FREESTONE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
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A special meeting of the Freestone County Commissioners' Court was held on September 30, 2026, at 9:00 p.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 September 16, 2026, regular meeting.
Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve minutes of September 16, 2026, regular meeting. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

2. Budget transfers and amendments.
Comm. McGowan MOVED to approve Budget transfers and amendments. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

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

4. Approve payroll.
Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve and pay bills. Comm. McSwane 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 Treasurer's Expense Report for the Child Welfare Board for FY 2026, Freestone County Child Welfare Board Members for 2026-2027, an update from Erica Estrada with Cyrus One Data Center, Sick Leave Pool Fourth Quarter Report, Unfunded Liability Fourth Quarter Report, Vacation, Sick, Holiday, Comp, Admin Time Taken Fourth Quarter Report.

Comm. Bonner reported that he spoke with the surveyors for Silver Dollar Solar Farm and it consists of 5,336 acres and will be located on the east and west side of the Stewards Mill Road and the east and west side of FM 488. Currently, they have not reached out to the County for an Abatement.

Comm. Ridge reported that TXDOT is concerned about plats of 10-acre tracts on State Highways and FM roads. Culverts are supposed to be 600 feet apart. Judge Lane stated that the developer or landowner should contact TXDOT ahead of time.

Comm. McSwane reported that the Helipad that is being installed at Donie is near completion. 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, and Applications for Plats or Replats.

NO ACTION

8. Approve bonds and education certificates of County Officials and Employees.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to accept T-PUB200: Executive Guide Public Officials Workshop for Lloyd Lane, Texas RACA Conference for Brittany Knoph, Official Oath and Bond for Lloyd Lynn Lane in the amount of $500,000.00 and $1,000.00, Official Oath and Bond for Jimmy McAdams in the amount of $1,500.00 and Public Official Bond for Richard McGowan in the amount of $2,000.00. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

9. Resolution for the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texans Feeding Texans: Home Delivered Meal Grant Program for FY 2027.

Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve Resolution for the Texas Department of Agriculture, Texans Feeding Texans: Home Delivered Meal Grant Program for FY 2027. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

10. Review and accept Freestone County Notice of Agricultural Burn Document. – Previously Tabled Agenda Item.

Comm. Bonner MOVED to ***TABLE*** Freestone County Notice of Agricultural Burn Document. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

11. Discuss and review changes to the Funeral Leave Policy in the Employee Handbook. – Mandy Chavers.

Comm. McGowan MOVED to ***TABLE*** changes to the Funeral Leave Policy in the Employee Handbook. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

12. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the approval of a 501c3 for the Freestone County Child Welfare Board.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve to apply to receive 501c3 status for the Freestone County Child Welfare Board. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

13. Discuss and consider possible action on opening interest-bearing bank account(s) for SB-22, SB-8 and 287(g) grant funds. – Mandy Chavers.

Comm. Ridge MOVED to approve opening interest-bearing bank account(s) for SB-22, SB-8 and 287(g) grant funds. Comm. Bonner SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

14. Services Agreement between CIRA and Freestone County for Website Hosting.

Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve Services Agreement between CIRA and Freestone County for Website Hosting. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

15. Review proposal and consider possible action on designating the NavCo Chronicle as the official newspaper of record and publication for Freestone County's legal and public notices.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to ***TABLE*** designating the NavCo Chronicle as the official newspaper of record and publication for Freestone County's legal and public notices. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

16. Discuss and consider possible action on request from South Freestone Water Supply Corporation for Freestone County to sponsor a 2027-2028 Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) application through the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve request from South Freestone Water Supply Corporation for Freestone County to sponsor a 2027-2028 Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) application through the Texas Department of Agriculture. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

17. Open and consider action on awarding RFP for Retiree Medical Benefits Program.

Comm. McGowan MOVED to ***TABLE*** awarding RFP for Retiree Medical Benefits Program. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

18. Discuss and consider action of approving purchase of gooseneck haul trailer for Precinct 2 Road & Bridge.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve the purchase of gooseneck haul trailer for Precinct 2 Road & Bridge from Circle C in the amount of $13,795.00. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

Comm. Bonner MOVED to adjourn. Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.

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

