

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
September 25, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session September 25, 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
Brook Bussell, County Clerk

VISITORS: Paris Tillery, Marla White, Melissa Clawson, Yesinia Castro, Katie Elliott, Landon Ramsay, Tim Dial, Brantin Carr, Ricky Jones, Susan Olsen, Mark Gaddis, Mary L. Johnstone, Don Johnstone, Kevin McClintick, Laurie Dihle, Mary McLennan, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Gary Morrow, and Lillie Bush-Reves.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Commissioner Smith offered prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

Public Comments:

Susan Olsen addressed the Court regarding an ad or notice published in the paper referencing her report about solar and questioning why the Court is spending tax dollars to benefit solar developers/investors. She clarified that is not the information presented in her report and states that the County has not spent any money to aid solar development.

Agenda Item 1 – APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 REGULAR SESSION, THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 WORKSHOP SESSION, AND THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 SPECIAL SESSION– COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept all minutes as presented. Commissioner Emerson 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 Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 09/25/2023 – A

Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AUGUST 2023 MONTHLY REPORTS – TREASURER – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the August 2023 monthly reports. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 09/25/2023 – B

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPOINT PERSON(S) TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY APPRAISAL BOARD – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith

made a motion to nominate Mike Rambin as candidate for the Franklin County Appraisal Board. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 09/25/2023 – C

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF AN AIRPORT HANGAR OWNED BY KEVIN MCCLINTICK – KEVIN MCCLINTICK –

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve sale of the airport hangar (C3) owned by Kevin McClintick to Bobby Bishop. Motion seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 09/25/2023 – D

Agenda Item 6 – FIRST READING: REPLAT LOT 365R-1 SNUG HARBOR ESTATES – MARY JOHNSTONE –

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of Lot 365R-1 of Snug Harbor Estates as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 7 – FIRST READING: REPLAT LOTS 16R-3 AND 17R-2 BLOCK 60 SECTION IV KINGS COUNTRY SUBDIVISION – MARK AND JUDY GADDIS –

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of Lots 16R-3 and 17R-2, Block 60, Section IV Kings Country. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON INCREASING COMMERCIAL SEPTIC FROM \$500.00 TO \$550.00, RESIDENTIAL FEE FROM \$325.00 TO \$375.00, AND ANY MODIFICATIONS FROM \$50.00 TO \$75.00 – TIM DIAL, BRANTIN CARR, JUDGE LEE –

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the increase to the septic permit fees as presented. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. New fees will become effective January 1, 2024.

See Exhibit 09/25/2023 – E

Agenda Item 9 – RECORD MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 14, 2023 SESSION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD – LINDA HAMMOND –

Minutes from the August 14, 2023 session of the Franklin County Child Welfare Board were recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 09/25/2023 – F

Agenda Item 10 – RECORD SALARY ORDER FOR 8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT REPORTER – COUNTY JUDGE –

The Salary Order for the 8th Judicial District Court Reporter was recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 09/25/2023 – G

Agenda Item 11 – RECORD DISTRICT COURT ORDER SETTING 2024 SALARY FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR – COUNTY JUDGE –

The District Court Order Setting Salary for County Auditor was recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 09/25/2023 – H

Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON MOVING THE NEWSPAPER OF RECORD FROM THE WINNSBORO NEWS TO THE MT. VERNON NEWS – COUNTY JUDGE –

Commissioner Smith made a motion to table moving the newspaper of record from The Winnsboro News to The Mount Vernon News. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 13 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON DEEDING 0.7126 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED AT 109 SCOTT STREET, MT. VERNON, TX 75457, NORTH OF THE RAILROAD AND WEST OF THE DEPOT TO THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, TEXAS – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve deeding 0.7126 acres of land located at 109 Scott Street, Mt. Vernon, TX 75457. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 4-0. City of Mt. Vernon has agreed to prepare all deed work at their cost.

See Exhibit 09/25/2023 – I

Agenda Item 14 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING A JOINT RESOLUTION AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR THE 2024 JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT – YESI VALENZUELA CASTRO – Motion made by Commissioner Emerson to approve the Joint Resolution and Statistical Information for Joint Primary as presented. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 09/25/2023 – J

Agenda Item 15 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO RESCIND BURN BAN IN FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE – After discussion, no action was taken.

DISCUSSION:

- City Cleanup Week is October 14th-October 21st. Put on next agenda to set the County's for the same week.
- Mary McLennan addressed Susan Olsen's statements made during Public Comment. She stated she had nothing to do with what was published in the newspaper and that she appreciates what the Court has done.

Agenda Item 16 – ADJOURN – Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court Regular Session on September 25, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 5th day of October, 2023.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk