

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
March 13, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session March 13, 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
Brook Bussell, County Clerk

VISITORS: Marla White, Paris Tillery, Katie Elliott, Sue Ann Harper, Brantin Carr, Robert Zinn, Will Ramsay, Tim Dial, Susan Olsen, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, David Truesdale, Jacqueline Miller, Linda Hammond, Lillie Bush-Reves, Mary McLennan, Velvet Coberley, Freddie Fitzgerald, Mike Rambin, Gary Morrow, Kristin Harrison, Bob Stinson, Tom Austin, Betty Austin, B.F. Hicks, Laurie Dihle, and Joel Dihle

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: David Truesdale, Kathy Boren, and B.F. Hicks addressed the Court.

Agenda Item 1 - APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 27, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, FEBRUARY 27, 2023 WORKSHOP SESSION, AND MARCH 3, 2023 SPECIAL SESSION – COUNTY CLERK - Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the February 27, 2023 Regular Session Minutes, the February 27, 2023 Workshop Session Minutes, and the March 3, 2023 Special Session. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 2 - AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER –Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county as presented, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 03/13/2023 - A

Agenda Item 3 - SECOND READING: REPLAT LOTS 8R-1 AND 9R-1 DEER COVE SUBDIVISION – CYNTHIA & JOHN FULTON AND COLBY CABIN, LLC – No one was present to address the Court. Commissioner Smith made a motion to table until the March 27, 2023, meeting with a second by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REMOVING BETTY SUE ALLEN AS AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY FROM CHASE FINANCIAL ACCOUNT AND ADDING PARIS TILLERY AS AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY – COUNTY TREASURER – Commissioner Smith made a motion to remove Betty Sue Allen as authorized signatory from Chase Financial account and add Paris Tillery as authorized signatory. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 03/13/2023 - B

Agenda Item 5 – RECORD CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR TAC CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING FOR THE FOLLOWING: SUE ANN HARPER, REBECCA LUNCEFORD, JANET MIDDLETON, AND LORI RHYNE – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lee presented the Certificates of Completion for TAC Cybersecurity Awareness Training for Sue Ann Harper, Rebecca Lunceford, Janet Middleton, and Lori Rhyne to be put on record within the Minutes.
See Exhibit 03/13/2023– C

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE WORK ON CITY ROADWAYS BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MT. VERNON – PRECINCT 2 – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Work on City Roadways between Franklin County and the City of Mt. Vernon, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 03/13/2023 – D

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2023 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN FRANKLIN COUNTY – FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD, NORTHEAST TX CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER, AND LAKE COUNTRY CASA – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month for Franklin County. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 03/13/20233 – E

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING HIRING BOB STINSON AS CONSTRUCTION MANAGER OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ANNEX WEST PROJECT AND ACCEPTING HIS COMMITMENT LETTER FOR PROJECT COMPLETION – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve hiring Bob Stinson as Construction Manager of the Franklin County Annex West project and to accept his Commitment Letter for project completion. Second was made by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 03/13/2023 – F

Agenda Item 9 – RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE COMMISSIONERS’ COURT WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS PER GOVERNMENT CODE 551.047(A)(1) TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE – COUNTY JUDGE – Recessed into executive session at 9:28 A.M.

Agenda Item 10 – RECONVENE OPEN MEETING– COUNTY JUDGE – Reconvened into open session at 10:22 A.M.

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR TO FILL VACANCY FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the appointment of Melissa McSwain Clawson as Interim Tax Assessor/Collector to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Sue Ann Harper. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
SEE EXHIBIT 03/13/2023 - G

DISCUSSION – Commissioner Emerson reminded everyone about the Mt. Vernon/Salttillo Young Farmers Project Show coming up on March 25, 2023.

Agenda Item 12 – ADJOURN – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:24 A.M.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court Regular Session on March 13, 2023.

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

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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