

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
June 12, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session June 12, 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: Paris Tillery, Lisa Lawrence, Tim Dial, Marla White, Robert Zinn, Brantin Carr, Ricky Jones, Katie Elliott, Susan Olsen, Mary McLennan, Mike Millender, Marissa Underhill, Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, Lillie Bush-Reves, Velvet Coberley, Mike Rambin, and Gary Morrow.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:10 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 22, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, MAY 22, 2023 WORKSHOP, MAY 23, 2023 EMERGENCY SESSION, AND MAY 24, 2023 EMERGENCY SESSION – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve all minutes as presented. Commissioner Emerson 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 06/12/2023 – A

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

See Exhibit 06/12/2023 – B

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING USER AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE DRIVER RECORDS OR DRIVER RECORD MONITORING SERVICES BETWEEN TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TEXAS DRIVER RECORDS AND FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY TREASURER –

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the User Agreement to Purchase Driver Records or Driver Record Monitoring Services between the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Driver Records, and Franklin County. Second was made by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion Carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 06/12/2023 – C

Agenda Item 5 – APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 25, 2023 SESSION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD – COUNTY CLERK –

This item does not require approval. Minutes from the April 25, 2023, session of the Franklin County Bail Bond Board recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 06/12/2023 – D

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES ACROSS CR NW 1050 – COUNTY JUDGE –

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the Farmers Electric Cooperative's request to construct electrical power distribution facilities across CR NW 1050, and Commissioner Emerson seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 06/12/2023 – E

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULPHUR SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT, FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND VILLAGE OF SURFSIDE BEACH 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 Village of Surfside Beach as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 06/12/2023 – F

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING QUOTE FROM KAYBRO TECHNOLOGIES AND MICROSOFT TO HOST AND MAINTAIN EMAIL ACCOUNTS FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY EMPLOYEES (TO BE PAID FROM INMATE HOUSING FUNDS) – COUNTY AUDITOR –

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the quote from Kaybro Technologies and Microsoft to host and maintain email accounts for Franklin County employees and for the cost to be paid from Inmate Housing funds. Second was made by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 06/12/2023 – G

Agenda Item 9 – RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – COUNTY JUDGE –

The Court recessed into Executive Session at 9:14 A.M.

Agenda Item 10 – RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE – Court reconvened into open session at 10:08 A.M.

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AUTHORIZING COUNTY JUDGE OR OTHER AUTHORIZED OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN ORDER (RESOLUTION) AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TEXAS STATEWIDE OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS AND ASSOCIATED RELEASE FORMS REGARDING SETTLEMENT OFFERS OF THE TEXAS OPIOID MULTI-DISTRICT LITIGATION FOR THE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY OF FRANKLIN V. PERDUE PHARMA, LP ET AL – COUNTY ATTORNEY AND SIMON GREENSTONE PANATIER, PC – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve authorizing the County Judge or other authorized officials to execute an Order (Resolution) authorizing approval of proposed Texas statewide opioid settlement agreements and associated release forms regarding settlement offers of the Texas Opioid Multi-district Litigation for the county in the matter of *County of Franklin v. Perdue Pharma, LP, et al.* Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
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DISCUSSION –

- Commissioner Godfrey thanked the other commissioners for use of the equipment and help.

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

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court Regular Session on June 12, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 26th day of June, 2023.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk