

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes - AMENDED
Regular Session
August 14, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session August 14, 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, Robert Zinn, Rob Moore, Tim Dial, Brantin Carr, Melissa Clawson, Lisa Lawrence, Marla White, Ricky Jones, Yesi Castro, Ellen Jagers, Susan Olsen, David Truesdale, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Mike Millender, Mike Ramin, Colin Clasby, Mary McLennan, Lillie Bush-Reves, Joel Dihle, Laurie Dihle, and Nick Moss.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. Commissioner Smith offered prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

Public Comments:

- David Truesdale spoke regarding the hazard mitigation plan.
- Mike Ramin addressed concerns about water usage.

*Judge Lee stated the Court would consider Agenda Items 14 and 15 first so that the District Clerk could return to her office.

***Agenda Item 14 – DEMONSTRATION OF EBONDS PRODUCT FOR USE IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY JAIL – SHERIFF AND THE GENESIS GROUP –** Nick Moss and Sheriff Jones presented information about the eBonds product.

See Exhibit 08/14/2023 – A

***Agenda Item 15 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY EBONDS COUNTY LICENSING AND SERVICE AGREEMENT, ALLPAID PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, GOVOLUTION MASTER SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT, AND PROPOSAL FROM SOUTHERN SOFTWARE FOR EBOND CONNECTION – SHERIFF –** Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Franklin County eBonds Licensing and Service Agreement, allpaid Participation Agreement, Govolution Master Subscription Agreement, and proposal from Southern Software in the amount of \$850.00 for eBond connection. Motion seconded by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibits 08/14/2023 – B1, B2, B3, and B4

Agenda Item 1 – APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 24, 2023 REGULAR SESSION; JULY 24, 2023 WORKSHOP SESSION; AND THE AUGUST 4, 2023 SPECIAL 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 Emerson 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 08/14/2023 – C

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 available to present the audit. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to table. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0. Put on the agenda for 08/21/2023 Special Session.

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX RENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND TRI-LAKES PREGNANCY CENTER – COUNTY TREASURER – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Franklin County Sports Complex Rental Agreement between Franklin County and Tri-Lakes Pregnancy Center, and seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 08/14/2023 – D

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX RENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND FRANKLIN COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION – COUNTY TREASURER – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Franklin County Sports Complex Rental Agreement between Franklin County and the Franklin County Youth Soccer Association. Motion seconded by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 08/14/2023 – E

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MAINTENANCE CONTRACT RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND RICKS EXCAVATION FOR OSSF INSPECTIONS – COUNTY TREASURER – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Maintenance Contract Renewal Agreement between Franklin County and Ricks Excavation for OSSF inspections. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
See Exhibit 07/24/2023 – F

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ALLIANCE BANK’S SYMANTEC VIP TOKEN NOTICE OF CHANGE ADDENDUM TO CASH MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – COUNTY TREASURER – Treasurer Tillery stated all account holders and users with online access will be required to use a “hard” token. There will be no cost for the first token for each user. Any lost tokens will be responsibility of user to replace at the cost of \$20 each. Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve Alliance Bank’s Symantec VIP Token Notice of Change addendum to the Cash Management Contract. Motion seconded by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 08/14/2023 – G

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING HAZARDOUS MATERIAL ROUTING DESIGNATIONS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lee asked to table this until the Special Session on 08/21/2023 to allow County Attorney Landon Ramsay time to check on the publication requirements. Commissioner Smith made a motion to table, and Commissioner Cooper seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING GRANTING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY JUDGE AUTHORITY TO POST DRAFT OF ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT’S FIVE-YEAR UPDATE TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW – Commissioner Smith made a motion to grant Judge Lee the authority to post the draft of the Ark-Tex Council of Government’s Five-Year update to the Franklin County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan for public review. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0. The draft will be available on the Franklin County website and in the County Clerk’s office.

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ATCOG INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR E9-1-1 SERVICE AND PSAP EQUIPMENT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the ATCOG Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1 Service and PSAP Equipment for Franklin County, Texas. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 08/14/2023 – H

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF MT. VERNON AND FRANKLIN COUNTY PRECINCT 1 FOR CITY STREET REPAIRS – PRECINCT 1 – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Mt. Vernon and Franklin County Precinct 1 for city street repairs. Motion seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

NO DOCUMENT PRESENTED – EXHIBIT I IS INTENTIONALLY SKIPPED

Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING IMPOSITION OF OPTIONAL FEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 – TAX A/C – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to leave the fees the same as 2023. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 08/14/2023 – J

Agenda Item 13 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$424.00 AT THE REQUEST OF THE MT. VERNON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$424.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Funds are to be taken out of fund balance. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 08/14/2023 – K

Agenda Item 16 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING UPDATED QUOTE FROM MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE CLOUD UPGRADE – SHERIFF – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the updated quote from Motorola Solutions for Franklin County Sheriff’s Office cloud upgrade. Motion seconded by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 08/14/2023 – L

Agenda Item 17 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING QUOTE FOR PURCHASE OF THE DMS3 ELECTION BUNDLE FROM VISTA SOLUTIONS GROUP – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – Commissioner Smith made a motion not to purchase the DMS3 Election Bundle from Vista Solutions Group. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion not to purchase carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 18 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2023-2024 RENEWAL NOTICE AND BENEFIT CONFIRMATION FROM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD FOR HEALTH, DENTAL, LIFE AND VISION INSURANCE, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2023 – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Renewal Notice and Benefit Confirmation from Blue Cross Blue Shield for Health (Medical), Dental, Life, and Vision insurance effective December 1, 2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 08/14/2023 – M

Agenda Item 19 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING QUOTES FROM RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 WHEEL JARRAFF TRIMMER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$283,000.00 AND FROM UNITED AG & TURF FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 JOHN DEERE TRACK LOADER WITH MULCHER AND GRAPPLER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$137,755.54 – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the quotes as presented from RIGHT-OF-WAY Maintenance Equipment and United Ag & Turf. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibits 08/14/2023 – N1 and N2

Agenda Item 20 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FINANCING \$466,000.00 FOR COUNTY EQUIPMENT WITH ALLIANCE BANK – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve financing \$466,000.00 for county equipment with Alliance Bank. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 08/14/2023 – O

Agenda Item 21 – RECORD FY2024 TX CYBERSECURITY COURSE – HB3834 CERTIFICATES OF TRAINING FOR THE FOLLOWING: BROOK BUSSELL, MARIE REDAR, JANET WHITE, YESI VALENZUELA CASTRO, AND HAILY RODRIGUEZ – COUNTY JUDGE – FY2024 TX Cybersecurity Course – HB3834 Certificates of Training recorded for Brook Bussell, Marie Redar, Janet White, Yesi Valenzuela Castro, and Haily Rodriguez.

See Exhibit 08/14/2023 – P

DISCUSSION:

- Bail Bond Board meets 08/14/2023 at 11:00 A.M.
- Commissioners Court Workshop 08/14/2023 at 2:00 P.M.
- Annex West – Robert and Melissa are meeting with Bob Stinson on Wednesday, 08/16/2023. Hope to have final plans to present for approval in Special Meeting on 08/21/2023.

Agenda Item 22 – ADJOURN – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 A.M.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court Regular Session on August 14, 2023.

Amended Minutes witnessed and recorded this 6th day of September, 2023.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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