

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

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Workshop Session on October 14, 2024, at 2:00 PM 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:** Paris Tillery, Marla White, Robert Zinn, Chris Mars, Kathy Boren, Scott Newsome, Andrew Emery, Blake Sheffield, Craig Lindholm, Mary McLennan, Eddie Rhoades, and Landon Ramsay.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Item discussed:

1. Emergency Services District– logistics, pros/cons, election, board, funding, etc. Having an ESD would help the ISO ratings for insurance coverage, especially for the more outlying areas of the county. It is not recommended by the City Fire Chief to include the EMS/ambulance service because they are a privately owned company and they also bill for their services. A ten cent tax increase would generate approximately 1.5 to 1.8 million per year. Deadline to call for a May 2025 election is February 14<sup>th</sup>, and the deadline for a November 2025 election is August 18<sup>th</sup>. More information is needed before moving forward.
2. Trick or Treat in the Park – need to get candy if we are going to do this. Chris Mars stated they use this to meet their community outreach requirement for the STEP Grant.
3. Electrical Issues – breaker at the sports complex, generator for the courthouse, electricity for the clock/bell tower.
4. Insurance – Open Enrollment period is October 16-17, 2024.
5. County Clerk – Criminal and Probate records were picked up last week by Revolution Data Systems.
6. Justice of the Peace – Judge Zinn will be meeting with Bob Stinson about the office space upstairs. They will need some kind of counter or partition put in.
7. SB22 Funds for 2025 – No info on this yet.
8. Early Voting begins Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.
9. The HUB will be closed on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.
10. City Manager Craig Lindholm thanked the Court for working well with the City.

**Adjourn** - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:19 PM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Workshop 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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