

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
October 28, 2024

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on October 28, 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: Mike Millender, Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, Mike Rambin, Scott Newsome, Mary McLennan, Chance Crane, Lisa Lawrence, Brantin Carr, Max Cannaday, and Matthew Holz.

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 reminded everyone to vote.

Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 14, 2024 REGULAR SESSION MEETING AND OCTOBER 14, 2024 WORKSHOP – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Emerson 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 10/28/2024 – A

Agenda Item 3 – RECORD ORDER SETTING SALARY FOR COUNTY AUDITOR – COUNTY JUDGE – The Order Setting Salary for County Auditor was recorded as presented. Salary set at \$71,000.

See Exhibit 10/28/2024 – B

Agenda Item 4 – RECORD MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD REGULAR MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 – LINDA HAMMONDS –

The minutes of the September 16, 2024 meeting of the Franklin County Child Welfare Board were recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 10/28/2024 – C

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025 – LINDA HAMMONDS –

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Franklin County Child Welfare Board Officers for 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 10/28/2024 – D

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE DEBORAH NEWSOM FOR ADDITIONAL 3-YEAR TERM AS FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD SECRETARY, AS REQUIRED BY BYLAWS – LINDA HAMMONDS

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve Deborah Newsom for an additional 3-year term as Franklin County Child Welfare Board Secretary. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 7 – RECORD CERTIFICATES OF TRAINING FOR HB3834 CYBERSECURITY TRAINING FOR MARIE REDAR, JANET WHITE, AND BROOK BUSSELL – COUNTY CLERK –

The Certificates of Training presented to Marie Redar, Janet White, and Brook Bussell for completion of the FY2025 – TX Cybersecurity Course – HB3834 were recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 10/28/2024 – E

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE FY2025 SOLID WASTE GRANT PROJECT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE –

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the FY2025 Solid Waste Grant Project Memorandum of Understanding between Ark-Tex Council of Governments and Franklin County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 10/28/2024 – F

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON TO PAINT A MURAL ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING – COUNTY JUDGE –

Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to table this item until the City can provide a specific design to be considered. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion to table carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE REPAIRS TO LAKE PATROL REPEATER SITE FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FROM INMATE HOUSING FUND – COUNTY SHERIFF –

Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the repairs to the Lake Patrol Repeater Site for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office with payment coming from the Inmate Housing Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 10/28/2024 – G

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE JOINT ELECTION RESOLUTION WITH THE FRANKLIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AND SULPHUR BLUFF ISD – COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR –

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Joint Election Resolution with the Franklin County Water District and Sulphur Bluff ISD for the November 5, 2024 Election. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 10/28/2024 – H

Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH SULPHUR BLUFF ISD – COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Contract for Election Services between Franklin County and Sulphur Bluff ISD. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 10/28/2024 – I

DISCUSSION:

- 2,400 people have voted as of end of day on October 27, 2024.
- The results board will be in front of the courthouse on election night.
- Judge Lee, Marla White, and Craig Lindholm toured the PAWS facility.
- Mike Millender provided an update on the PAWS building.
- West Annex update.

Adjourn - Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on October 28, 2024.

Witnessed and recorded this 5th day of November, 2024.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk