

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Special Session
August 24, 2017

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Special Session August 24, 2017 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, TX

Members present: Scott Lee, County Judge
Jerry Cooper, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Larkin Jumper, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Charlie Emerson, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4

VISITORS: Brook Bussell, Tina Phillips, Katie Stump, Jim Alford, Melissa McSwain, Don Marquardt and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lee called the meeting to order and Commissioner Young offered prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

DISCUSS AND CONDUCT FIRST PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TOTAL TAX REVENUE – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON- COUNTY JUDGE

(a) Judge Lee convened the public hearing at 9:06 AM to discuss the increase of total tax revenue and the adoption of Franklin County's 2018 Final Budget. Don Marquardt addressed the court. He recognized the hard work of the Commissioners' and other County Officials. He did request that the court look at ways of saving money be explored. County Judge Scott addressed unfunded mandates contributing to the rising tax costs. Judge Lee pointed out that some employees were cut last year and no raises were given last year. Commissioner Young addressed the rising cost of road materials, insurance premiums and the upkeep and maintenance of all the county building.

(b) Judge Lee adjourned the public hearing at 9:45AM.

Discussion: Auditor Tina Phillips gave an update and reported more items had been added to the insurance claim from the lightning strike. Problems have occurred with part of geothermal, phones on the top floor of the courthouse and cameras at the library. Also discussed county roads.

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I, Betty Crane, County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of Commissioner's Court Special meeting on August 24, 2017.

Witnessed and recorded this 24th day of August, 2017.

Betty Crane, County Clerk