

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Special Session
September 15, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in Special Session September 15, 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
Toby Godfrey, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Charlie Emerson, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Scott Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 4

Members absent: Brook Bussell, County Clerk

VISITORS: Marie Redar, Paris Tillery, Marla White, Robert Zinn, Landon Ramsay, Tim Dial, and Bob Stinson.

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

Public Comments:

None.

Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE EXTENDING THE CONSTRUCTION BID DEADLINE FOR 30 DAYS ON NEW COUNTY ANNEX LOCATED ON STATE HIGHWAY 37 DUE TO LACK OF COMPETITION – BOB STINSON – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve extending the construction bid deadline for 30 days on the new county annex located on State Highway 37 due to lack of competition. Motion seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 09/15/2023 – A

Agenda Item 2 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON REMOVING BURN BAN IN FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE – No action taken.

Discussion:

- Annex West – will take approximately 8 to 9 months for construction. If it's started in November 2023 and should be finished end of summer 2024;
- Current septic inspector/fire marshal/emergency management coordinator has given verbal notice of resignation with last day to be October 31, 2023;
- Separate septic inspector position from fire marshal/emergency management because the work load for all is too much for one person to do;
- Tim stressed the need and importance for county to keep its own fire marshal;
- Increase septic permit fees. Put on next agenda;
- Hazmat coordinator – combine with fire marshal/emergency management. Give them the part-time secretary discussed in September 11, 2023 Workshop;

- Full-time septic inspector – will do inspections and their own paperwork, etc.;
- Emergency management trailer is currently being worked on and fully outfitted.

Agenda Item 3 – ADJOURN – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Special Session on September 15, 2023.

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

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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