# COUNTY OF FREESTONE

*Commissioners Court*
*Linda K. Grant, County Judge*
*Andy Bonner, Precinct No. 1*
*Will McSwane, Precinct No. 2*
*Lloyd Lane, Precinct No. 3*
*Clyde Ridge Jr., Precinct No. 4*

*County Courthouse*
*Commissioners Courtroom*
*118 E. Commerce, Rm. 203*
*Fairfield, Texas 75840*
*903/389-3335 Phone*
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## FREESTONE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

### Notice of Open Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: June 18, 2025
LOCATION: 118 E. COMMERCE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM, FAIRFIELD, TEXAS
Pledge of Allegiance, Pledge to the Texas Flag
Call to Order – 9:00 a.m.
Posting in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended, known as the Texas Open Meetings Act.

**Members of the Public who wish to speak shall each have 3 minutes to address the Court regarding matters not appearing on the agenda or on an item on the agenda.**
**The Commissioners Court may not deliberate or take action on any item that is not posted. Any discussion of the subject must be limited to providing specific factual information.**

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Approve minutes of June 4, 2025 regular meeting and June 9, 2025 special meeting.
2. Budget transfers and amendments.
3. Approve and pay bills.
4. Approve payroll.
5. Reports: Senior Services, Justices of the Peace, County Clerk, District Clerk, Auditor, Treasurer, Sheriff, Road Reports, Tax Assessor/Collector, Constables, Veterans Service Officer, Extension Agents, Health, Environmental, and OSSF, Miscellaneous Reports.
6. Burn Ban.
7. Special Road Use Agreements, Contracts, Permits and Bonds and consider Notifications of Telephone Construction.
8. Approve bonds and education certificates of County Officials and Employees.
9. Public hearing on the matter of the proposed designation of certain property in unincorporated Freestone County as a Reinvestment Zone under Subchapter C, Chapter 312 of the Texas Property Tax Code. This designation would allow for tax abatement agreements to be entered into by the County with owners of property within the Reinvestment Zone. The Zone would be designated as Reinvestment Zone 10.
10. Discussion, consideration and action on the creation and designation of the County Reinvestment Zone made the subject of the public hearing as County Reinvestment Zone No. 10.
11. Discussion, consideration and action on proposed form of tax abatement agreement with Freestone Solar, LLC; and directive to County Judge to send notice of intent to enter into proposed tax abatement agreement to other taxing entities having taxing authority with regard to the property.
12. Discussion and action on Addendum to Tax Abatement Agreement between Freestone County, Texas and Buffalo Spring Solar, LLC.
13. Presentation for Globe Life Liberty Nation - Werner "Rocky" Huetwohl of B.I.G. Agency.
14. Higginbotham Insurance Broker presentation.
15. TCP- Time Clock Plus time keeping services presentation.
16. Discuss Proposal Agreement - #2636 from Sterling & KAP.
17. Discuss jail and population issue.
18. Approve Property Contribution and Coverage Renewal for FY 2026 from TAC.
19. Disaster Declaration.
20. Discuss Travel Reimbursement Policy.
21. Resolution to apply for HAVA.

Comments from Commissioners Court members.
Adjournment

FILED FOR RECORD
At 2:52 o'clock P M
JUN 13 2025
RENEE GREGORY
Clerk County Court, Freestone County, Texas

**FREESTONE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**
**NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING**

**VIDEO OF THIS MEETING MAY BE VIEWED AT:**
**http://www.co.freestone.tx.us/default.aspx?Freestone_County/Commissioners.Court.Recordings**

**A regular meeting of the Freestone County Commissioners Court was held on June 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., in the Courtroom of the Freestone County Courthouse, 118 E. Commerce Street in Fairfield, Texas.**

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| **Linda Grant** | **County Judge** | **Present** |
| **Andy Bonner** | **Commissioner, Precinct 1** | **Present** |
| **Will McSwane** | **Commissioner, Precinct 2** | **Present** |
| **Lloyd Lane** | **Commissioner, Precinct 3** | **Present** |
| **Clyde Ridge** | **Commissioner, Precinct 4** | **Present** |

**1. Approve minutes of June 4, 2025, regular meeting and June 9, 2025, special meeting.**
Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve minutes of June 4, 2025, regular meeting and June 9, 2025, special meeting. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.
***ALL AYE*** ***MOTION CARRIED***

**2. Budget transfers and amendments.**
Comm. Ridge MOVED to approve budget transfers, and amendments. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.
***ALL AYE*** ***MOTION CARRIED***

**3. Approve and pay bills.**
Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve and pay bills. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.
***ALL AYE*** ***MOTION CARRIED***

