FREESTONE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

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A regular meeting of the Freestone County Commissioners' Court was held on October 9, 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 September 30, 2026, special meeting.
Comm. McGowan MOVED to approve minutes of September 30, 2026, special meeting. Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

2. Budget transfers and amendments.
NO ACTION

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

4. Approve payroll.
Comm. McGowan MOVED to approve and pay bills. 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. Ridge MOVED to accept Reports for September from District Clerk, JP - PCT 1, PCT 3 and PCT 4, Constable PCT 2, County Clerk, Tax Office, Teague Fire Department and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. 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.

NO ACTION

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

NO ACTION

9. Approve switching from "LeadsOnline Investigative and Cell Hawk System" to the "Code Four System". – Sheriff Shipley.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to ***TABLE*** switching from "LeadsOnline Investigative and Cell Hawk System" to the "Code Four System". Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

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

Comm. Bonner MOVED to approve awarding RFP for Retiree Medical Benefits Program to United American Insurance Company. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.

ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

11. Discuss and review changes to the Funeral Leave Policy in the Employee Handbook. – Previously Tabled Agenda

Comm. McSwane MOVED to approve revising the Funeral Leave Policy in the Employee Handbook as follows:

All employees shall be allowed up to three (3) days leave with pay for a death in the immediate family. ***"For purposes of this policy, Immediate family shall include the employee's spouse, child, Parent, brother, sister, grandparent and the child, parent, brother, sister, grandparent of the employee's spouse."***

Comm. Ridge SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

12. Agreement for mental Health Counseling Services between Freestone County and Heart of Texas Council of Governments (HOTCOG).

Comm. Bonner MOVED to enter into an Agreement for Mental Health Counseling Services between Freestone County and Heart of Texas Council of Governments (HOTCOG). Comm. McSwane SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

13. Review and accept Freestone County Notice of Agricultural Burn Document.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to ***TABLE*** Freestone County Notice of Agricultural Burn Document. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

14. 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. – Previously Tabled Agenda Item.

Comm. Ridge MOVED to ***TABLE*** 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 SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

15. Discussion with TxDOT and possible action on modifications of Plat and Replat Applications for Freestone County.

Comm. McSwane MOVED to amend and make modifications to the Plat and Replat Application. Comm. McGowan SECONDED the motion.
ALL AYE ***MOTION CARRIED***

Comm. Bonner MOVED to adjourn. Comm. McGowan 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

