

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
April 24, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session April 24, 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: Landon Ramsay, Marla White, Paris Tillery, Melissa McSwain Clawson, Katie Elliott, Tim Dial, Brantin Carr, Tim Dial, Haily Rodriguez, Ellen Jagers, Ricky Jones, Susan Olsen, Resy Jumper, Jacqueline Miller, Geneva Thompson, Don Marquardt, Mary McLennan, Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, David Truesdale, Mike Millender, Kay Harper, Dave Lukeman, Trey Fleming, Jenny Dennis, Joe Jancosek, Lillie Bush-Reves, Johanna Deal, B.F. Hicks, Betty Austin, Tom Austin, J.D. Green, Debi Green, Laurie Dihle, and Joe 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: Laurie Dihle addressed the Court regarding Agenda Item 13. More comments were made during discussion of Item 13. See below.

Agenda Item 1 - APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 10, 2023 REGULAR SESSION AND APRIL 10, 2023 WORKSHOP SESSION – COUNTY CLERK -
Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the April 10, 2023, Regular Session Minutes and the April 10, 2023, Workshop Session Minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 2 - AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER – Commissioner Cooper 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 04/24/2023 – A

Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MONTHLY REPORTS FOR MARCH 2023 – TREASURER – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the monthly reports for March 2023 as presented, and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 04/24/2023 – B

Agenda Item 4 – FIRST READING: REPLAT LOT WF1R-2 PHASE 2 TWIN COVE ESTATES – RALPH ROBERTSON FOR WKN TRUST CYPRESS, LLC – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of Lot WF1R-2 Phase 2 Twin Cove Estates. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 5 – RECORD MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 20, 2023 SESSION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD – LINDA HAMMOND – Minutes from the March 20, 2023, session of the Franklin County Child Welfare Board were presented to be put on record.

See Exhibit 04/24/2023– C

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ANTI-BRIBERY STATEMENT, OATH OF OFFICE AND DEPUTATION APPOINTING LORI RHYNE TO POSITION OF DEPUTY DISTRICT CLERK – DISTRICT CLERK – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Anti-bribery Statement, Oath of Office, and Deputation appointing Lori Rhyne to the position of Deputy District Clerk. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 04/24/2023 – D

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ANTI-BRIBERY STATEMENT, OATH OF OFFICE AND DEPUTATION AND BOND APPOINTING HAILY RODRIGUEZ TO POSITION OF DEPUTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the Anti-bribery Statement, Oath of Office, and Deputation and Bond appointing Haily Rodriguez to the position of Deputy Elections Administrator. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 04/24/2023 – E

Agenda Item 8 – RECORD CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR TAC CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING FOR THE FOLLOWING: SCOTT LEE, LORI RHYNE, AND HAILY RODRIGUEZ – COUNTY JUDGE – Certificates of Completion for TAC Cybersecurity Awareness Training for Scott Lee, Lori Rhyne, and Haily Rodriguez were presented to be put on record within the Minutes.

See Exhibit 04/24/2023 – F

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR 2023 FORD 350 XLT FROM ELLIOTT AUTO GROUP – PRECINCT 3 – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the Purchase Agreement for a 2023 Ford 350 XLT from Elliott Auto Group. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 04/24/2023 – G

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS FOR TAX COLLECTION BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES: CITY OF MT. VERNON, FRANKLIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, MT. VERNON ISD, SALTILLO ISD, SULPHUR BLUFF ISD, AND WINNSBORO ISD – TAX A/C – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreements for tax collection between Franklin County and the following entities: City of Mt. Vernon, Franklin County Water District, Mt. Vernon ISD, Saltillo ISD, Sulphur Bluff ISD, and Winnsboro ISD. Second was made by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 04/24/2023 – H

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES IN R.O.W. OF CR NW 1090 – FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the request to construct electrical power distribution facilities in R.O.W. of CR NW 1090. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 04/24/2023 – I

Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES IN R.O.W. OF CR NE 2120 – FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the request to construct electrical power distribution facilities in R.O.W. of CR NE 2120. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 04/24/2023 – J

Agenda Item 13 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MORATORIUM ADOPTED PURSUANT TO MAJORITY VOTE OF COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, TEXAS – PRECINCT 1 – Public comments/discussion by: Kirby Hollingsworth, Chris Spencer (SRBA), B.F. Hicks, Geneva Thompson, Kay Harper, Mike Rambin, David Truesdale, Jacqueline Miller, Jenny Dennis, and Mary McClennan. Ellen Jagers read the proposed moratorium at the request of Commissioner Cooper. Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve adopting the moratorium as presented. Motion died from lack of second. No further action taken.

DISCUSSION –

- Trey Fleming with Purple Wave Auction did a presentation of services offered.
- Culvert damage at the airport. Will be discussed further in workshop.

Agenda Item 14 – ADJOURN – Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 A.M.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court Regular Session on April 24, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 25th day of April, 2023.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk