

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

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session December 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
Toby Godfrey, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Charlie Emerson, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Scott Smith, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Brook Bussell, County Clerk

VISITORS: Susan Olsen, Tiffany Aguilar, Donya Barker, Mary McLennan, Mike Millender, Charlie Wilson, Bill Wilson, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Ronnie Barnard, Laurie Dihle, Lillie Bush-Reves, Velvet Coberley, Marla White, Paris Tillery, Robert Zinn, Brantin Carr, Max Cannaday, Melissa Clawson, Ricky Jones, Bob Stinson, Scott Newsome, and Rob Moore.

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:

- No public comments offered.

Agenda Item 1 – APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 27, 2023 REGULAR SESSION AND THE NOVEMBER 27, 2023 WORKSHOP – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 2 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS – TREASURER – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the monthly reports. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 12/11/2023 - A

Agenda Item 3 - 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 Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 12/11/2023 – B

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR COUNTY AUTOPSY TRANSPORTATION – JUDGE ZINN – Information was presented by Tiffany Aguilar with Mount Vernon Memorial Funeral Home and Ronnie Barnard with Sam B. Harvey Funeral Home. There will be a meeting including Judge Zinn, Commissioner Smith, and a representative from each funeral home to discuss working out an on-call system for transports.

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE CHANGING COMMISSIONERS COURT DATE FROM DECEMBER 27, 2023 TO DECEMBER 29, 2023 – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve moving the December 27, 2023 Regular Session to December 29, 2023. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO RECEIVE AND RECOGNIZE 2023 JAIL INSPECTION CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – SHERIFF – Commissioner Smith made a motion to recognize the 2023 Certificate of Compliance for the Franklin County Jail. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 12/11/2023 - C

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2023 budget amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 12/11/2023 – D

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO REFUSE ALL BIDS SUBMITTED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST ANNEX – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lee explained there were issues with the way some of the bids were submitted. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to reject all previously submitted bids for construction of the West Annex. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE DRAWINGS/PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST ANNEX – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the new drawings/plans for the West Annex presented by Bob Stinson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 12/11/2023 – E

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO GIVE AUTHORITY TO SCOTT LEE TO ADVERTISE FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE WEST ANNEX – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to give Judge Lee authority to advertise for construction bids for the West Annex. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 12/11/2023 – F

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MULTI-USE AGREEMENT WITH TXDOT FOR PERMIT/CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE FOR FLOCK CAMERAS – SHERIFF – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the County Judge to enter into a multiple use agreement with TXDOT for permitting, construction, and maintenance for the FLOCK cameras. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
See Exhibit 12/11/2023 – G

Agenda Item 12 – PRESENTATION BY FRANKLIN COUNTY AGRICULTURE AGENT SARAH BROD – Sarah was not available to make the presentation. This will be rescheduled to a future meeting.

DISCUSSION:

- Charlie Wilson reminded everyone of the filing deadline for place on the primary ballot.
- Charlie Wilson also announced that Shelley Luther is running for State Representative.

Agenda Item 13 – ADJOURN – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:49 AM.

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

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

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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