

Franklin County Commissioners Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Workshop Session
January 21, 2025

The Franklin County Commissioners Court met in a Workshop Session on January 21, 2025, 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
Scott Newsome, Commissioner Precinct 3
Scott Smith, Commissioner Precinct 4
Brook Bussell, County Clerk

VISITORS: Beth Hedges, Marla White, Paris Tillery, Brantin Carr, Clint Bain, Max Cannaday, Melissa Clawson, Ricky Jones, Jill Major, and Russell McCurdy.

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Commissioner Smith offered prayer.

Items discussed:

1. ESD – Public hearing can not be held on January 27th due to public notice not being published in newspaper at least 21 days prior to the meeting. There is not enough time to schedule another public hearing prior to the February 14th deadline to order an election. Russell McCurdy discussed and Melissa Clawson discussed options for the county to consider as possible sources of funding. Commissioner Smith will work on scheduling a meeting between the county, the city, and the fire chiefs from each fire department to discuss priority needs for each respective department so that tentative financials can be determined.
2. Subdivision Regulations – some of the proposed changes were discussed. Max expressed a need to get the OSSF Local Rules taken care of first because that will impact the subdivision regulations as well.
3. OSSF Local Rules update – Max is working on updating the local rules. He does not have anything to present to the Court at this time.
4. Partnership with the City and PAWS – Commissioner Newsome would like for the county to request the financials for PAWS before entering into any agreement.
5. Tax Abatement Policy – continue to look over examples provided and put on a future agenda.
6. Jill Major stated Linebarger will be presenting the Delinquent Tax Report on February 10, 2025.

Adjourn – Commissioner Newsome made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Godfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:51 PM.

I, Brook Bussell, County Clerk, certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners Court Workshop Session on January 21, 2025.

Witnessed and recorded this 21st day of January, 2025.

Brook Bussell, County Clerk

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