

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Workshop Session
August 12, 2011

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in a Workshop Meeting on August 12, 2011 at 1:00PM at Mount Vernon City Hall located at 109 North Kaufman Street

Members present: Paul Lovier, County Judge
Danny Chitsey, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Donnie Surratt, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3 ABSENT
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Will Ramsay, County Attorney ABSENT
Betty Sue Allen, County Treasurer
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Jean Patterson, Deborah Spradlin, Jessica Watson, Matt Watson, Don Easterling, Charlene Maghe, Sue Bolin, Leon Pless, Loretta Rhoades, Eddie Rhoades, Jolene Yancey, Kathy Cannon, Mike O'Brient, Billy Richards, Paul Fletcher, V. J. Rhoades, Hal Gibson, Jack Brooks, Kenneth Cupp, Jeremy D. Cox, Robert W. Zinn, Peggy Jones, Candace Johnson, Gearldine Rhoades, Edwin Rhoades, Carolyn Teague, John Tutor, Terry Emery, Chris Mars, Bert Edmondson, Rusty Barker, Darwin McGill, Ron Milton, Thomas Garcia, Kim Lester, Roy Hoffman, Chris Hughes, Amber Hughes, Victoria Fletcher, Elaine McFeely, Sandra Dunn, Jacque Bateman, Elizabeth Aden, Randy Green, J. D. Baumgardner, James Kober, Glenda Burns-Brooks, Mike Michaelson, Jim Alford, Bryan Giguere, Ellen Jagggers, Lisa Lawrence, Jerry Cooper, Willie Bane, Everett Walter, Gerry Allen, Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lovier called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and offered prayer.

Commissioner Young made a motion to recess the meeting and reconvene at the Mount Vernon City Hall due to needing a larger venue to hold the meeting because of the large crowd in attendance and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judge Lovier reconvened the meeting at 1:10 PM at City Hall.

2012 BUDGET AND RELATED ISSUES – Judge Lovier reported there have some new figures in the budget and rumors got out that the major service organizations would be cut. Judge Lovier requested everyone to put their emotions aside and assured everyone that they have the county's best interest at heart as well as the City. He stated we are trying to get the budget done the best way we can. He reported the Auditor, Treasurer and the County Tax Assessor have worked the figures and have shed some new light on some budget items and issues and it does not look as bleak as it did.

The County Auditor reported since receiving instructions from Commissioners' Court they have gone through the budget line item by line item in both revenues and expenses and made some adjustments as instructed. He reported since last Friday he had met with a consultant and determined there were some increases in revenues for the General Fund by \$291,000 and adjusted the Road and Bridge Fund \$122,000 in additional revenue. With this information we come pretty close to a balanced budget with the other things we were instructed to do. Those assumptions are a 50 cent per hour increase in pay for hourly employees, keeps the longevity pay, keeps the health insurance the same as this last year, no cuts for service organizations and we did not increase the tax rate.

Commissioner Chitsey clarified there is \$88,000 for the sports complex in this budget. There is \$38,000 in the budget which is the same as last year and they also put \$50,000 that will be generated in fees in fundraisers and the concession stand. If we get it we can spend it, if we don't get it, we can't spend it.

Several members of the audience asked a few questions to verify their service organizations were not being cut and they were reassured they were not.

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

I, Betty Crane, County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of Commissioners' Court Workshop Session on August 12, 2011.

Witnessed and recorded this 12th day of August, 2011.

Betty Crane, Franklin County Clerk