FREESTONE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

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A regular meeting of the Freestone County Commissioners' Court was held on September 02, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in the Courtroom of the Freestone County Courthouse, 118 E. Commerce Street in Fairfield, Texas.

Lloyd Lane	**County Judge**	**Present**
Andy Bonner	**Commissioner, Precinct 1**	**Present**
Will McSwane	**Commissioner, Precinct 2**	**Present**
Richard McGowan	**Commissioner, Precinct 3**	**Present**
Clyde Ridge	**Commissioner, Precinct 4**	**Present**

1. Approve minutes of August 12, 2026, and August 18, 2026, special meeting, and August 19, 2026, regular meeting.

Comm. Ridge MOVED to approve minutes of August 12, 2026, and August 18, 2026, special meeting. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

Comm. Ridge MOVED to ***TABLE*** minutes of August 19, 2026, regular meeting. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

2. Budget transfers and amendments.

Comm. McGowan MOVED to approve Budget transfers, and Amendments. Comm. Ridge 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. McSwane MOVED to approve payroll. Comm. Bonner 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. McGowan MOVED to accept Reports for August from Constable Pct. 2, Teague VFD, County Clerk, and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Services, and Monthly Reports from the Treasurer for October 2025, November 2025, December 2025, January 2026, February 2026 and FY2026 Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements; and Monthly Reports from the Auditor for November 2025, December 2025, January 2026, and February 2026 Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

6. Burn Ban.
NO ACTION

7. Special Road Use Agreements, Contracts, Permits, Bonds, Consider Notifications of Telephone Construction and Applications for Plats or Replats.
Comm. McGowan MOVED to accept Permit Bond #SPA 150566_045 from Pinnacle Gas Treating, LLC for Road Use Agreement #2467 on CR 300 & 341 in the amount of $500,000.00. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

8. Approve bonds and education certificates of County Officials and Employees.
Comm. Bonner MOVED to accept education certificates for 2026 Annual Hours of 41.15 for Renee Gregory, FY2027 TX Cybersecurity Course HB3843 for Jamie Myers, Jennifer Fulkersin, Tammy Carruthers, Latonya Jenkins and Michelle Mays; sUAS for Public Safety Personnel for Jake T. Fitch, Basic Instructor Course for Jake Fitch and Courthouse and Personal Security Training for Jake Fitch. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

9. Approve Kelly Redic as a member for the CPS Board.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve Kelly Redic as a member for the CPS Board. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

10. Review and set schedule for Commissioners' Court Regular Meetings in accordance to Local Government Code 81.005.

Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve that the Commissioners Court Regular Meetings will be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month and that the October 7, 2026, meeting will be rescheduled for October 5, 2026. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

11. Review and consider possible action on setting County Holidays for FY 2027.

Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve setting the County Holidays for FY 2027, as follows: November 11, 2026 – Veteran's Day, November 25, 26 & 27, 2026 – Thanksgiving, December 24 & 25, 2026 – Christmas, January 1, 2027 – New Year's Day, January 18, 2027 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, March 26, 2027 – Good Friday, May 31, 2027 – Memorial Day, July 5, 2027 – Independence Day and September 6, 2027 – Labor Day. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

12. Accept Salary Order from District Judges for 77th District Court Reporter, 87th District Court Reporter, County Auditor, Auditor's Accounting Assistant1, 1st Assistant Auditor, and 2nd Assistant Auditor.

Comm. Bonner MOVED to accept Salary Order from District Judges for 77th District Court Reporter, 87th District Court Reporter, County Auditor, Auditor's Accounting Assistant1, 1st Assistant Auditor, and 2nd Assistant Auditor. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

13. Review and accept Rural Law Enforcement Grant Agreement between Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Freestone County Sheriff's Office for SB22 Grant.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to accept Rural Law Enforcement Grant Agreement between Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Freestone County Sheriff's Office for SB22 Grant. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

14. Discuss and consider possible action on changing Voting Precinct #13 polling location from Dew School Library to Corinth Baptist Church.

Comm. McGowan MOVED to approve changing Voting Precinct #13 polling location from Dew School Library to Corinth Baptist Church**.** Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

15. Discuss and consider possible action on creating a Special Fund and line items for Constables 2 and 3 grant money.

Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve to create a Special Fund and line items for Constables 2 and 3 grant money.

. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

16. Discuss and consider possible action on admin time bank and verbiage of policy on admin time.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve Admin Time Guidelines. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

17. Website Hosting.

Comm. Ridge MOVED to approve using Texas Association of Counties for Freestone County Website Hosting. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

18. Notice of General Election.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve the Notice of General Election. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

19. Citizen Request for review of victim advocacy capacity under Texas Code of Criminal procedure Article 56a.201 and comparison with peer counties.

NO ACTION

Robert P. Sharpe addressed the Court with concerns and suggestions on victim advocacy capacity under Texas Code of Criminal procedure Article 56a.201 and comparison with peer counties.

20. Citizen Request for disclosure regarding automated license plate readers (ALPR) Flock Safety and related surveillance technology.
NO ACTION
Robert P. Sharpe addressed the Court with concerns and suggestions on Flock Safety and related surveillance technology

21. Citizen Request for free online public access to Commissioners Court minutes and for posting of missing financial reports on County Website.
Robert P. Sharpe addressed the Court with concerns and suggestions to make records that citizens routinely need easy to find without repeated public information requests.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve a letter addressed to Mr. Sharpe pertaining to Non-Disclosure Agreements Related to Data Center Projects. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE MOTION CARRIED

22. Citizen Request that the County Judge lead a coordinated conversation among Freestone County's hospital districts, related providers, and the Sheriff's Office towards a unified, countywide approach to rural healthcare that also benefits law-enforcement and first-responder safety.
NO ACTION
Robert P. Sharpe addressed the Court with concerns and suggestions for Countywide healthcare.

23. Discuss Helipad at Donie Volunteer Fire Department.
Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve using Freestone County funds from FY 2026 to pay for Helipad at Donie Volunteer Fire Department. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE MOTION CARRIED

24. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel Matters in accordance to Texas Government Code 551.074.
Court entered into Executive Session at 11:26 A.M.
Court came out of Executive Session at 12:04 A.M.

25. Vote on matters from Executive Session, if necessary.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve raising the base pay for Senior Services Director position to $40,000.00 annually. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

Comm. McGowan MOVED to approve giving a Stipend pay to the Commissioner's Court Coordinator in the amount of $8,000.00. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

26. Discuss and consider possible action on creating a Special Fund and line items for Sheriff grant money.

NO ACTION

27. Review and Approve ARPA Amended MOUs.

Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve ARPA amended MOUs. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

Comm. McGowan 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 a true and correct record of the proceedings from the Commissioners Court Meeting.

ATTEST:

Renee Gregory

Renee Gregory, County Clerk

COMMISSIONERS COURT FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS