

Franklin County Commissioners Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
October 14, 2024

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on October 14, 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:** Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, Scott Newsome, Mike Rambin, Dean Gray, Cathy Gray, Linda Hammond, Mary McLennan, Paris Tillery, Brantin Carr, Max Cannaday, Matthew Holz, Marla White, Ricky Jones, and Bob Stinson.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Commissioner Smith offered prayer. The Pledges of Allegiance to the American flag and the Texas flag were recited.

**Public Comments:**

- Mike Rambin addressed the Court and audience regarding the Franklin County Water District Bond Election.

**Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 REGULAR SESSION MEETING – 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 – 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 Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 10/14/2024 – A**

**Agenda Item 3 – APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS – COUNTY TREASURER –**

Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the monthly reports for September as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 10/14/2024 – B**

**Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE CHILD WELFARE BOARD 2025 BUDGET – LINDA HAMMONDS –**

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Franklin County Child Welfare Board 2025 Budget. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 10/14/2024 – C**

**Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RENEWAL OF FY2025 SAVNS GRANT AND SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EQUIFAX APPRISS INSIGHTS – COUNTY AUDITOR** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve renewal of the FY2025 SAVNS Grant and Services Agreement with Equifax Appriss Insights. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Motion carried 4-0.  
**See Exhibit 10/14/2024 – D**

**Agenda Item 6 – OPEN AND AWARD BIDS FOR FUEL, CULVERTS, AND ROAD MATERIALS – COUNTY JUDGE** – The following sealed bids were submitted and opened:

- Quality Rock, Inc.
- Brooksey Crow, Inc.
- Seaton Construction
- Penn Custom Construction & Fabrication
- Patriot Sand and Gravel
- R K Hall, LLC
- Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc.
- Sun Mining
- Richard Drake Construction
- Winkle Oil Co., LLC
- Wilson Culverts, Inc.
- Burgin Pipe

Commissioner Smith made a motion to accept the bids as presented. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 10/14/2024 – E**

**Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF THE 2025 INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT PROGRAM – COUNTY AUDITOR** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2025 Franklin County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

**See Exhibit 10/14/2024 – F**

**DISCUSSION:**

- Bob Stinson provided an update on the West Annex building.
- Judge Lee introduced Dean Gray as the new Veterans Service Officer.
- Matthew Holz provided an update on the possibility of having a county-wide trash service, and he will be doing more research.
- The legality of individuals burning trash was discussed.
- Burn ban – at this time we are still in the moderate range. Judge Lee will enact a ban at the request of the City Fire Chief.
- Tax roll issues.
- Reminder of the Workshop at 2:00 today.
- Commissioner Cooper stated road work is being done on Hwy. 37 North and to expect delays.
- Sheriff – Looking for a couple of jailers.

**Adjourn** - Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on October 14, 2024.

Witnessed and recorded this 15th day of October, 2024.

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Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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