

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Workshop Session
May 16, 2024

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Workshop Session on May 16, 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, Robert Zinn, Jacqueline Miller, Chad Neal, Garrett Sustaire, Bonnie McAllister, Karyn Skaar, Jerry Bogue, Lauren Lewis, Linda Hammond, and Jody Stanley.

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.

Items discussed:

1. Hotel Occupancy Tax Funding Applications presented for the following:

- Franklin County Arts Alliance - \$10,000
- Mount Vernon Key Club - \$5,000
- Rotary Club of Mount Vernon #01878 - \$7,900
- Alamo Mission Museum of Franklin County - \$3,900
- Franklin County Chamber of Commerce - \$6,000
- Franklin County Historical Association - \$3,000
- Mount Vernon-Salttillo Young Farmers - \$33,000
- Sheriff's Posse of Franklin County - \$81,000
- Sulphur River Saddlery - \$6,000
- Mount Vernon Music Association - \$3,000

There was no request received from the Franklin County Genealogical Society this year.

See Exhibit 05/16/2024 - A

2. Purple Wave Auction services.
3. West Annex progress.
4. Sports Complex – trash collection and other maintenance
5. Airport – mowing around lights and maintenance of community room.
6. Budget – Commissioner Emerson expressed a need to increase the 2025 budget for Road & Bridge for each precinct due to continued increase of cost of materials; salaries and employee raises; retiree insurance; and increase to retiree salaries.
7. Jennifer with the City of Mt. Vernon talked about code violations for county-owned property (overgrown). Once the property is dry enough, it will be taken care of. She also talked about the city animal shelter/pound.

Adjourn - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Workshop Session on May 16, 2024.

Witnessed and recorded this 20th day of May, 2024.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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