

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
January 9, 2017

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session January 9, 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
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Willie Bane, Gerald Ezelle, Elizabeth Ezelle, Neuman Browning, Bert Edmondson, Kevin Spence, Cathy Jumper, Margaret Sears, Ellen Jagers, Telisa Newman, Jim Alford, Gordon Hukill, Lisa Lawrence, Betty Sue Allen, Sue Ann Harper, Lindsey Yeager, Jennifer Dennis, D. J. Jancosek, Ricky Jones, Lillie Bush-Reves, Bryan Giguere, Tina Phillips, Mary Kay Thomas,

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

Public Comments: None

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 27, 2016 REGULAR SESSION, AND THE DECEMBER 30, 2016 SPECIAL SESSION - COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 27, 2016 Regular Session and the December 30, 2016 Special Session and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 1/9/2017 - A**

SECOND READING; PLAT LOTS 9, 10, 11 & 12 CADDO POINT TRAILS #3 SUBDIVISION – GERALD AND ELIZABETH EZELLE - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the second reading of Caddo Point Trails #3 Subdivision of Lots, 9, 10, 11, and 12 and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Plat Cabinet #303A**

PRESENT AND RECORD 2016 CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR BETTY CRANE – COUNTY CLERK - County Clerk Betty Crane presented her 2016 Continuing Education Certificate of Completion to be put on record in the minutes. **See Exhibit 1/9/2012 - B**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENTAL REQUEST OF MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING ON JANUARY 14, 2017 BY MT. PLEASANT CONGREGATION WEST – SPANISH AS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION – TREASURER – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the rental request of the Multi-Purpose building on January 14, 2017 by Mt. Pleasant Congregation West by Joaquin Coronel Rubio and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported the renter has claimed they are a non-profit but if they cannot present their paperwork showing they are a non-profit the regular rental fee will apply and the renter understands this.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENEWAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND DATCS – (TREASURER) – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported this is an annual contract and the County Attorney has reviewed it. She reported the drug screening had gone up \$3 to a total of \$38.00. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the renewal of contract between Franklin County and DATCS and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Judge Lee strongly recommended everyone to follow the DATCS recommendations and also follow County Policy. **See Exhibit 1/9/2017 - C**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (TxCDBG) ON BEHALF OF CYPRESS SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT AND DESIGNATING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ACT AS THE COUNTY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION – (MARY KAY THOMAS OF AMAZING GRANTS, INC. AND KEVIN SPENCE OF CYPRESS SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT) – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the Commissioners' Court of Franklin County to submit an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for funding through the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) on behalf of Cypress Spring Special Utility District and designating the County Judge to act as the County's Executive Officer and authorized Representative for Franklin County in all matters pertaining to the application. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion and the motion carried. **See Exhibit 1/9/2017 – D**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CYPRESS SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND DEFINING TERMS OF AGREEMENT SHOULD THE COUNTY BE AWARDED SUCH FUNDING ON BEHALF OF THE CYPRESS SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT (MARY KAY THOMAS OF AMAZING GRANTS, INC. AND KEVIN SPENCE OF CYPRESS SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT) – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve entering into an Agreement with Cypress Spring Special Utility District regarding the application for grant funds through the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program and defining terms of agreement should the County be awarded such funding on behalf of the Cypress Springs Special Utility District. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion and the motion carried. **See Exhibit 1/9/2017 - E**

