

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Workshop Session
May 23, 2022

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in a Workshop Session May 23, 2022 at 1:00 PM in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas. The meeting was moved to the District Courtroom in the Courthouse because the County Courtroom was too small for all the visitors attending the meeting.

Members present: Scott Lee, County Judge
Jerry Cooper, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Larkin Jumper, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Charlie Emerson, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Brook Bussell, Chief Deputy County Clerk

VISITORS: Reggie Smith (State Representative), Kevin Gray (DPS), Chris Nordloh (DPS), Joshua Daily, Betty Sue Allen, County Treasurer, Skeeter Ammons (DPS), Daniel Crooks (DPS), Ricky Jones, Sheriff, Landon Ramsay, County Attorney, Scott Smith, Marla White, County Auditor, Jeremy Sherrod (DPS), Chad Ingram, (TXDOT), Dan Perry, (TXDOT Paris District), Jesse Herrera (TXDOT Paris District), Tommy Henderson, (TXDOT Paris District), Robert Zinn, Justice of the Peace and Cathy Jumper.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order.

Item discussed: Weigh Station

Discussed the possibility of Franklin County getting a weigh station.

DPS and TXDOT made weigh station presentations.

A representative from DPS reported the truck count is large and there is a need for a weigh station with electronic screening. Safe trucks will not be stopped but they want to get unsafe trucks off the road.

Discussed how much it will cost the county. Grants would be for the screening equipment.

DPS reported they thought 1.1 million dollars will be needed outside of the grants.

Discussed the proper steps to go about doing this and asked if TXDOT was onboard.

Discussed the timeline if TXDOT wanted to move forward.

Should know something in about a week according to TXDOT.

Can truck parking funds could be diverted to the weigh station? TXDOT said no, but would check in to it. TXDOT will get back with the County within a week or so.

Item discussed: 2023 Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Funding Requests

1. Rotary – Pat Wright - \$5,000 Workshop Exhibit 5/23/2022 - A
2. Chamber of Commerce – Bonnie McAllister - \$5,000 Workshop Exhibit 5/23/2022 - B
3. Key Club – Frankie Cooper - \$5,000 Workshop Exhibit 5/23/2022 - C
4. Alamo – Jacqueline Miller and Darrell Burton - \$5,763 Workshop Exhibit 5/23/2022 - D
5. Arts Alliance - \$5,000 Workshop Exhibit 5/23/2022 - E
6. Sulphur River Saddlery - \$5,000 Workshop Exhibit 5/23/2022 - F
7. Franklin County Youth Baseball / Softball Association - \$15,000 Workshop Exhibit 5/23/2022 - G
8. Franklin County Sheriff Posse – Janet Middleton - \$16,5000 Workshop Exhibit 5/23/2022 – H

Budget hearings will be June 14th and 15th

Item discussed: Building at the Sheriff's Office

Suggested having a master plan before deciding the use of it.

Discussed a new jail and courthouse.

Requested everyone prepare a list of needs for the next five to ten years.

Explore the idea of a medical facility as previously discussed.

Commissioner Jumper commended Commissioner Young on the new ambulance building.

Commissioner Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I, Betty Crane, County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of Commissioner's Court Workshop meeting on May 23, 2022.

Witnessed and recorded this 23rd day of May 2022.

Betty Crane, County Clerk