

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

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on November 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: Tina Jagers, Mary McLennan, Gary Boren, Kathy Boren, Scott Newsome, Marla White, Beth Hedges, Ricky Jones, Bob Stinson, Max Cannaday, and Rob Moore.

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:

- Tina Jagers addressed the stray dog problem in the county, as well as issues with irresponsible pet owners.

Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 28, 2024 REGULAR SESSION MEETING – COUNTY CLERK –

Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 2 – RECORD MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2023 AND OCTOBER 29, 2024 SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD – COUNTY JUDGE –

The minutes of the August 14, 2023 and October 29, 2024 Special Sessions of the Franklin County Bail Bond Board were recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 11/12/2024 – A

Agenda Item 3 – 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 Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 11/12/2024 – B

Agenda Item 4 – APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS – COUNTY TREASURER –

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

See Exhibit 11/12/2024 – C

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION GRANTING AUTHORIZATION FOR LISA LAWRENCE TO SIGN THE ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR BETWEEN NOTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY – LISA LAWRENCE

– Commissioner Emerson made a motion to grant authority to Lisa Lawrence to sign the Adult Education and Literacy Partnership Agreement for the 2024-2025 Academic Year between Northeast Texas Community College and the Franklin County Library. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 11/12/2024 – D

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE QUOTE FROM BRADSHAW ELECTRIC FOR INSTALLATION OF GENERATOR AT THE COURTHOUSE – COUNTY JUDGE

– Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$34,427.00 for installation of the generator at the courthouse. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 11/12/2024 – E

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ALLOWING THE CITY OF MT VERNON TO PAINT A MURAL ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING – KATHY LOVIER

– No action taken.

Agenda Item 8 – DISCUSS PARKING LOT FOR THE NEW WEST ANNEX – COUNTY JUDGE

– Bob Stinson presented two options for the parking lot for the new West Annex. The preferred option was Option 1. He also gave a status update on the building. There is currently a delay with the electric work which has set the project back by approximately three weeks. He advised holding the payment until the work is complete.

See Exhibit 11/12/2024 – F for parking lot options.

Agenda Item 9 – DISCUSS AIRPORT GRANT – COUNTY JUDGE – Rob Moore presented information on two grants for the Court to consider.

DISCUSSION:

- Marla reminded everyone of the Christmas party, and requested to move the December 26th Commissioners Court to December 31st. Agenda will need to be posted in accordance with CIRA deadlines.
- Sheriff – A/C problem at the jail.
- Judge Lee introduced Beth Hedges as the new County Judge's Administrative Assistant.

Adjourn - Commissioner Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 AM.

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

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

Brook Bussell, County Clerk