

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Workshop Session  
January 8, 2024

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Workshop Session on January 8, 2024, at 2:00 PM 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, Brantin Carr, Robert Zinn, and Landon Ramsay.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Items discussed:

- Newspaper/Publication of Record – ongoing issues with the Mount Vernon News were discussed. Possibly change publication of record to the Mt. Pleasant Tribune.
- Annex West Building – issues with incomplete plans and communication with Mr. Stinson. Someone is interested in doing the whole project through TIPS. They will look over existing plans and give a rough estimate of cost. Marla has requested he provide proof that he is a TIPS member.
- Marla asked where the commissioners are on getting equipment to be purchased with Certificates of Obligation. She told them to be finding out when things could be available and make a plan. Commissioner Smith had information on 3 dump trucks located in Tyler, and Commissioner Cooper had information on 2 located in Texarkana.
- Marla reminded everyone that the new deadline to use vacation hours in excess of 80 is now December 31, and the deadline to submit paperwork for vacation buy-back of hours over 80 (maximum of 40 hours) is November 15.
- Judge Lee mentioned possible discussion with solar entities regarding road use agreements, etc. It appeared that the general consensus of the commissioners is to not do that unless/until it is necessary.

**Adjourn** - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:27 PM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Workshop Session on January 8, 2024.

Witnessed and recorded this 8th day of January, 2024.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk