

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Workshop Session
August 28, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Workshop Session on August 28, 2023, at 2:00 P.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, Ellen Jaggars, Marla White, Melissa Clawson, Robert Zinn, Brantin Carr, Ricky Jones, Lillie Bush-Reves, Yesi Castro, and Landon Ramsay.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

Items discussed:

1. Credit card usage and receipts – Treasurer and Auditor stated there have been issues with credit cards being used for very minimal amounts and also with getting receipts turned in for credit card purchases. Request to charge items where the County has established charge accounts, and to not use cards for minimal amounts or where a fee is charged for card usage. Try to limit use as much as possible. It was suggested for them to provide a list of places with charge accounts to each elected/appointed official.
2. Still waiting on written report from independent structural engineer regarding the clock/bell tower. Komatsu will not provide anything until they have reviewed his written report. Judge Lee will reach out to him again. Commissioner Smith also offered to go by his office in person.
3. Possible updates to the employee policy. Paris is working with TAC on this. Marla recommended that each elected official familiarize themselves with the policy manual if they have not already done so. She also stated that if anyone has changes they would like to have made to let Paris know. Judge Lee is checking on what authority the Court has to enforce the policies.
4. Administrative Leave
5. Holiday calendar – employee vote is to exchange Columbus Day for an extra day at Christmas.
6. Comp time – Auditor stated it needs to be used or paid out before the end of the year so it's covered under this year's budget. Also stated that all comp time needs to be turned in to the Treasurer's office for proper documentation.
7. Sheriff asked about the possibility of paying people down on vacation time at the end of the year. He said it would be beneficial to him because of the need of his employees to work overtime to cover someone who is out on vacation time.
8. Possibility of going to PTO instead of vacation and sick time.

Adjourn - Commissioner Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Workshop Session on August 28, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 7th day of September, 2023.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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