PRESENT AND RECORD LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY HOTEL / MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX COMMITTEE BY BOB MCFARLAND – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lee read a letter of resignation from the Franklin County Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Committee from Bob McFarland. Mr. Willie Bane, a member of the Hotel / Motel Tax Committee reported the next meeting would be in September. Judge Lee reported the court would need to discuss if they wanted to change the make-up of the Committee or still get someone from the Industrial Foundation. **See Exhibit 1/9/2017 – F**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROPOSAL #5980 BY GUARDIAN SECURITY SOLUTIONS, LC TEXAS FOR IP SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130,579.00 – SHERIFF – After much discussion, Commissioner Young made a motion to approve Proposal #5980 by Guardian Security Solutions, LC Texas for IP Security Camera System for Franklin County Law Enforcement Center in the amount of \$130,579.00 and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Commissioner Jumper expressed concerns about spending tax payer money and wanted to see competing prices from other companies. Sheriff Jones reported he did contact other companies to get proposals. He reported the companies that he contacted, security systems was not their main focus. Their security systems were something he considered as an add-on and an after-thought. He explained the judicial software we are using now is a Cadillac system where courts are concerned but the law enforcement side was an add-on and not ideal for law enforcement. Judge Lee reported the funds to purchase this is not Franklin County tax payer money. He said the funds that will be used to purchase this is from inmate revenue received from other counties from housing their inmates. Sheriff Jones reported that Guardian is an approved vendor of the state on the BuyBoard. Judge Lee asked for a vote on the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners Cooper, Emerson and Young all voting in favor. Commissioner Jumper voted against and stated he was not opposed to the purchase but opposed to the process. He said the state approved rates may not be the cheapest. You could find cheaper by going out on the open market. **See Exhibit 1/9/2017 - G**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROPOSAL #5982 BY GUARDIAN SECURITY SOLUTIONS, LC TEXAS FOR UPGRADE TO NEW NVR FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,292.00 – SHERIFF – After much discussion, Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve Proposal #5982 by Guardian Solutions, LC Texas for an upgrade to a new NVR for the Franklin County Courthouse in the amount of \$11,292.00 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Commissioner Young made a motion to amend the motion by changing the Proposal #5982 to new Proposal # 6051 and increase the amount to \$12,872.00 for the additional camera in the courthouse. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion to amend the first motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the original motion as amended and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Jumper voted against and stated he was not opposed to the purchase but opposed to the process. **See Exhibit 1/9/2017 - H**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROPOSAL #5983 FOR PANIC ALARM SYSTEMS FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,990.00 – SHERIFF – After much discussion, Commissioner Young made a motion to approve proposal #5983 in the amount of \$32,990 plus 3 extra panic buttons at \$135 each for the Franklin County Library. After more discussion, Commissioner Young revised his original motion to approve proposal #5983 for panic alarm systems for the Franklin County Courthouse and the Law Enforcement Center in the amount of \$32,990.00 and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 1/9/2017 - I**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROPOSAL #5984 FOR IP SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,642.00 – SHERIFF – Auditor Tina Phillips reported that Proposal #5984 is for the Franklin County Airport and not for the Franklin County Library. After much discussion, no action was taken.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROPOSAL #5985 FOR IP SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY ANNEX IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,552.00 – SHERIFF – Auditor Tina Phillips reported that Proposal # 5985 is for Franklin County East Annex. After much discussion, no action taken.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROPOSAL #5988 FOR IP SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM AND PANIC ALARM SYSTEM FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,577.00 – SHERIFF – After much discussion, Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve Proposal #5988 by Guardian Solutions, LC Texas for IP Security camera system and panic alarm system for the Franklin County Library in the amount of \$15,577.00 and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to amend the motion by changing the Proposal #5988 to new Proposal #6044 and increase the amount to \$16,551.00 for cameras, panic buttons and an intercom system for the Franklin County Library. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion to amend the first motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Young voted against the motion. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the original motion as amended and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Young voted against the motion. **See Exhibit 1/9/2017 - J**

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent Lindsey Yeager reported on recent events and activities she had attended as well as informed the court about future events and activities coming up. County Judge reported a new apartment complex for 55 and over is being built on Carr Street as well as a new truck stop. Judge Lee reported some businesses had requested the county employees' park behind the courthouse because there is limited parking around the square with all the new businesses coming to downtown. Commissioner Young gave some updated information on NETEX Blacklands trans-load project. Auditor Tina Phillips requested everyone to turn in their 2016 invoices to her as soon as possible.

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 Regular meeting on January 9, 2017

Witnessed and recorded this 9th day of January, 2017.

Betty Crane, County Clerk