

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Special Session
August 21, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in Special Session August 21, 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, Melissa Clawson, Brantin Carr, Tim Dial, Yesi Castro, Mike Ward (via Zoom), Susan Olsen, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Bob Stinson, Mary McLennan, Lillie Bush-Reves, and Ron Barker.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M., and Commissioner Smith offered prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comments:

Mary McLennan addressed concerns about the Resolution Establishing Hazardous Materials Routing Designation.

Agenda Item 1 – PRESENT AND RECORD FRANKLIN COUNTY’S 2022 EXTERNAL AUDIT – MIKE WARD, MIKE WARD ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL CONSULTING, PLLC – Mike Ward presented Franklin County’s 2022 External Audit via Zoom for record. See Exhibit 08/21/2023 – A

Agenda Item 2 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING HAZARDOUS MATERIAL ROUTING DESIGNATIONS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the Resolution Establishing Hazardous Material Routing Designations in Franklin County. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. See Exhibit 08/21/2023 – B

Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Order of Special Election as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 4-0. See Exhibit 08/21/2023 – C

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Notice of Constitutional Amendment Election, and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. See Exhibit 08/21/2023 – D

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS PERTAINING TO NEW CONSTRUCTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ANNEX WEST BUILDING, LOCATED AT 206 HIGHWAY 37, MT. VERNON, TX 75457:

- A) REVIEW AND APPROVE CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS – BOB STINSON**
- B) REVIEW AND APPROVE ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST PRIOR TO PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID PROPOSALS – BOB STINSON**
- C) APPROVE GRANTING BOB STINSON AUTHORITY TO ADVERTISE FOR BID PROPOSALS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY – BOB STINSON**

Bob Stinson presented construction drawings, the Construction Budget Estimate of \$1,186,987.40, and the Public Notice to be published in The Winnsboro News. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the construction drawings, the Construction Budget Estimate, and to grant Bob Stinson the authority to advertise for bid proposals on behalf of the County. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibits 08/21/2023 – E1, E2, and E3

Discussion:

- Sports Complex - Commissioner Emerson stated the Brooksey Crow has sand available to use for the ball fields. Commissioner Smith said he also has sand in his sand pit at the Precinct 4 barn. Commissioner Godfrey estimates approximately five loads of sand are needed per field for six fields.

Agenda Item 6 – ADJOURN – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 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 21, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 24th day of August, 2023.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk