

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
March 11, 2024

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session March 11, 2024, 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, Chance Crane, Melissa Clawson, Lisa Lawrence, Robert Zinn, Brantin Carr, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Mike Millender, Allen D. Fisher, Mary McLennan, Gary Morrow, Mike Rambin, Bill Wilson, Charlie Wilson, and Mike Millender.

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:**

- Mary McLennan inquired about the possibility of the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting being moved to another day because of the solar eclipse. For now, it will remain on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Agenda Item 1 – APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 26, 2024 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 2 – AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER** – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county as presented, and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 03/11/2024 – A**

**Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – COUNTY AUDITOR** – Marla explained this amendment is to cover the salary of the part-time position created for the Constable and Emergency Management Coordinator/Septic Inspector. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget Amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 03/11/2024 – B**

**Agenda Item 4 – RECORD COUNTY JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS COMMISSIONERS EDUCATION CERTIFICATES FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE REQUIRED CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR 2023 – COUNTY JUDGE** – The Commissioners Education Certificates of Completion awarded to Jerry Cooper, Toby Godfrey, Charlie Emerson, and Scott Smith were recorded as presented

**See Exhibit 03/11/2024 – C**

**Agenda Item 5 – RECORD CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION OF CYBER SECURITY TRAINING – COUNTY JUDGE** – Texas Association of Counties Cybersecurity Awareness Training Certificates of Completion were presented and recorded for: Lisa Lawrence, Julie Baxter, Jeltje Hoekstra, and Christian Galloway.  
**See Exhibit 03/11/2024 – D**

**Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE BOND IN THE AMOUNT SET BY COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR LISA LAWRENCE, COUNTY LIBRARIAN – COUNTY JUDGE** – It was recommended by the Auditor to set the amount at \$10,000. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the bond in the amount of \$10,000 for Lisa Lawrence. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 03/11/2024 – E**

**Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACTS ON NEW WEST ANNEX PROJECT – COUNTY JUDGE** – Judge Lee tabled this item. There will be a Special Session on Thursday, March 14, 2024, for this.

**Discussion:**

- Judge Lee said the board with election results will be put in front of the courthouse in the future.
- Judge Lee brought up issue with election equipment that caused a delay in getting results on election night.
- Commissioner Emerson reminded everyone of upcoming Mt. Vernon/Salttillo Young Farmers Project Show and said everyone can get donations to him.
- Judge Lee stated that Larkin Jumper is collecting donations to deliver to victims of the wildfires.
- Donations to Scott Newsome and his family who lost their home in a fire.
- Marla told the Court to be thinking about the Certificates of Obligation and how they want to pay for the cameras at the Sheriff's office.
- The City Administrator has reached out to Judge Lee about possible county contribution to help repair/replace the wall around the square.
- Special Session set for Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 1:00 PM.

**Agenda Item 8 – ADJOURN** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court Regular Session on March 11, 2024.

Witnessed and recorded this 11th day of March, 2024.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk