

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
August 12, 2024

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on August 12, 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, Brantin Carr, Max Cannaday, Bob Stinson, Mike Millender, Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, Jill Major, Wade Gent, Kevin Dutton, Scott Newsome, Mike Rambin, and Mary McLennan.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Smith offered prayer. The Pledges of Allegiance to the American flag and the Texas flag were recited.

**Public Comments:** Max Cannaday reported he passed the septic inspector's test.

**Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 29, 2024 SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING, AUGUST 1, 2024 WORKSHOP SESSION, AND AUGUST 5, 2024 REGULAR SESSION MEETING– COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with the correction of one word on the August 1, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 2 – AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENTS– COUNTY 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 08/12/2024 – A**

**Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS – COUNTY TREASURER** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the July monthly reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 08/12/2024 – B**

**Agenda Item 4 – RECORD THE ELECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE – ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR** – The Election Agreement with Franklin County Water District to be administrated by the Franklin County Election Administrator's office was recorded as presented.

**See Exhibit 08/12/2024 – C**

**Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF ELECTION FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION – ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR** – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the Order of Election for the November 5, 2024 General Election. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 08/12/2024 – D**

**Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES AND ALTERNATE JUDGES – ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Order of Appointment of Election Judges and Alternate Judges. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 08/12/2024 – E**

**Agenda Item 7 – RECORD THE DESIGNATION OF DEPUTY EARLY VOTING CLERK – ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR** – The Designation of Deputy Early Voting Clerk designating Haily Rodriguez as the Deputy Early Voting Clerk was recorded as presented.  
**See Exhibit 08/12/2024 – F**

**Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE 2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT – COUNTY AUDITOR** – Auditor Marla White explained this amendment is to recognize loan proceeds and expenses from tax notes for the purchase of equipment for precincts 2 and 4. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve 2024 Budget Amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 08/12/2024 – G**

**Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH INTEGRITY STEEL WORKS – SHERIFF** – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the maintenance contract with Integrity Steel Works, and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 08/12/2024 – H**

**Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION WITH LINEBARGER, GOGGAN, BLAIR, AND SAMPSON, LLP – TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR** – Wade Gent with Linebarger stated the only difference to the agreement is the reduction of the collection fee from 20% to 15%. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Agreement for Tax Collection Services with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair, and Sampson, LLP. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 08/12/2024 – I**

**Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL CHILD SAFETY FEE WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SECTION 502.403 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE – TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR** – Commissioner Smith made a motion to table this item until the August 26, 2024 Regular Session. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES WHICH WILL CROSS COUNTY ROAD 1050 AT POLE 066979 WHICH IS 3298 FEET SOUTHWEST OF COUNTY ROAD 2121 FROM FARMERS ELECTRIC – PRECINCT 1**

**COMMISSIONER** – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the permission for Farmers Electric Cooperative to construct electrical power distribution facilities which will cross County Road 1050 at pole 066979 which is 3298' southwest of County Road 2121. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 08/12/2024 – J**

**Agenda Item 13 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RENEWAL RATES FOR HEALTH, DENTAL, LIFE, AND VISION WITH TAC HEBP EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 2024 – COUNTY TREASURER** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the renewal rates for health, dental, life, and vision insurance with TAC HEBP to become effective December 1, 2024. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion.

**See Exhibit 08/12/2024 – K**

**Agenda Item 14 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM PEOPLES TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE TO PURCHASE ALL COMPONENTS AND INSTALL NETWORK CABLING FOR WEST ANNEX – COUNTY AUDITOR** –

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the proposal from Peoples Telephone Cooperative in the amount of \$24,508.57 to purchase all components and install network cabling for the West Annex, and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion.

**See Exhibit 08/12/2024 – L**

**DISCUSSION:**

Bob Stinson provided an update regarding progress on the West Annex: currently waiting on re-inspection of the duct work, the stone for exterior has been delivered and will be installed in approximately two weeks, and the emergency generator has been delivered. Everything is on track at this time.

**Adjourn** - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on August 12, 2024.

Witnessed and recorded this 12th day of August, 2024.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk