

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
July 10, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session July 10, 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, Marla White, Yesi Castro, Brantin Carr, Tim Dial, Lisa Lawrence, Ricky Jones, Landon Ramsay, Katie Elliott, Susan Olsen, Mike Millender, Jacqueline Miller, Mary McLennan, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Mike Rambin, Gary Morrow, Lillie Bush-Reves, and Coletyn McBride

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:** Coletyn McBride addressed the court regarding an issue with a culvert and drainage near his property in Precinct 3. Mr. McBride, Commissioner Emerson, and Judge Lee participated in discussion.

**Agenda Item 1 – APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 12, 2023 REGULAR SESSION; JUNE 12, 2023 WORKSHOP SESSION; JUNE 19, 2023 EMERGENCY SESSION; JUNE 20, 2023 EMERGENCY SESSION; JUNE 21, 2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION; JUNE 22, 2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION; AND JUNE 26, 2023 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK –** Commissioner Emerson made a motion to accept all minutes as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 2 - AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER –** Commissioner Smith 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 07/10/2023 – A**

**Agenda Item 3 – PRESENT AND RECORD FRANKLIN COUNTY’S 2022 EXTERNAL AUDIT – MIKE WARD, MIKE WARD ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL CONSULTING, PLLC –** Mr. Ward was not in attendance to present the audit so no action was taken.

**Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CONROY TRACTOR’S QUOTE FOR PURCHASE OF NEW HOLLAND WM105 TRACTOR AND 632TL LOADER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,675.00 WITH TRADE-IN CREDIT OF \$32,000, MAKING PURCHASE PRICE \$33,798.80 – PRECINCT 4 – \$15,000 out of Precinct 4 Capital Expenses and the remainder to be paid out of Precinct 4 fund balance. Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the quote from Conroy Tractor as presented. Second was made by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 4-0.**  
**See Exhibit 07/10/2023 – B**

**Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PURCHASE OF 2023 CHEVROLET SILVERADO HALF-TON TRUCK FROM RELIABLE CHEVROLET AND APPROVING 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR PURCHASE – COUNTY JUDGE**  
**– Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the quote from Reliable Chevrolet for purchase of half-ton truck for Emergency Management as presented and do a budget amendment to pay for it out of Emergency Management. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey, Motion carried 4-0.**  
**See Exhibit 07/10/2023 – C**

**Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SULPHUR SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT, FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, AND SABINE COUNTY, TEXAS 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 Sabine County, Texas, for access to a hosted secure facility with Information Technology Resources and Netdata or GHS System/s and Government Software as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**  
**See Exhibit 07/10/2023 – D**

**Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING NAMED MARKER OR MEMORIAL MARKER HIGHWAY SIGN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE DEDICATING A PORTION OF US HIGHWAY 67 IN MEMORY OF CHIEF DEPUTY BOBBY BIGGERSTAFF – SHERIFF**  
**– Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Named Marker or Memorial Marker Highway Sign Agreement between the State of Texas and the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office dedicating a portion of US Highway 67 in memory of Chief Deputy Bobby Biggerstaff as presented. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.**  
**See Exhibit 07/11/2023 – E**

**Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON REQUEST TO UTILIZE REMAINDER OF 2023 ALLOTTED H.O.T. FUNDS TO PURCHASE A SHIPPING CONTAINER TO HOUSE T-SHIRT PRINTING MACHINE – ALAMA MISSION MUSEUM**  
**– Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the request to utilize the remainder of the 2023 allotted HOT funds to purchase a shipping container to house t-shirt printing machine. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Agenda Item 9 – RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS PER GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.072 TO DISCUSS MATTERS REGARDING REAL PROPERTY – COUNTY JUDGE** – Recessed into Executive Session at 9:40 A.M.

**Agenda Item 10 – RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE** – Reconvened into open session at 9:59 A.M.

**Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PURCHASE OF 5.5 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON COUNTY ROAD NW 1011 WEST OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER FROM THE FRANKLIN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION – COUNTY JUDGE** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the purchase of 5.5 acres of land located on County Road NW 1011 west of the Franklin County Law Enforcement Center from the Franklin County Industrial Foundation. Will be paid for out of the General Fund. Motion seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 07/11/2023 - F**

**DISCUSSION –**

- Tax Office A/C needs to be repaired
- Should receive 2024 property appraisals from FCAD by 07/25/2023

**Agenda Item 12 – ADJOURN** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:04 A.M.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court Regular Session on July 10, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 19th day of July, 2023.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk