

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Special Session
August 4, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in Special Session August 4, 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, Melissa Clawson, Marla White, Susan Olsen, Yesi Castro

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., and Commissioner Smith offered prayer.

Public Comments:

Susan Olsen spoke regarding the hazard mitigation plan and possible hazardous materials road designation. She stated an amendment would need to be done to the February 27, 2023, resolution to include this.

Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROPOSED 2023 TAX RATE FOR FY 2024 BUDGET – COUNTY AUDITOR –

Judge Lee reported the No New Revenue Rate is as follows:

- General Fund .24414
- RBS .01482
- Lateral Road .09089
- I&S .00702
- Total 2023 No New Revenue Rate is .35687

Judge Lee reported after review of the expenses presented, it is determined that the level of the proposed 2023 tax rates needed to fund the FY 2024 budget are as follows:

- General Fund .25960
- RBS .01538
- Lateral Road .09451
- I&S .01387
- Total Proposed 2023 Tax Rate for FY 2024 budget is .38336

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the proposed 2023 tax rates to fund the FY 2024 budget. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Individual votes were taken as follows:

County Judge – Scott Lee – Yes
Commissioner Pct. 1 – Jerry Cooper – Yes

Commissioner Pct. 2 – Toby Godfrey – Yes
Commissioner Pct. 3 – Charlie Emerson – Yes
Commissioner Pct. 4 – Scott Smith – Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

See Exhibit 08/04/2023 – A

Discussion:

- Judge Lee informed the Court that Chris Brown has announced his resignation from ATCOG.
- Commissioner Cooper requested that Landon look over the ROW agreement/policy regarding utility easements and that it be put on the next regular agenda.

Agenda Item 2 – ADJOURN – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 A.M.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Special Session on August 4, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 8th day of August, 2023.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk