

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Emergency Session
May 23, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in an Emergency Session May 23, 2023, at 2:00 P.M. at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex East located at 502 East Main 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, Yesi Castro, Ricky Jones, Robert Zinn, and Brantin Carr.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 2:02 P.M.

Public Comments: None

Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING TEMPORARILY CLOSING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE DUE TO EMERGENCY STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO BELL TOWER – COUNTY JUDGE – Structural damage to bell tower/clock/counterweight was discussed. Counterweight fell several feet, landing on beam above District Courtroom. Bob Stinson is assessing the situation and has contacted a structural engineer for further inspection. Judge Lee contacted Rick Sacy with Komatsu to discuss the situation. As of right now, projected time frame for closure of courthouse is approximately three months. Relocation of offices was discussed. Will be discussed further in tomorrow's meeting. Courthouse is closed until further notice. No official action taken.

Agenda Item 2 – ADJOURN – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:39 P.M.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Emergency Session on May 23, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 5th day of June, 2023.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk