

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Workshop Session  
August 2, 2022

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in a Workshop Session August 2, 2022 at 9:00 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: Eleese Hubbell, Lisa Lawrence, Cathy Jumper, Carolyn Allen, Jerry Alen, Betty Sue Allen, Toby Godfrey, Scott Smith, Ricky Jones, Robert Zinn, Marla White, Tim Dial, Brantin Carr, and Jonathan Collander

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

**DISCUSS 2023 BUDGET:**

- Health Insurance – Jonathan Collander from TAC presented different options on health insurance. He reported there was a 6.5% increase on the current plan. He reviewed three more options the county could choose from. Discussed employees could utilize MD Live and there would not be a co-pay. There appeared to be some discrepancies in the proposals and he would review and make corrections and send to the Treasurer for the upcoming workshop on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. **See Exhibit 8/2/2022 - A**
- Data Processing – Kaybro IT - increase according to contract
- Sports Complex – Part-time position with 1350 hours at \$17 per hour
- Election Administrator – Create the full-time position \$42,500 with one part-time person at \$14 per hour
- Employees receive one-time Retention Bonus Funds from the America Rescue Plan (ARPA). Discussed \$2,000 for full-time employees and \$1,000 for part-time employees. This will help with the cost of living. There is no cost to the taxpayer. Elected Officials will not receive the Retention Bonus. Discussed doing a Resolution in Court
- Step-pay for employees - \$15,000
- Volunteer Fire Departments – Discussed \$15,000 to each department including the City of Mount Vernon
- Jailers – Sheriff asked for 4 jailers but stated he really needed 8 jailers. Discussed using 80% funding from inmate housing (no cost to tax payer) and County pays 20% for two years

- Animal Shelter – build a parking lot and possibly some additional funding from 2023 budget

Commissioner Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Jumper 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 session on August 2, 2022.

Witnessed and recorded this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2022.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk