pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags were led by Commissioner Driskell.

**ITEM 2. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order with a quorum present.

**COUNTY CLERK – SUSANNE MORRIS**

**ITEM 3.** Review and/or correct minutes of Regular Meeting held January 10, 2022. See attached. Commissioner Driskell asked for any comments or corrections to the minutes, there were none, the minutes stand as presented.

**ITEM 4. COLLECTION REPORTS**

a) Approve Collection Reports for County Clerk and County Criminal Court. See attached. Susanne Morris, County Clerk reported County Clerk collections, \$20,108.50; and County Criminal Court collections, \$4,109.65 for the month of December 2021. Commissioner Cannon moved to approve the collection reports; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Commissioner Driskell said we have a motion and second to approve County Clerk and County Criminal Court collections for December 2021, all in favor.

**VOTING:**

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent				
Ricky Driskell, 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.

- b) Approve Collection Reports for District Attorney  
No reports were submitted.
- c) Approve Collection Report for District Clerk  
No report was submitted.

**TREASURER – JUDI DELESANDRI**

ITEM 5. Approve paying County bills.

Accounts Payable Claims List for January 24, 2022, was submitted by Judi Delesandri, County Treasurer. See A/P Claims List attached.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Commissioner Driskell said we have a motion and second and called for a vote to approve paying January 24, 2022, county bills.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent				
Ricky Driskell, 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 6. Approve bills paid since last court date January 10, 2022. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Commissioner Driskell called for a vote to approve bills paid since last court date January 10, 2022, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent				
Ricky Driskell, 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. See attached.

Judi Delesandri, Treasurer reported five payroll changes and one payroll promotion. Jill Driscoll, Court Reporter for District Judges replaced Jacqueline Mills at a rate of pay, \$834.33 monthly effective 1/12/22; Calicia Kampf, Deputy with Sheriff's Department replaced Robert Stanford effective 1/17/22, rate of pay, \$18.20; Richard Coggins was hired 1/19/22 Pct. 4 Transfer Station replacing Carl Hall at \$11.70 hourly; and Jerry Harper was hired 1/24/22 Pct. 1 Transfer Station replacing George Hartsfield, \$12.00 hourly. Salary Committee approved Coggins and Harper's rate of pay. George Hartsfield replaced Richie Taylor as Road Hand, Pct. 1, effective 1/24/22, at \$15.00 hourly.

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Commissioner Driskell called for a vote to approve personnel changes and promotion.

**VOTING:**

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent				
Ricky Driskell, 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.

**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 ten septic permit applications for the month of December 2021, total fees of \$2,530.

**ITEM 12. Tax Assessor/Collector Monthly Report – Karen Lane, Tax A/C**

No report was submitted.

**ITEM 13. Emergency Management Report – Shelly Butts.**

No report was submitted.

**ITEM 14. County Extension Agent Monthly Report**

No report was submitted.

**ITEM 15. Veterans Affairs – Danny Singletary**

No report was submitted.

**ITEM 16. Elections Administrator-Bobbie Duke**

Bobbie Duke, EA reported election machines have been returned by our election equipment service provider and retro fitted for paper to comply with new election law. I had requested a considerable sum of money for payment to our provider until the grant funds are received, but happy to report the grant funds came in and the county owes zero. I had requested \$6,000 for a new workstation special computer and the grant funds included that expense, so the county owes zero. I was notified that the North Zulch gym is about to be demolished and that is one of our Vote Centers, so I am trying to locate another place to accommodate voters. North Zulch Fire Department and First Baptist Church have been suggested, she said.

**ITEM 17. Justice of the Peace – Steve Cole/Jon Stevens**

No report was submitted.

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

ITEM 19. 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 for comments.

ITEM 20. Discuss and consider minor plat with variance for property recorded in executor deed in Volume 1849, Page 324, Number 117155 and deed in Volume 228, Page 463 of the Madison County Records. See attached.

Shelly Butts, Coordinator, Subdivisions/Rural Development explained this minor plat with variance application is for a 1.0025-acre tract to be divided from a 6.4792-acre tract. The 1.0025-acre tract does not have an easement or road frontage, but the purchaser, the adjacent landowner, plans to include it with his other property and combine both properties at Madison County Appraisal District.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve agenda item 20 provided the landowner combines the two properties at the Madison County Appraisal District; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second to the motion; and Commissioner Driskell said there is a motion and second to approve minor plat with variance provided the landowner combines the two properties at the Madison County Appraisal District, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent				
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All approved, motion carried.

ITEM 21. Discuss and consider Order Restricting Outdoor Burning within the unincorporated areas of Madison County. See attached.

Shelly Butts, Emergency Management Coordinator said this does not have to do with drought conditions, but wind conditions. Forest Service has recommended a burn ban due to dry wind conditions. It can be lifted if there is a change in the environment.

