

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Workshop Session  
June 15, 2022

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in a Workshop Session June 15, 2022 at 8:00 AM at the Franklin County Courthouse in the County Courtroom located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas

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  
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Ann Fitzgerald, Cathy Jumper, Marla White, Scott Smith, Ricky Jones, Josh Daily, Toby Godfrey, Lisa Lawrence, Colin Clasby, Andy Emery, Daniel Gary, and Chris Rhoades

Judge Lee called the meeting to order and offered prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited to the American Flag.

**2023 BUDGET REQUESTS:**

1. Franklin County Library – no changes in regular budget items  
\$14,520 to complete the remaining electrical work to be done at the library
2. Mount Vernon VFD - bunker gear, boots, gloves, helmets \$17,474.00
3. North Franklin VFD - Discussed a need for a brush truck
4. Purley VFD – bunker gear, boots, gloves, hoods, helmets, training \$24,487.00
5. South Franklin VFD – funds for maintenance and fuel
6. Winnsboro VFD – No changes – normally gets \$2,000
7. District Clerk – no changes to regular budget but did request funds to replace the Judge's computer purchased in 2014
8. County Extension Agent – requested increase in travel
9. Emergency Management – Add extra funds for training and fuel. Also requested a new printer/scanner/copy machine. Auditor reported there may be enough funds in Data Processing in the 2022 budget for a printer.
10. Courthouse Maintenance – need to replace two air conditioner units at the airport.
11. DPS – no changes but needs a bumper guard
12. Precinct 1 – increase supply budget \$100,000 more, increase fuel budget to \$45,000 more, Capital Purchases \$125,000

13. Precinct 2 – reduce the number of employees from 3 to 2, reduce materials from \$400,000 to \$200,000 since we added an extra \$100,000 and purchased culverts in advance, reduce Capital Purchases from \$100,000 to \$50,000. Requested raising Buddy Abernathy salary to \$22.00 per hour. Judge Lee asked Toby Godfrey if that budget was okay and he requested keeping 3 employees and possibly increasing Per Diem.
14. Precinct 3 – increase fuel from \$20,000 to \$50,000. He reported Purley VFD fuels their trucks at his precinct. Increase repairs by \$5,000, and reduce materials from \$275,000 to \$250,000, Reduce Capital Purchases to \$75,000 from \$125,000. Reduced materials from \$275,000 to \$250,000. Need to discuss CDL license and training.
15. Precinct 4 – figured in a 15% increase on supplies, fuel and oil and use the rest out of fund balance. Possibly will have to decrease the amount of road work repair until things get better. Increase \$500 for uniforms, kept Capital Purchase at \$50,000
16. Sports Complex – Judge suggested making the Sports Complex position part-time to possibly help with funding an Election Administrator. Deryl Carr expressed his concern about losing his insurance and who would take care of the Complex during the winter months. Judge reported if we did this it would begin in January 2023. Deryl reported two fields need water piped to them and will need fertilizer for the fields. Also, will be needing a mower at some point.

Discussed the CDL situation and need to figure out the way to handle their salary.

#### **HOTEL / MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX 2023 REQUEST**

1. Rotary Club – requested \$5,000
2. Franklin County Arts Alliance – requested \$5,000
3. Franklin County Sheriff Posse – requested \$16,500 discussed reducing to \$7,500
4. Alamo Mission – requested \$5,763 – discussed reducing to \$5,000
5. Sulphur River Saddlery – requested \$5,000 – discussed reducing to \$3,500
6. Chamber of Commerce – requested \$5,000 – discussed reducing to \$2,500
7. Franklin County Youth Baseball and Softball Association – requested \$15,000
8. Key Club – requested \$5,000
9. Genealogy Association – requested \$7,500

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Cooper 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 June 15, 2022.

Witnessed and recorded this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk