

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
October 23, 2023

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session October 23, 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:** Marla White, Paris Tillery, Brantin Carr, Ricky Jones, Chris Mars, Susan Olsen, Mark Zollitsch (TAC), Mike Millender, Laurie Dihle, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Lillie Bush-Reves, Mary McLennan, and Mike Rambin.

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

**Public Comments:**

None

**Agenda Item 1 – APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 10, 2023 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK –** Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the 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 10/23/2023 – A**

**Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING SEPTEMBER 2023 MONTHLY REPORTS – TREASURER –** Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the September 2023 monthly reports as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 10/23/2023 – B**

**Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE CONSOLIDATING PRECINCTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ELECTIONS – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR –** Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve consolidating precincts for the November 7, 2023 Election as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 10/23/2023 – C**

**Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL TO RECEIVE A DONATED CONCEPT 2 ROWER VALUED AT \$950.00 AND A HEART SHINE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR VALUED AT \$1500.00 FROM THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES HEALTH AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL’S HEALTHY COUNTY PROGRAM – SHERIFF** – Mark Zollitsch with TAC presented information on the Readiness for Duty Program and the equipment to be donated. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve receiving a donated Concept 2 Rower valued at \$950.00 and a Heart Shine Automated External Defibrillator valued at \$1,500.00 from the TAC Healthy and Employee Benefits Pool’s Healthy County Program. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 10/23/2023 – D**

**Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING EARLY PAY RATE INCREASES, PER THE 2024 APPROVED STEP PLAN FOR JAILERS, DISPATCHERS, JAIL NURSE, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 25, 2023 – SHERIFF** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the early pay rate increases, per the 2024 Approved Step Plan for jailers, dispatchers, jail nurse, and administrative assistant, effective October 25, 2023. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 10/23/2023 – E**

**Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE EXTENDING THE CONSTRUCTION BID DEADLINE UNTIL NOVEMBER 27, 2023 ON NEW COUNTY ANNEX LOCATED ON STATE HWY 37 – COUNTY JUDGE** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to extend the construction bid deadline until November 27, 2023, on the new county annex located on State Hwy. 37, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 10/23/2023 – F**

**Agenda Item 8 – RECORD MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 SESSION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD – LINDA HAMMOND** – The minutes from the September 18, 2023 session of the Franklin County Child Welfare Board were recorded as presented.  
**See Exhibit 10/23/2023 – G**

**Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE TO ACCEPT DONATION FROM JAN ANDREWS TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE – SHERIFF** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to accept donation in the amount of \$50.00 from Jan Andrews to the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Motion carried 4-0.

**DISCUSSION:**

- Judge Lee reminded everyone that Early Voting began today for the November 7, 2023, Constitutional Amendment Election.
- Mike Rambin questioned/suggested placing notices in other newspapers in addition to The Mount Vernon News due to mailing issues.
- Reminder of Trick-or-Treat on the Square on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 PM.
- Reminder of Workshop at 2:00 PM today.

**Agenda Item 10 – ADJOURN** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court Regular Session on October 23, 2023.

Witnessed and recorded this 23rd day of October, 2023.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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