

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Special Session  
October 4, 2017

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Special Session October 4, 2017 at 9:30 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: Diane Newsom, Willie Bane, Lillie Bush-Reves, Ellen Jagers, Bryan Giguere, Katie Stump, Gene Stump, Brad Sears, Betty Sue Allen, and Jacque Bateman

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

**AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT - TREASURER** - Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve payment of the claims against the county and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 10-4-2017 – A**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DISSOLVING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HOTEL / MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX COMMITTEE AND RETURNING THE DISBURSEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT – PRECINCT 2** – After much discussion,

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to dissolve the Franklin County Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Committee and return the disbursement responsibilities to the Commissioners' Court and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. After even more discussion, Judge Lee called for a vote. Commissioners' Emerson and Young voted against the motion and the vote was tied two to two. Judge Lee refused to vote to break the tie. He reported he wanted to hear what the Hotel / Motel Association has to say at the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting before a final decision is made. Motion died with a tied vote – 2 for and 2 against dissolving the Franklin County Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Committee and returning the disbursement responsibilities to the Commissioners' Court.

**DISCUSSION:** Judge Lee reminded everyone of another Commissioners' Court meeting tomorrow, October 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss approving the appointment of the Mount Vernon Municipal Judge Kathy Lovier to preside over the Franklin County Justice of the Peace Civil Court in Judge Alford's absence. He reported Judge Alford had an accident and hurt his shoulder.

**RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.071 FOR CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THREATENED OR PENDING LITIGATION AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.072 TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY – COUNTY JUDGE –**

Commissioners' Court recessed into Executive Session at 10:44 AM to consult with the County Attorney to consider and take action on threatened or pending litigation and to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. Those in attendance were: Judge Lee, Commissioners' Cooper, Jumper, Emerson, Young, County Clerk Betty Crane, Treasurer Betty Sue Allen, Auditor Tina Phillips and County Attorney Gene Stump.

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE –** Executive Session reconvened back into open session at 11:43 AM. No action taken.

Commissioner Young 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 October 4, 2017.

Witnessed and recorded this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk