

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
July 24, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session July 24, 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: Jerry Cooper, Commissioner, Precinct 1 – Judge Pro Tem
Toby Godfrey, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Charlie Emerson, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Scott Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Brook Bussell, County Clerk

Members absent: Scott Lee, County Judge

VISITORS: Marla White, Lisa Lawrence, Brantin Carr, Tim Dial, Paris Tillery, Yesi Castro, Melissa Clawson, Rob Moore, Tiffany Volking (Vista SG), Michele Carew (Vista SG), Lillie Bush-Reves, Susan Olsen, Mike Millender, Mike Ramin, Mary McLennan, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, David Truesdale, and Velvet Coberley.

Commissioner Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 issue with culvert in Precinct 3.

Mary McLennan inquired about the proposed mitigation plan and election software. Tim Dial and Brook Bussell participated in discussion.

Agenda Item 1 – APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 10, 2023 REGULAR SESSION; JULY 10, 2023 WORKSHOP SESSION; AND THE JULY 17, 2023 WORKSHOP SESSION– COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to accept all minutes as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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 3-0.

See Exhibit 07/24/2023 – A

Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MONTHLY REPORTS FOR JUNE 2023 – COUNTY TREASURER – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the monthly reports as presented. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 07/24/2023 – B

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING LISTING SURPLUS EQUIPMENT WITH AUCTIONEER EXPRESS – PRECINCT 1 –
Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve listing surplus equipment with Auctioneer Express, and seconded by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INCREASE IN JURY PAY PER HB3474 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023– AUDITOR – Per HB3474, jury pay is increasing to \$20 for the first day, and \$58 each additional day effective September 1, 2023. Marla would like approval to increase to \$20 for first day, and \$60 for each additional day since the Treasurer's office pays them in cash each day. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the requested increase in pay. Motion seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 3-0.

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Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE THE SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORMS REGARDING SETTLEMENT OFFERS FROM WALGREENS, CVS AND WALMART IN THE MATTER OF TEXAS OPIOID MULTI-DISTRICT LITIGATION FOR THE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY OF FRANKLIN V. PURDUE PHARMA, LP ET AL – JEFFREY SIMON OF SIMON GREENSTONE PANATIER, ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS AT LAW – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the County Judge to execute the Settlement participation and release forms in the matter of County of Franklin v. Purdue Pharma LP, et al, as presented. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 07/24/2023 – D

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR TDEM-ADMINISTERED GRANT AWARDS – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Texas Division of Emergency Management Subrecipient Agreement for TDEM-Administered Grant Awards. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT'S FIVE-YEAR UPDATE TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to table this item until they have had more time to review the plan, and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROCEEDING WITH FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR TXDOT TO REPLACE THE COUNTY BRIDGE ON CR NW 1018 AT BIG CREEK – KATIE VICK, TXDOT DISTRICT BRIDGE AND HYDRAULICS ENGINEER – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing proceeding with funding agreements for TxDOT to replace the county bridge on CR NW 1018 at Big Creek as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 3-0.

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Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING NASPO VALUEPOINT FMV LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND PITNEY BOWES FOR POSTAGE MACHINES – COUNTY TREASURER –

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the NASPO ValuePoint FMV Lease Agreement between Franklin County and Pitney Bowes for postage machines. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 07/24/2023 - G

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES ACROSS COUNTY ROAD 2120 – COUNTY JUDGE

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the request from Farmers Electric Cooperative to construct electrical power facilities across County Road 2120. Motion seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 3-0.

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Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROMISSORY NOTE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH ALLIANCE BANK FOR 2023 SUPERIOR BROOM – COUNTY AUDITOR –

Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the Promissory Note and Security Agreement with Alliance Bank for 2023 Superior Broom. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 07/24/2023 – I

Agenda Item 13 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PURCHASE OF GENERATOR FOR ANNEX EAST – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR –

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to table this item because no quotes have been received. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item 14 – DEMONSTRATION OF VISTA DMS3 ELECTION SOFTWARE – TIFFANY VOLKING AND MICHELE CAREW OF VISTA SOLUTIONS GROUP –

Tiffany Volking and Michele Carew presented information about the Vista DMS3 Election Software.

Agenda Item 15 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING QUOTE FOR PURCHASE OF THE DMS3 ELECTION BUNDLE FROM VISTA SOLUTIONS GROUP – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR –

Motion to table made by Commissioner Smith, and seconded by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item 16 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – COUNTY AUDITOR –

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2023 budget amendments. Motion seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 3-0.

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Agenda Item 17 – ADJOURN – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 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 24, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 27th day of July, 2023.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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