

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Budget Workshop Session
June 21, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Budget Workshop Session on June 21, 2023, at 8:00 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, Robert Zinn, Brantin Carr, Tim Dial, Ricky Jones, Melissa Clawson, Lauren Lewis, Jerald Mowery, Mary Lou Russell, Lisa Lawrence, and Yesi Castro.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M.

1. Franklin County PAWS – Project is on hold at this time.
2. Franklin County Historical Association – Increase from \$5,000 to \$7,000
3. Franklin County Child Welfare Board – Decrease from 7,000 to \$4,000
4. Safe-T Crisis Center – remained same at \$4,000
5. Lakes Regional MHMR – remained same at \$3,000
6. Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center – remained same at \$7,000
7. Winnsboro Library – no request received
8. Franklin County Library – requested additional \$500 for books and would like to move a part-time position to full time if funds allow.
9. Sports Complex – Increase supplies from \$4,000 to \$5,000
10. Waste Management – Add \$4,000 to supplies for tires
11. Emergency Management – Increase supplies from \$3,000 to \$6,000, add \$500 to fuel, and expressed a need for a new vehicle or an increase to the maintenance budget.
12. Courthouse Maintenance – Increase supplies from \$12,000 to \$14,000, and other buildings/repairs from \$12,000 to \$15,000. Also addressed specific needs for the airport, sports complex, HUB, Winnsboro building, mowing, East Annex, and truck.
13. Constable – Increase per diem and fuel by \$500 each
14. Tax Assessor/Collector – no change
15. District Clerk – no change
16. County Clerk – no change

17. Elections Administrator – Increase election supplies from \$10,000 to \$12,000. Also expressed a need for a generator for the East Annex, back up batteries for each polling location, a fire proof cabinet for ballot and other secure storage. Would like to add a line item for box trailer rental for equipment delivery and pick up, and would like to increase election worker salaries due to HB 1217 requiring extended early voting hours.

Possible pay increases for employees as well as elected officials was discussed. Marla will put together numbers showing 5%, 7%, and 10% increases.

Adjourn - Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:59 A.M.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Budget Workshop Session on June 21, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 6th day of July, 2023.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk