

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
September 11, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session September 11, 2023, at 9:00 AM 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
Charlie Emerson, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Scott Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 4

Members absent: Toby Godfrey, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Brook Bussell, County Clerk

VISITORS: Marie Redar, Paris Tillery, Melissa Clawson, Lisa Lawrence, Ellen Jagers, Marla White, Tim Dial, Brantin Carr, Robert Zinn, Susan Olsen, Mike Millender, Maritza Rose, Laurie Dihle, Mary McLennan, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Gary Morrow, Mike Rambin, and Allen D. Fisher.

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

Public Comments:

Maritza Rose addressed the Court regarding the condition of private road Danyeur Lane which connects to CR 4312 (area of intersection of FM 115 and FM 3357). She would like to have assistance with fixing the road.

Agenda Item 1 – APPROVE AMENDED MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 14, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, AND MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 28, 2023 SPECIAL SESSION AND THE AUGUST 28, 2023 WORKSHOP SESSION– COUNTY CLERK –

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept all minutes as presented. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item 2 - AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county as presented, and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 09/11/2023 – A

Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADVERTISING REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR CULVERTS, FUEL AND ROAD MATERIALS FOR 2024– COUNTY TREASURER – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve advertising request for bids for culverts, fuel, and road materials for 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2024 COUNTY HOLIDAY CALENDAR – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2024 County Holiday Calendar. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 09/11/2023 – B

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FY 2024 SAVNS GRANT CONTRACT, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2024 – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the FY 2024 SAVNS Grant Contract, effective September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 09/11/2023 – C

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING IMPOSING COUNTY-WIDE BURN BAN EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve imposing a county-wide burn ban effective immediately. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 09/11/2023 - D

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF WINNSBORO FOR TAX COLLECTION SERVICES – TAX A/C – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Franklin County and the City of Winnsboro for tax collection services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 09/11/2023 – E

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2024 ELECTED OFFICIALS’ SALARIES AND TRAVEL ALLOWANCES – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2024 elected officials’ salaries and travel allowances. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 09/11/2023 – F

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2024 PAY RATE STEP PLAN FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2024 Pay Rate Step Plan for county employees. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 09/11/2023 – G

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2024 CERTIFICATE PAY FOR ACTIVE PEACE OFFICERS, DISPATCHERS AND JAILERS – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the 2024 certificate pay for active peace officers, dispatchers, and jailers. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

See Exhibit 09/11/2023 – H

Agenda Item 11 – DISCUSS AND CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE 2024 COUNTY BUDGE AND 2023 TAX RATE – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lee convened the public hearing at 9:21 AM, and adjourned at 9:22 AM. No public comments.

Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADOPTION OF THE 2024 FRANKLIN COUNTY BUDGET – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the adoption of the 2024 Franklin County Budget. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
See Exhibit 09/11/2023 – I

Agenda Item 13 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE 2023 TOTAL TAX RATE OF 0.38336, WHICH IS A 0.02649 INCREASE OF THE NO NEW REVENUE RATE OF 0.35687, TO FUND THE 2024 FRANKLIN COUNTY BUDGET – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the 2023 total tax rate of 0.38336, which is a 0.02649 increase of the No New Revenue Rate of 0.35687, to fund the 2024 Franklin County Budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 3-0.
See Exhibit 09/11/2023 – J

Agenda Item 14 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – Motion made by Commissioner Emerson to approve the 2023 budget amendments as presented, and seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 3-0.
See Exhibit 09/11/2023 – K

Agenda Item 15 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH ALLIANCE BANK FOR PURCHASE OF COUNTY EQUIPMENT – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the financing agreements with Alliance Bank for purchase of county equipment. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.
See Exhibit 09/11/2023 – L

DISCUSSION:

- Send all future agenda items/requests to Judge Lee

Agenda Item 16 – ADJOURN – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court Regular Session on September 11, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 20th day of September, 2023.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk