

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
May 22, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session May 22, 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: Lisa Lawrence, Chance Crane, Tim Dial, Marla White, Melissa McSwain Clawson, Katie Elliott, Brantin Carr, Sarah Brod, Susan Olsen, Mike Millender, Lillie Bush-Reves, Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, Dan Johnson, Glenda Pollock, Mary McLennan, Gary Morrow, and Mike Rambin.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 MAY 8, 2023 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the May 8, 2023, Regular Session Minutes. 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 Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 05/22/2023 – A

Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING APRIL 2023 MONTHLY REPORTS – TREASURER – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the April 2023 monthly reports. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 05/22/2023 – B

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT AND DATA USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES AND FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract and Data Use Agreement between the Texas Department of State Health Services and Franklin County. Second was made by Commissioner Emerson. Motion Carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 05/22/2023 – C

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ANTI-BRIBERY STATEMENT AND DEPUTATION OF ANNA ANKRUM AS PART-TIME DEPUTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR – TAX A/C – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the Anti-bribery Statement and Deputation of Anna Ankrum as part-time Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 05/22/2023 – D

Agenda Item 6 – RECORD CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR TAC CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING FOR TIM DIAL AND CHARLES ROBERT JUNTTI – COUNTY JUDGE – Certificates of Completion for TAC Cybersecurity Awareness Training for Tim Dial and Charles Robert Juntti were presented to be put on record within the Minutes.

See Exhibit 05/22/2023 – E

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULPHUR SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT, FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AND PANOLA COUNTY FOR ACCESS TO A HOSTED SECURE FACILITY WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES AND NETDATA OR GHS SYSTEM/S AND GOVERNMENT SOFTWARE – COUNTY JUDGE

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Sulphur Springs Police Department, Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, and Panola County. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 05/22/2023 – F

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD’S RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY POLICY – LISA LAWRENCE – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the Franklin County Library Board’s recommended changes to the Franklin County Library Policy. Second was made by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 05/22/2023 – G

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING BRAZOSTRAILERS.COM ESTIMATE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,050.00 FOR PURCHASE OF 2023 BELLY DUMP TRAILER – PRECINCT 4 – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the BrazosTrailers.com estimate in the amount of \$35,050.00 for the purchase of a 2023 Belly Dump trailer. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 05/22/2023 – H

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – AUDITOR – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2023 budget amendment changing Capital Expense from \$50,000 to \$145,000 to recognize expense for demo/haul off and asbestos report for the Terry Haven Nursing Home building. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 05/22/2023 – I

DISCUSSION –

- Commissioner Godfrey reported he had spoken with TXDOT regarding culvert issue at the airport. They advised that since it is on the taxiway, the county can fix it and does not have to receive approval or authorization from TXDOT.
- Marla reminded the Court to look over insurance information that will be discussed during today's workshop.

Agenda Item 11 – ADJOURN – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 A.M.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court Regular Session on May 22, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 22nd day of May, 2023.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk