

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Workshop Session
February 17, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in a Workshop Session on February 17, 2023, at 10:00 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, Marla White, Robert Zinn, Sue Ann Harper, Ricky Jones, and Brantin Carr

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M., and Commissioner Smith offered prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

Items discussed:

Sue Ann Harper addressed issues with the electrical and HVAC in the Tax Assessor-Collector/Vehicle Registration office. She also addressed maintenance needs if they are to stay in the same office space.

Judge Zinn presented a proposal for the Annex West building that would include moving the Tax Assessor-Collector's office and the Justice of the Peace office into the building. In addition to office space, it would include a courtroom and storage for both offices as well as the Sheriff's office.

Marla White expressed a possible need for a security officer in the event the JP's office moves out of the courthouse.

Sheriff Jones addressed repair needs for the generator. He also updated regarding the camera system. He stated a need for storage space and additional office space, and liked the proposal Judge Zinn presented. It would allow him additional storage, and the ability to utilize the space currently occupied by the Tax Assessor-Collector/Vehicle Registration office as additional office space to meet his needs.

The space occupied by the Tri-Lakes Pregnancy Center and the Franklin County Child Welfare Board was addressed. It was decided to give the pregnancy center a deadline to move out of June 1, 2023.

There was discussion regarding the potential commercial utility scale solar farms and the County's authority regarding such. It was decided to ask the County Attorney to request an Attorney General's opinion on the matter for clarification.

Adjourn - Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:03 P.M.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court Workshop Session on February 17, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 23rd day of February, 2023.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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