

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Workshop Session  
July 11, 2024

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Workshop Session on July 11, 2024, at 10:00 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

Member absent: Brook Bussell, County Clerk

**VISITORS:** Marla White, Paris Tillery, Marie Redar, Lisa Lawrence, Melissa Clawson, Robert Zinn, Brantin Carr, Ricky Jones, Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, David Truesdale, and Mary McLennan.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Commissioner Smith offered prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

Items discussed:

1. Lisa Lawrence reminded everyone that Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, is Ice Cream Day at the library.
2. Toby Godfrey reminded everyone about blood drive going on at the Sheriff's Office.
3. Road Use Agreements need to be revised. Possibly increase bond amount. Changes need to be made to make it fit everyone, not just particular entities.
4. Courthouse Clock – No progress at this time.
5. Generator from ATCOG – needs new switch and will need electrician to hook up.
6. FLSA requirements are changing affecting salaried positions of the Librarian, Election Administrator, and Emergency Management Coordinator. These positions will be moved back to hourly wage.
7. Carpet needed upstairs in library. Approximately \$7,800.00. Take care of out of this year's budget.
8. Electricity for storage at East Annex and west storage building at the Sports Complex. Go ahead and take care of this year.
9. Precinct equipment update –Currently have a semi-truck, a backhoe, and motor grader to put on the loan plan. Still waiting on the Hino trucks. Marla recommended going ahead and closing out the loan, and then paying for the Hinos out of next year's budget with interest earned which doesn't cost the taxpayers anything extra. Loan needs to be closed in order to set the tax rate.

10. Budget –

- “Wish list” is at \$185,000 without raises.
- Raises at 5% is approximately \$197k, and 7% is approximately \$236k. The general consensus is to do the 7% to best benefit the employees.
- Retirement plan – Move county match from 200% to 225% for current employees (every \$1 contributed by employee matched at \$2.25, and will be retroactive), and move retired employees up to 30% of the consumer price index. There are currently 42 active retirees.

11. New sign for the library to replace the lady on the exterior wall. Lisa wants someone to give her an idea on how to attach it securely. She also said she needs the concrete by the front door leveled out so water will run away from the building/door.

\*Judge Lee left at 11:00 AM. Commissioner Cooper took over as Judge Pro Tem.

12. Blood drive at the Sheriff’s office is going until 4 PM.

**Adjourn** - Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.

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

Witnessed and recorded this 18th day of July, 2024.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk