

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Workshop Session
July 17, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Workshop Session on July 17, 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

Members absent: Brook Bussell, County Clerk

VISITORS: Marla White, Paris Tillery, Yesi Castro, Lisa Lawrence, Robert Zinn, Ricky Jones, Brantin Carr, Tim Dial, Marie Redar, Lillie Bush-Reves, Jan Switzer, and Jodi Jones.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Smith offered the prayer.

Items discussed:

1. Jan Switzer and Jodi Jones addressed the Court regarding the PAWS Animal Shelter. They are currently under contract to purchase the vet clinic building located on the I-30 South service road (old Dr. Reed office). They want to sit on the other site for at least a year before making a decision on what to do with it. It will be utilized for storage and other needs. Hope to be operational in 3-6 months.
2. Big ticket items priority/wish lists presented:
 - Pct. 4: backhoe, dump truck, motor grader, side wing tractor
 - Pct. 3: 2 dump trucks, haul trailer-to benefit all precincts
 - Pct. 2: motor grader, dump truck, additional $\frac{3}{4}$ or 1-ton truck
 - Pct. 1: bucket truck, skid steer, Jarraff tree trimmer-to benefit all precincts and in lieu of bucket truck
 - Sheriff: 2 cars or digiTICKET software
 - EA: Vista software for election records management and retention
3. Marla would like to set total cap around 1.5 million. She will type up the list for the Court to review and prioritize for year 1.
4. Sheriff stated software upgrade for auditor/treasurer can come out of inmate housing.

5. Marla wants to get the generator for Annex East before the end of the year and it can be paid for out of fund balance.
6. Next budget workshop set for 07/28/2023 at 9:00 AM. Put purchase of Annex East generator on next agenda.
7. Landon has expressed an interest in the current Justice of the Peace office space once they get moved to the new building.
8. Sheriff received a quote of approximately \$20k per washer for the jail.
9. Status of clock/bell tower – still waiting on written reports.

Adjourn - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Workshop Session on July 17, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 21st day of July, 2023.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk