

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Workshop Session
October 24, 2016

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in a Workshop Session October 24, 2016 at 2:00 PM at Franklin County Courthouse County Courtroom located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas

Members present: Larkin Jumper, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Bob McFarland, Jerry Cooper, Phil Davilla, Wayne Defenbaugh, Jim Alford, Charlie Emerson, Gene Stump, and Lillie Bush-Reves

Commissioner Young called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Young introduced Wayne Defenbaugh, from Blackland Railroad and Phil Davilla, the executive director of NETEX. NETEX owns the line and Blackland Railroad owns the train. Mr. Defenbaugh presented a power point showing the economic value that the railroad has. At this time the railroad runs from Winfield to Greenville. He presented the economic outcome and showed the benefits of the railroad was to Franklin County. It could increase businesses and create jobs. Increase the car load growth, rail car traffic and increase the revenue. He reported they are wanting to upgrade the track to make it more efficient and to increase the speed. He reported they are in talks with Lowes with the possibility of Lowes using the rail car to bring freight into Franklin County. Trans loading provides unloading and loading possibilities for local hauling and we are trying to increase rail car activity and revenue.

Commissioner Young encouraged everyone to write letters to legislators and put a word in for NETEX.

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

I, Betty Crane, County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of Commissioner's Court Workshop meeting on October 24, 2016.

Witnessed and recorded this 24th day of October, 2016.

Betty Crane, County Clerk