

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Budget Workshop Session
June 18, 2024

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Budget Workshop Session on June 18, 2024, at 8:00 A.M. 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: Scott Newsome, Robert Zinn, Ricky Jones, Lisa Lawrence, Max Cannaday, Brantin Carr, Yesi Castro, Jodi Jones, Jan Switzer, Lauren Zastany, Dorothy Young, Ellen Jagers, Melissa Clawson, Chris Mars, Rob Moore, Landon Ramsay, Jonathan Collier, Eddie Rhoades, Colin Clasby, and Sarah Brod.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M.

1. Franklin County PAWS – requested \$40,000 for operational budget and \$10,000 for free and low-cost spay/neuter program.
2. Franklin County Historical Association – remained the same at \$7,000.
3. Franklin County Child Welfare Board – decrease from \$7,000 to \$4,000.
4. Safe-T Crisis Center – increase from \$4,000 to \$5,000.
5. Lakes Regional MHMR – remained same at \$3,000.
6. Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center – remained same at \$7,000.
7. The HUB Meal Center – increases to salary, supplies, meal expense, and repairs/maintenance.
8. Franklin County Library – increase to summer temp workers' salaries, assistants' salaries, utilities, and would like to move a part-time position to full time if funds allow.
9. Sports Complex – increase in supplies, repairs/maintenance, and decrease in capital outlay-construction.
10. Waste Management – decrease supplies from \$4,500 to \$2,000.
11. Courthouse Maintenance – increase vehicle/equipment Repairs from \$2,500 to \$5,000, and utilities-courthouse/jail from \$123,000 to \$130,000. Also need to budget for repairs to airport roof and to get electricity to the storage building behind the East Annex.
12. Emergency Management – increase supplies from \$3,500 to \$4,500, and increase Per Diem from \$4,000 to \$5,000. Would also like to make part-time clerk full-time if funds allow.
13. Constable – requested increase in salary. All other remained the same.
14. Tax Assessor/Collector – decrease in supplies from \$7,700 to \$1,300.
15. District Clerk – remained the same.

16. County Clerk – remained the same, but would like to see an increase to salaries. Also discussed potential Records Retention/Archival project utilizing existing funds.
17. Elections Administrator – requested a part-time employee to help during election times. Submitted quotes from Scott-Merriman for mass mail-out voter registration card services, and a RapidPrint date/time stamp machine. Also submitted information for TextMyGov mass texting service.
18. Treasurer – increase supplies from \$4,500 to \$6,500, and Per Diem from \$3,700 to \$4,500.
19. Auditor – no change.
20. County Judge – requesting full-time administrative assistant with half being paid for out the County Attorney’s SB 22 grant funds. Increase supplies from \$1,850 to \$4,000 for office furniture, supplies, etc.
21. County Attorney – increase supplies from \$2,000 to \$5,000.
22. DPS – remained the same.
23. Justice of the Peace – remained the same.
24. Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4 – All need increases in fuel, road materials, and maintenance.
25. South Franklin Fire Department – remained the same.
26. Mt. Vernon Fire Department – requesting two SCBAs and two cylinders, as well as a drone with thermal capabilities. See presented quotes.
27. North Franklin Fire Department – requested funding for a brush truck and a tender-pumper truck. See quotes.
28. Extension Agent – requested funding for a part-time secretary.
29. Purley Fire Department – needs new bunker gear for all on roster. Each full set costs approximately \$3,200.
30. Winnsboro Fire Department – no request presented
31. Law Enforcement/Jail – requesting to add two more deputy positions and one more investigator position, and wants to increase salaries for all employees. He can use SB 22 funds and Inmate Housing to offset some of the expense to the county.

See Exhibit 06/18/2024 – A

Jonathan Collier with TAC discussed health insurance and options to decrease cost.

Possible pay increases for employees as well as elected officials was discussed. Marla will put together numbers to present to the Court.

Adjourn - Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:16 P.M.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Budget Workshop Session on June 18, 2024.

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

Brook Bussell, County Clerk