

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
April 22, 2024

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session April 22, 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, Paris Tillery, Melissa Clawson, Max Cannaday, Brantin Carr, Ricky Jones, Bob Stinson, Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, Jill Major (Linebarger), Kevin Dutton (Linebarger), Mike Millender, Mike Rambin, Gary Morrow, and Mary McLennan.

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: Kevin Dutton with Linebarger addressed and thanked the Court for their business.

Agenda Item 1 – APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 8, 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 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS – COUNTY TREASURER – Monthly reports were approved on April 8, 2024. No action to be taken.

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 04/22/2024 – A

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget Amendments as presented. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 04/22/2024 – B

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE TERMINATION OF LEASE WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE FOR THE OLD JAIL – LINDA HAMMOND – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the termination of the lease with the Franklin County Arts Alliance for the Old Jail. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 04/22/2024 – C

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ROB STEVENS TO SELL FIREWORKS FOR MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 22ND THROUGH MAY 27TH – ROB STEVENS – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve Rob Stevens to sell fireworks for Memorial Day, May 22, 2024 through May 27, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE DONATION OF ONE GENERAC 150 KW GENERATOR FROM ATCOG FOR USE AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the donation of one Generac 150 KW generator from ATCOG for use at the Franklin County Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 04/22/2024 – D

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION FOR A MOTOR GRADER AND THREE HINO TRUCKS FROM THE PROCEEDS FROM TAX OBLIGATIONS – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the Reimbursement Resolution for a motor grader and three Hino trucks from the proceeds from tax obligations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 04/22/2024 – E

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH CLEARVIEW AI FOR FACIAL RECOGNITION SOFTWARE FOR A (3) YEAR CONTRACT – SHERIFF – Sheriff Jones stated this software will only use photos on public platforms for comparison/recognition. The Sheriff's Office will not maintain any kind of database for photos. He also stated that City Telecoin donated the funds to cover the purchase of this software. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the contract with Clearview AI for facial recognition software for a 3 year period. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 04/22/2024 – F

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FOR DELINQUENT TAX ATTORNEY'S COLLECTION CONTRACT – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve advertising for proposals for the Delinquent Tax Attorney's Collection Contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FOR COUNTY IT MAINTENANCE/SUPPORT CONTRACT – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve advertising for proposals for the County IT Maintenance/Support Contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion:

- Judge Lee thanked everyone who helped with the Tour De Cypress in various ways;
- Sports Complex – issue with trash collection as well as equipment being left out in the rain;
- Judge Lee has contacted someone to come look at the clock/tower to see what can be done;

- Bob Stinson gave a brief update on progress at the new West Annex building;
- Judge Lee reported he attended a good meeting regarding Lake Cypress Springs and the dam;
- County Auditor stated that HOT application hearings will be on May 16, 2024;
- Equipment auction;
- Treasurer inquired about location and frequency of delinquent tax sales.

Agenda Item 7 – ADJOURN – Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court Regular Session on April 22, 2024.

Witnessed and recorded this 22nd day of April, 2024.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk