

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
July 25, 2022

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session July 25, 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: Lisa Lawrence, Lillie Bush-Reves, Velvet Coberley, David Coberley, Marla White, John T. Wrinkle, Mike Ward, Chance Crane, Marla White, Katie Stump, Scott Smith, Colin Clasby, Brantin Carr, and Robert Zinn

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

Public Comments: None

Agenda Item 1 - APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 11, 2022 REGULAR SESSION - COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the July 11, 2022 Regular Session Minutes and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 2 - AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the payment of the claims against the county as presented and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 7/25/2022 - A**

Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MONTHLY REPORTS – COUNTY TREASURER – The June 2022 monthly reports were presented and Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the monthly reports and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
See Exhibit 7/25/2022 - B

Agenda Item 4 – RECORD AMENDED MINUTES FROM THE MAY 16, 2022 SESSION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD – LINDA HAMMOND - Judge Lee presented the amended Minutes from the May 16, 2022 Session of the Franklin County Child Welfare Board to be put on record in the Minutes.
See Exhibit 7/25/2022 - C

Agenda Item 5 – PRESENT AND RECORD FRANKLIN COUNTY'S 2021 EXTERNAL AUDIT – MIKE WARD - MIKE WARD ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL CONSULTING PLLC - Mike Ward from the Mike Ward Accounting and Financial Consulting PLLC presented information on Franklin County's 2021 External Audit. He reported the audit was the best audit he had done this year and said it was a really clean year. He gave an overview of the audit. **See Exhibit 7/25/2022 - D**

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RETAINING JEFF SNOWDEN OF CAPEX CONSULTING GROUP TO REPRESENT FRANKLIN COUNTY IN TAX ABATEMENT ISSUES – COUNTY JUDGE - After some discussion, Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve retaining Jeff Snowden of CAPEX Consulting Group to represent Franklin County in tax abatement issues and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Commissioner Jumper abstained from voting since it would be a conflict of interest. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 7/25/2022 - E**

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ORDER FOR BURN BAN EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY – COUNTY JUDGE - Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the Order for a Burn Ban to be effective immediately and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Judge Lee reported the only way the burn ban can be removed is through Commissioners' Court. **See Exhibit 7/25/2022 - F**

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2022-2023 REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC JUDGES FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY CLERK - County Clerk, Betty Crane reported one change to the Democratic Election Judges since Deryl Carr was retiring. She reported Mike Rutledge has agreed to take the Precinct 301 Judge position. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2022 – 2023 Republican and Democratic Election Judges and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 7/25/2022 - G**

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Discussed scheduling a workshop to discuss the 2023 budget.

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 Regular meeting on July 25, 2022.

Witnessed and recorded this 25th day of July, 2022.

Betty Crane, County Clerk