

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Workshop Session
January 9, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Workshop Session January 9, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. 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
Toby Godfrey, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Charlie Emerson, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Scott Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Brook Bussell, County Clerk

VISITORS: Paris Tillery, Ricky Jones, Brantin Carr, Tim Dial, Marla White, Sue Ann Harper, Robert Zinn, Lillie Bush-Reves, and Susan Olsen

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

Discussion of the renovation of the East Annex building to accommodate the Election Administrator's office and election needs, as well as possible space for the county extension agent and the county maintenance department. Request bid from Holley Clay for renovations. Cost can be covered by ARPA funds.

Discussion of the demolition of the Terry Haven and Curve Court buildings. Check into asbestos issues and possible grants to cover removal/abatement, if needed.

Sheriff Jones indicated the security system at the sheriff's office/jail is having issues. He is checking into vendors other than Guardian.

Bill Travis will be overseeing maintenance, the county dump, and the sports complex, and the related employees. He will become the county maintenance director. Marla White stated a new vehicle for him will need to be budgeted for 2024.

Marla White reminded the newly elected/re-elected officials to complete the Texas Open Meetings Act training.

Treasurer Paris Tillery raised issues about the current timekeeping system, and the lack of receiving timely, accurate records from some employees. Some are using the Timeclock Plus system, and others are still only using paper. She said this is creating problems for her office. Issues were raised by several officials regarding the Timeclock Plus system. General consensus was to go back to paper only.

Commissioner Smith asked about late bid submissions for road materials and if there were exceptions made. Others stated there should not be an issue this year.

Discussion of CDL certifications for road hands and funds to pay for them.

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of Commissioners' Court Regular meeting on January 9, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 18th day of January, 2023.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk