

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
January 23, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session January 23, 2023, at 9:00 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

Members absent: Brook Bussell, County Clerk

VISITORS: Marie Redar, Paris Tillery, Ricky Jones, Brantin Carr, Tim Dial, Marla White, Sue Ann Harper, Lisa Lawrence, Sarah Brod, Landon Ramsay, Robert Zinn, Katie Elliott, Lillie Bush-Reves, Mike Millender, Tim McCormick, Susan Olsen, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Tom Austin, Mary McLennan, Mike Rambin, and John Wrinkle.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., and Commissioner Smith offered prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

Public Comments: None

Agenda Item 1 - APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 9, 2023 REGULAR SESSION AND THE JANUARY 9, 2023 WORKSHOP SESSION – COUNTY CLERK -

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the January 9, 2023 Regular Session Minutes and the January 9, 2023 Workshop Session Minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 2 - AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER –

Treasurer Paris Tillery presented the claims against the county. Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county as presented and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 01/23/2023 - A**

Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MONTHLY REPORTS – TREASURER -

Treasurer Paris Tillery presented the December 2022 monthly reports. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the December 2022 monthly reports and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

See Exhibit 01/23/2023 - B

Agenda Item 4 - SECOND READING: REPLAT LOTS 402R AND 403R OF THE PINE VALLEY SUBDIVISION – TIM MCCORMICK FOR TIM MCCORMICK AND BRAD HENKEL –

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the second reading of the replat of lots 402R and 403R of the Pine Valley subdivision and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Plat Cabinet # 338A**

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REMOVING KAYE MAJORS AS SIGNATORY AUTHORITY FROM ALL COUNTY TREASURER BANK ACCOUNTS – TREASURER Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve removing Kaye Majors as signatory authority from all County Treasurer bank accounts, and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6 – RECORD CERTIFICATE OF COURSE COMPLETION FOR TRAINING OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR BROOK BUSSELL, TOBY GODFREY, SCOTT LEE, SCOTT SMITH, MARLA WHITE, AND ROBERT ZINN – COUNTY JUDGE Judge Lee presented Certificates of Course Completion for training of the Texas Open Meetings Act for Brook Bussell, Toby Godfrey, Scott Lee, Scott Smith, Marla White, and Robert Zinn to be put on record within the Minutes.
See Exhibit 01/23/2023 – C

Agenda Item 7 – RECORD CERTIFICATE OF COURSE COMPLETION FOR TRAINING OF THE TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT FOR BROOK BUSSELL, TOBY GODFREY, AND SCOTT SMITH – COUNTY JUDGE Judge Lee presented Certificates of Course Completion for training of the Texas Open Meetings Act for Brook Bussell, Toby Godfrey, and Scott Smith to be put on record within the Minutes.
See Exhibit 01/23/2023 – D

Agenda Item 8 – RECORD CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING-LEVEL 3 SECURITY AWARENESS CERTIFICATION FOR MARIE REDAR – COUNTY CLERK – Judge Lee presented the Criminal Justice Information Services Security Awareness Training – Level 3 Security Certification for Marie Redar to be put on record within the Minutes.
See Exhibit 01/23/2023 – E

Agenda Item 9 – RECORD MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 5, 2022 SESSION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD - Judge Lee presented the minutes for December 5, 2022 session of the Franklin County Child Welfare Board to be put on record within the Minutes. **See Exhibit 01/23/2023 – F**

Agenda Item 10 – RECORD MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 9, 2023 SESSION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION – The minutes for January 9, 2023 session of the Franklin County Election Commission were presented to be put on record within the Minutes.. **See Exhibit 01/23/2023 – G**

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2022 BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – COUNTY AUDITOR- Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2022 budget amendments and line item transfers as presented, and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.
See Exhibit 01/23/2023 - H

Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CHANGING SPORTS COMPLEX MANAGER POSITION FROM FULL-TIME TO PART-TIME AND AMENDING FRANKLIN COUNTY EMPLOYEE PAY RATE STEP PLAN TO REFLECT A SALARIED MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR POSITION– COUNTY JUDGE - Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve changing the Sports Complex Manager position from full-time to part time, and to amend the Franklin County Employee Pay Rate Step Plan to reflect a salaried Maintenance Director position. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 01/23/2023 – I**

Agenda Item 13 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT AND LINE-ITEM TRANSFER FOR MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR SALARY INCREASE – COUNTY AUDITOR - Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the 2023 budget amendment and line-item transfer for the Maintenance Director salary increase. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
See Exhibit 01/23/2023 – J

Agenda Item 14 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AUTHORIZING LISA LAWRENCE TO EXECUTE ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023 BETWEEN NORTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY, DESIGNATING LIBRARY AS LOCATION TO PROVIDE GED CLASSES – LISA LAWRENCE– Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the authorization for Lisa Lawrence to execute the Adult Education and Literacy Partnership Agreement for Academic Year 2022-2023, and designating the library as the location to provide GED classes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
See Exhibit 01/23/2023 – K

Agenda Item 15 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULPHUR SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT, FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, AND PALO PINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR ACCESS TO A HOSTED SECURE FACILITY WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES AND NET DATA OR GHS SYSTEM/S AND GOVERNMENT SOFTWARE – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Sulphur Springs Police Department, Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, and Palo Pinto County, Texas, for access to a hosted secure facility with Information Technology Resources and NET Data or GHS System/s and Government Software. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried.
See Exhibit 01/23/2023 – L

Agenda Item 16 – PRESENT TX AGRILIFE EXTENSION QUARTERLY REPORT – SARAH BROD - Sarah Brod presented the TX Agrilife Extension Quarterly Report.
See Exhibit 01/23/2023 – M

Agenda Item 17 – RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE COMMISSIONERS’ COURT WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS PER GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.047(A)(1) TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OF EMPLOYEE – COUNTY JUDGE – Recessed into Executive Session at 9:24 A.M.

Agenda Item 18 – RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE – Reconvened into open session at 9:59 A.M.

Agenda Item 19 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CASTING VOTE TO ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM COUNTY EMPLOYEE – COUNTY JUDGE- Commissioner Emerson made a motion to accept the letter of resignation of County Tax Assessor-Collector, Sue Ann Harper. Motion seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried.
See Exhibit 01/23/2023 – N

DISCUSSION – Renovations on East Annex building, Veteran's Service Officer needs, possible rescission of the culvert pricing to leave it at the discretion of each commissioner.

Adjourn - Commissioner Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 A.M.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of Commissioners' Court Regular meeting on January 23, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 9th day of February 2023.

Brook Bussell

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

