

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
July 11, 2022

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session July 11, 2022 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, TX

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:** Chance Crane, Bill Wilson, Charlie Wilson, Cathy Jumper, Stan Silva, Jerry Allen, Angela Hunnicutt, Tom Sample, Melissa Clawson, John Wrinkle, Brantin Carr, Scott Smith, Lisa Lawrence, Katie Stump and Robert Zinn

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

**Public Comments:** None

**Agenda Item 1 - APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 27, 2022 REGULAR SESSION - COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the June 27, 2022 Regular Session and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried

**Agenda Item 2 - AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER** – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve all the claims against the county as presented and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 7/11/2022 – A**

**Agenda Item 3 – RECORD MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 18, 2022 AND MAY 16, 2022 SESSIONS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD – LINDA HAMMOND** – The April 18 and May 16, 2022 Minutes from the Franklin County Child Welfare Board was presented to be put on record within the Commissioner Court Minutes. **See Exhibit 7/11/2022 - B**

**Agenda Item 4 – PRESENT AND RECORD FRANKLIN COUNTY'S 2021 EXTERNAL AUDIT – MIKE WARD, MIKE WARD ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL CONSULTING, PLLC** – Judge Lee reported Mr. Ward could not attend today. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to table this agenda item and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Discussion Items:** Charlie Wilson expressed her appreciation to the Commissioners' for supporting the animal shelter. She reported the plans are with the engineer and reported they would be accepting bids from local contractors with the exception of the concrete contractor. The concrete contractor has agreed to do the job at cost. She

reported the American Legion had made a couple of donations totaling \$15,000 for the animal shelter. She also reported some nice kennels had been donated.

John Wrinkle reported there was three potholes on County Road 1014 and work needed to be done on the bridge on 1010. Mr. Wrinkle also asked about trimming the trees. Commissioner Cooper assured Mr. Wrinkle they were working on getting the roads repaired and the trees trimmed. Commissioner Cooper reported the solar company trucks are tearing up the roads. He reported it has taken three months to get money from the companies for the repair of the road damages. Commissioner Jumper reported the solar companies will be using 1896 ninety percent of the time. Commissioner Cooper reported the companies use GPS and they will use what ever road it says to use. You can't guarantee they will be using certain roads. He reported the transmission line company tore up 26 miles of road. Commissioner Cooper reported you need a road use agreement and then sometimes they refuse to pay because they claim they didn't damage the road. Concerns were expressed taking agriculture land for solar fields all over the United States. Franklin County is too small of a county to be supporting solar fields. Also discussed possibly putting a burn ban on Franklin County.

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 Regular meeting on July 11, 2022.

Witnessed and recorded this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk