

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
December 30, 2022

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session December 30, 2022 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse 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

VISITORS: Brook Bussell, Lillie Bush-Reves, Velvet Coberley, Mike Diedrich, Cindy Stutts, Dale Jordan, Jenny Dennis, Katy Dennis, Sherry Hulsey, Betty Sue Allen, Linda Hammond, Lawrence Coleman, David Lukeman, Landon Ramsay, Sue Ann Harper, Marla White, Gregory Monson, Kay Harper, Greg Nuhoff, Mike Millender, Billy Jordan, Katie Elliott, Mary McLennan, Ralph Robertson, Susan Olsen, B. F. Hicks, Cathy Jumper, Brantin Carr, Tim Dial, Ron Barker, Charlie Wilson, Jacqueline Miller, Gary Boren, Jim Emery, Jeff Hunnicutt, Robin Hunnicutt,

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

Public Comments: Public Comments were made from Susan Olsen, Lawrence Coleman, B. F. Hicks, Mary McLennan, Ron Barker, Dale Jordan, Jim Emery, Charla Truesdale, Jenny Dennis Mike Millender and Mike Diedrich.

Agenda Item 1 - APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 12, 2022 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the December 12, 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 – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the claims against the county. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county as presented and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 12/30/2022 - A**

Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MONTHLY REPORTS – TREASURER - Treasurer Betty Sue Allen requested the October and November monthly reports to be tabled. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to table the approval of the October and November 2022 monthly reports and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried to table this agenda item.

Agenda Item 4 - FIRST READING: REPLAT LOTS 2R-A AND 3R-A PHASE VI OF EAGLE POINT SUBDIVISION – RALPH ROBERTSON FOR ROBERT WOODWORTH, WOODWORTH LIVING TRUST, & ANDREW CUMMINGS –

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of lots 2R-A and 3R-A of Phase VI of Eagle Point subdivision and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5 – SECOND READING: REPLAT LOTS 327R PHASE 3 OF THE SNUG HARBOR SUBDIVISION – RALPH ROBERTSON FOR JAN SLATTERY WADE –

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the second reading of the replat of lots 327R of Phase 3 of the Snug Harbor subdivision and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Plat Cabinet # 337A**

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF CHARLIE WILSON AND ROSALIND BELL AS 2022-2023 MEMBERS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD – LINDA HAMMOND –

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the appointment of Charlie Wilson and Rosalind Bell as 2022 – 2023 Members of the Franklin County Child Welfare Board and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES’ ORDER APPOINTING MARLA WHITE AS FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR – COUNTY JUDGE -

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the District Court Judge’s Order Appointing Marla White as Franklin County Auditor and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

See Exhibit 12/30/2022 – B

Agenda Item 13 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING BONDS FOR THE FOLLOWING NEWLY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS: PARIS TILLERY – COUNTY TREASURER AND TIMMY DIAL – FIRE MARSHALL – COUNTY JUDGE -

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the bonds for newly elected County Treasurer, Paris Tillery and newly appointed Fire Marshall, Timmy Dial and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

See Exhibit 12/30/2022 – C

Agenda Item 14 – RECORD CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION TO LARKIN JUMPER FOR REQUIRED 8 HOURS OF EDUCATIONAL TRAINING FROM THE VG YOUNG INSTITUTE OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT – COUNTY JUDGE –

Judge Lee presented Commissioner Larkin Jumper’s certificate for the required eight hours of educational training from the VG Young Institute of County Government to be put on record within the Minutes. **See Exhibit 12/30/2022 – D**

Judge Lee gave recognition to the outgoing elected officials: Treasurer - Betty Sue Allen, County Clerk – Betty Crane, Commissioner Precinct 4 – Sam Young and Commissioner Precinct 2 – Larkin Jumper.

Agenda Item 7 – RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.071 FOR CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO CONSIDER ACTION ON THREATENED OR PENDING LITIGATION

– COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lee recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 9:55 AM. Attending the meeting was County Judge Scott Lee, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jerry Cooper, Commissioner Precinct 2, Larkin Jumper, Commissioner Precinct 3, Charlie Emerson, Chief Deputy County Clerk Brook Bussell, County Attorney Landon Ramsay, incoming Commissioner Pct 2 Toby Godfrey and incoming Commissioner Precinct 4 Commissioner Scott Smith.

Agenda Item 8 – RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE - Judge Lee reconvened the meeting back into open session at 11:04 AM.

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESCINDING FRANKLIN COUNTY'S MORATORIUM REGARDING COMMERCIAL SOLAR PROJECTS – COUNTY ATTORNEY –

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve rescinding Franklin County's Moratorium regarding Commercial Solar Projects and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Commissioner Cooper voted against the approval and Commissioner Jumper abstained. Motion carried to approve rescinding the Moratorium regarding Commercial Solar Projects with the vote 2 to 1.

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION STATING FRANKLIN COUNTY'S OPPOSITION TO INDUSTRIAL SOLAR DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE COUNTY – COUNTY ATTORNEY -

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the Resolution stating Franklin County's Opposition to Industrial Solar Development within the County and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Commissioner Jumper abstained. Motion carried.

See Exhibit 12/30/2022 - E

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION ADOPTING GUIDELINES AND POLICIES FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BENEFIT AND PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC WITH ROAD USE AGREEMENT AND GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT POLICY STATEMENT ATTACHED – PRECINCT 1 AND PRECINCT 3 –

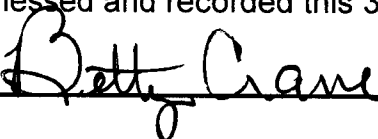
Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Resolution Adopting Guidelines and Policies for Industrial Development for the Benefit and Protection of the Public with Road Use Agreement and Guidelines and Criteria for Franklin County Tax Abatement Policy Statement Attached. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion and the motion carried. **See Exhibit 12/30/2022 - F**

DISCUSSION – None

Commissioner Jumper 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 December 30, 2022.

Witnessed and recorded this 30th day of December, 2022.



Betty Crane, County Clerk

