

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
December 31, 2024

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Regular Session on December 31, 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: Paris Tillery, Marla White, Yesi Castro, Angie Jackson, Max Cannaday, Brantin Carr, Ricky Jones, Mike Millender, Susan Olsen, Bill Wilson, Charlie Wilson, Scott Newsome, Kathy Boren, Gary Boren, Rusdon Mills, Billy Saucier, Mark Griffin, Carson Bolin, Blake Sheffield, Richard Thomas, Josh Tucker, Matthew Downs, Eddie Rhoades, and Bob Stinson.

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:

- None.

Agenda Item 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 9, 2024 REGULAR SESSION AND THE DECEMBER 9, 2024 WORKSHOP SESSION – 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 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE MONTHLY REPORTS – COUNTY TREASURER – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the monthly reports as presented, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 12/31/2024 – A

Agenda Item 3 – AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENTS – COUNTY TREASURER – Commissioner Godfrey 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 12/31/2024 – B

Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE SETTING A PLACE, DATE, AND TIME FOR A HEARING TO CONSIDER PETITION FILED FOR AN EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to set the hearing for January 27, 2025, at 9:00 AM in the District Courtroom. Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AND SIGN A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF APPLYING BIOSOLIDS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution Calling for the Prohibition of Applying Biosolids in Franklin County, Texas, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 12/31/2024 - C

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE SB22 GRANTS FOR SHERIFF AND COUNTY ATTORNEY, #IA-0000001219 AND #IA-0000001220 – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the SB22 Grants for both the Sheriff and the County Attorney. Sheriff's grant is in the amount of \$350,000.00, and the County Attorney's grant is in the amount of \$175,000.00. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 12/31/2024 – D1 and D2

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE 2024 COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2024 budget amendments and line-item transfers as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 12/31/2024 – E

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE REVISED CHANGES TO GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX ABATEMENT POLICY STATEMENT – COMMISSIONER COOPER – Commissioner Smith made a motion to table, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion to table carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE REVISED CHANGES TO FRANKLIN COUNTY ROAD USE AGREEMENT – COMMISSIONER COOPER – Commissioner Smith made a motion to table, and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion to table carried 4-0.

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER WITH FIRMIN'S FOR THE WEST ANNEX FURNITURE PURCHASE – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the change order with Firmin's for the West Annex furniture purchase. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 12/31/2024 – F

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE BONDS FOR THE FOLLOWING NEWLY ELECTED/RE-ELECTED OFFICIALS: LANDON RAMSAY-COUNTY ATTORNEY, RICKY JONES-SHERIFF, MELISSA MCSWAIN CLAWSON-TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR, JERRY COOPER-PCT 1 COMMISSIONER, SCOTT NEWSOME-PCT 3 COMMISSIONER, AND BRANTIN CARR-FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSTABLE – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the bonds for Landon Ramsay, Ricky Jones, Melissa McSwain Clawson, Jerry Cooper, Scott Newsome, and Brantin Carr. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Godfrey. Motion carried 4-0.

See Exhibit 12/31/2024 – G

Agenda Item 12 – RECORD CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICE SECURITY AND PRIVACY TRAINING CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION FOR BROOK BUSSELL AND MARIE REDAR – COUNTY CLERK – The Criminal Justice Information Service Security and Privacy Training Certificates of Completion for Brook Bussell and Marie Redar were recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 12/31/2024 – H

Agenda Item 13 – RECORD COUNTY AUDITOR ORDER OF APPOINTMENT – COUNTY AUDITOR – The Order Appointing County Auditor was recorded as presented.
See Exhibit 12/31/2024 – I

Agenda Item 14 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A PAYMENT OF \$113,855.00 FOR DAMANAGES TO COUNTY ROADS 2100 AND 2210 IN PCT 2 AND APPROVE A FULL RELEASE TO ONCOR – COMMISSIONER GODFREY – Person from Oncor was not available to attend the meeting so Commissioner Godfrey requested to table this item again. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to table, and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion to table carried 4-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Judge Lee thanked Commissioner Emerson for his service.
- State and Federal government.
- Upcoming legislative session, and upcoming Counties at the Capitol Legislative Day on January 28, 2025.

Adjourn - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 AM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Regular Session on December 31, 2024.

Witnessed and recorded this 7th day of January, 2025.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk