

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
November 25, 2024

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on November 25, 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, Kathy Boren, Jack Carlson, James Thompson, Scott Newsome, Yesinia Castro, Mary McLennan, Marla White, Rob Early, Paris Tillery, Robert Zinn, Bob Stinson, Max Cannaday, Matthew Holz, Chancey Deming, Mark Williams, Brantin Carr, and Ricky Jones.

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:

- Chancey Deming addressed the Court with concerns about a possible homeless shelter opening in the north end of the county.

Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 7 2024 REGULAR SESSION MEETING – COUNTY CLERK –
Commissioner Godfrey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. 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 11/25/2024 – A

Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE REPLAT OF MISCELLANEOUS PROPERTY IN THE OVERLOOK PARK AREA INTO LOTS 1R AND 2R – JAMES THOMPSON – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the first reading of the Replat of Miscellaneous Property in the Overlook Park area into Lots 1R and 2R. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 4 – RECORD MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD – The minutes of the October 21, 2024 meeting of the Franklin County Child Welfare Board were recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 11/25/2024 – B

Agenda Item 5 – RECORD CANVAS OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION – ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR – The canvas results of the November 5, 2024 General Election were recorded as presented.

See Exhibit 11/25/2024 – C

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO MOVE THE DECEMBER 26TH MEETING TO DECEMBER 31ST – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to move the December 26, 2024 meeting to December 31, 2024. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AN ORDER AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TEXAS STATEWIDE OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT –COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Order Authorizing Approval of Proposed Texas Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement in regards to Kroger. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 11/25/2024 – D

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF AIRPORT HANGAR FROM JOHN PRESLEY TO TODD PROPERTY INVESTMENT LLC – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the sale of an airport hangar from John Presley to Todd Investment Property, LLC. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 9 – RECOGNIZE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JAIL FOR BEING COMPLIANT WITH THE TEXAS JAIL STANDARDS – SHERIFF – The Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Jail were recognized for compliance with the Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

See Exhibit 11/25/2024 – E

Agenda Item 10 – CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION , PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071, TO CONFER WITH ATTORNEY OVER POSSIBLE LITIGATION – COUNTY JUDGE – Convened into Executive Session at 9:16 AM.

Agenda Item 11 – RECONVENE BACK INTO REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE – Reconvened back into regular Commissioners Court open session at 9:51 AM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Winnsboro Building;
- Airport Grant – move forward with obtaining funding; and
- Christmas Party on December 19th.

Adjourn - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on November 25, 2024.

Witnessed and recorded this 25th day of November, 2024.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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