**4. Approve payroll.**
Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve payroll. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.
***ALL AYE*** ***MOTION CARRIED***

**5. Reports: Senior Services, Justices of the Peace, County Clerk, District Clerk, Auditor, Treasurer, Sheriff, Road Reports, Tax Assessor/Collector, Constables, Veterans Service Officer, Extension Agents, Health, Environmental and OSSF, Miscellaneous Reports.**
Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve reports for May from District Clerk's Office, JP #1, JP #3, Tax Office, Auditor, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and plans for June. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.
***ALL AYE*** ***MOTION CARRIED***

**6. Burn Ban.**
***NO ACTION***

**7. Special Road Use Agreements, Contracts, Permits and Bonds and consider Notifications of Telephone Construction.**
Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve Road Use Agreement #2460, Pinnacle Gas Treating, LLC. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.
***ALL AYE*** ***MOTION CARRIED***

**8. Approve bonds and education certificates of County Officials and Employees.**
Comm. Lane MOVED to accept Certificate of Completion of 2025 DIR-Certified Cybersecurity Awareness Training for Teresa Black. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.
***ALL AYE*** ***MOTION CARRIED***

**9. Public hearing on the matter of the proposed designation of certain property in unincorporated Freestone County as a Reinvestment Zone under Subchapter C, Chapter 312 of the Texas Property Tax Code. This designation would allow for tax abatement agreements to be entered into by the County with owners of property within the Reinvestment Zone. The Zone would be designated as Reinvestment Zone 10.**
Court entered into Public Hearing at 9:09 a.m.
Court came out of Public Hearing at 9:11 a.m.
No comments from the public.

**10. Discussion, consideration and action on the creation and designation of the County Reinvestment Zone made the subject of the public hearing as County Reinvestment Zone No. 10.**

Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve the creation and designation of the County Reinvestment Zone No. 10. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE*** ***MOTION CARRIED***

**11. Discussion, consideration and action on proposed form of tax abatement agreement with Freestone Solar, LLC; and directive to County Judge to send notice of intent to enter into proposed tax abatement agreement to other taxing entities having taxing authority with regard to the property.**

Comm. Lane MOVED to approve the proposed form of tax abatement agreement with Freestone Solar, LLC; and directive to County Judge to send notice of intent to enter into proposed tax abatement agreement to other taxing entities having taxing authority with regard to the property. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE*** ***MOTION CARRIED***

**12. Discussion and action on Addendum to Tax Abatement Agreement between Freestone County, Texas and Buffalo Spring Solar, LLC.**

Comm. Lane MOVED to approve the Addendum to Tax Abatement Agreement between Freestone County, Texas and Buffalo Spring Solar, LLC. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE*** ***MOTION CARRIED***

**13. Presentation for Globe Life Liberty Nation – Werner "Rocky" Huetwohl of B.I.G. Agency.**

***NO ACTION***

**14. Higginbotham Insurance Broker presentation.**

Representatives with Higginbotham Insurance Brokers gave a presentation on non-medical and medical policies. They state that they can provide high quality insurance at a low cost to the county.

**15. TCP-Time Clock Plus time keeping services presentation.**

Comm. Bonner MOVED to ***TABLE*** Time Clock Plus time keeping services presentation. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.

***ALL AYE*** ***MOTION CARRIED***

**16. Discuss Proposal Agreement - #2636 from Sterling & KAP.**
***NO ACTION***

**17. Discuss jail and population issue.**
Sheriff Shipley stated that 7 to 9 inmates are being transported to Henderson County today. Navarro County will only house inmates in an emergency situation.

**18. Approve Property Contribution and Coverage Renewal for FY 2026 from TAC.**
Comm. Lane MOVED to ***TABLE*** Property Contribution and Coverage Renewal for FY 2026 from TAC. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.
***ALL AYE*** ***MOTION CARRIED***

**19. Disaster Declaration.**
Comm. Lane MOVED to declare a disaster declaration for Freestone County. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.
***ALL AYE*** ***MOTION CARRIED***

**20. Discuss Travel Reimbursement Policy.**
Comm. Lane MOVED to ***TABLE*** Travel Reimbursement Policy. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.
***ALL AYE*** ***MOTION CARRIED***

**21. Resolution to apply for HAVA.**
Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve resolution to apply for HAVA grant funds. Comm. Lane SECONDED the motion.
***ALL AYE*** ***MOTION CARRIED***

Comm. Lane MOVED to adjourn. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.
***ALL AYE*** ***MOTION CARRIED***

I, Renee Gregory, County Clerk of Freestone County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above Commissioner Court Minutes are true and correct record of the proceedings from the Commissioners Court Meeting.

**ATTEST:**

Renee Gregory, County Clerk