Commissioner Pohorelsky moved to approve; Commissioner Wiseman seconded the motion; and Commissioner Driskell called for a vote to approve and Order Restricting Outdoor Burning within the unincorporated areas of Madison County, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent				
Ricky Driskell, 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 22. Discuss and consider engagement letter with Todd, Hamaker and Johnson, LLP for FY 2021 Madison County Juvenile Probation Department audit. See attached.

Commissioner Cannon moved to approve; Commissioner Wiseman gave a second; and Commissioner Driskell called for a vote to approve Todd, Hamaker and Johnson, LLP for FY 2021 Madison County Juvenile Probation Department audit, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent				
Ricky Driskell, 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 Eric Zimmerman, District Extension Administrator on recommendation of candidate for the vacant Madison County Extension Agent-Agriculture and Natural Resources position and consider approval of Mr. Ervin Allen Homann. See resumé attached.

Eric Zimmerman, District Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Administrator presented Ervin Allen Homann, finalist as Madison County's Agri-Life Extension Agent. Homann worked as Grimes County Extension Agent from May 2018 to present and prior to that he worked in Jefferson County from April 2016 to May 2018. He will assume his duties as Madison County Agri-Life Extension Agent on February 7, 2022. Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to approve; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Commissioner Driskell called for a vote to approve the hiring of Ervin Allen Homann as Madison County Extension Agent, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent				
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1t	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All agreed, motion carried.

ITEM 24. Discuss and consider appointment of Chelsea Stanford to the BVCOG Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) to replace Ashley Kishino's unexpired two-year term.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman seconded the motion; and Commissioner Driskell said we have a motion and second to approve appointment of Chelsea Stanford to the BVCOG Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC), all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent				
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1t	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 25.** Discuss and consider City of Madisonville’s request for HOT funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Madisonville Mudbugs and Music Festival to be held April 9, 2022. See attached.

Commissioner Pohorelsky made a motion; Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion and Commissioner Driskell said we have a motion and second to approve City of Madisonville’s request for HOT funds in the amount of \$5,000 for Madisonville Mudbugs and Music Festival to be held April 9, 2022, all in favor.

**VOTING:**

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent				
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All approved, motion carried.

**ITEM 26.** Discuss and consider approval to maintain Settlers Lane to the residence of a handicapped child.

Commissioner Wisemen said when I came into office, we agreed to maintain Settlers Lane for the school bus to travel to the residence of a handicapped child. I checked with the bus barn this morning and was informed that the child is attending school.

Commissioner Wiseman moved for approval; Commissioner Cannon gave a second; and Commissioner Driskell called for a vote to approve maintaining Settlers Lane to the residence of a handicapped child, all in favor.

**VOTING:**

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent				
Ricky Driskell, 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 27.** Discuss and consider the selection of DRG Architects to provide project-related professional architect/engineering services for the ARP ACT program and approve resolution. See attached.

Donna Cuevas, Assistant to Judge Leago said DRG Architects is the only architect/engineering service to apply for the sheriff department’s project and they are the architect/engineering firm that did the original building. American Rescue Plan Act (ARP ACT) requires implementation by professionals experienced in administration of federally funded projects.

Commissioner Cannon made a motion to approve; Commissioner Wiseman seconded the motion; and Commissioner Driskell called for a vote to approve the selection of DRG Architects to provide project-related professional architect/engineering services for the ARP ACT program and approve resolution, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent				
Ricky Driskell, 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. Discuss and consider approving Permit, Culvert Installation Plan and Enforcement to Construct Access/Driveway Facilities on County Right-of-Way. See attached.

Shelly Butts, Rural Development Coordinator submitted the new Madison County Driveway Access Permit Policies and Procedures for the courts review. County residents wanting to construct an access driveway on Madison County right-of-way may obtain a Driveway Access Permit Application from Madison County website, [www.co.madison.tx.us/](http://www.co.madison.tx.us/) or county commissioner. A permit checklist and procedures list explains requirements.

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Commissioner Driskell called for a vote to approve Permit, Culvert Installation Plan and Enforcement to Construct Access/Driveway Facilities on County Right-of-Way, all in favor.

VOTING:

Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent				
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1t	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All agreed, motion carried.

ITEM 29. **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 Clerk of Court.

ITEM 30. ADJOURN:

Commissioner Wiseman made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Pohorelsky gave a second; and Commissioner Driskell called for a vote.

VOTING:

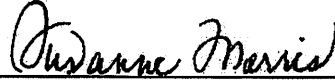
Court	Aye	Nay	ABSTAIN	RECUSE
Tony Leago, County Judge, Absent				
Ricky Driskell, Commissioner Pct. 1	X			
Carl Wiseman, Commissioner Pct. 2	X			
Carl Cannon, Commissioner Pct. 3	X			
David Pohorelsky, Commissioner Pct. 4	X			

All approved, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned Monday, January 24, 2022, at 9:06 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 January 24, 2022.

Approved and signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.



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Susanne Morris, Clerk  
Commissioners Court  
Madison County, Texas

