

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
November 13, 2017

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session November 13, 2017 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas.

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: Chris Moody, Everett Walter, John Gunn, Linda Bryan, Andy Kerklish, Margaret Sears, Brook Bussell, Ellen Jagers, Gail Reed, Vivian Rhoades, Linda Hammond, Melissa McSwain, Cathy Jumper, Katie Stump, Bert Edmondson, B. F. Hicks, Sherelyn Roberson, Bryan Giguere, Lillie Bush-Reves, Brook Bussell, Jim Alford, Tina Phillips, Betty Sue Allen, Carolyn Teague, Tina Rose and Ricky Jones.

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

Agenda Item 1 - APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 23, 2017 REGULAR SESSION, OCTOBER 23, 2017 WORKSHOP SESSION AND NOVEMBER 1, 2017 SPECIAL SESSION - COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the October 23, 2017 Regular Session minutes, October 23, 2017 Workshop session and the November 1, 2017 Special session minutes and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried

Agenda Item 2 - AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 11/13/2017 – A**

Agenda Item 3 – FIRST READING REPLAT LOT 161R BLOCK 36 SECTION 4 KINGS COUNTRY SUBDIVISION – BF HICKS FOR BARRY AND ANTOINETTE DAVIS - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the replat of Kings Country subdivision lot 161R of Block 64, Section 4 and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4 – FIRST READING REPLAT OF L4-R SECTION II KINGS COUNTRY SUBDIVISION – BF HICKS FOR GREGORY AND TONYA CLARK - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the replat of Kings Country subdivision lot L4-R Section 2 and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5 – SECOND READING REPLAT LOT 24R EAST PARK SUBDIVISION – JOHN D. AND DONNA G. GUNN - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the replat of lot 24R in East Park subdivision and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.
See Plat Cabinet 311B

Agenda Item 6 – RECORD MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2017 REGULAR SESSION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD – LINDA HAMMOND – The minutes of the October 16, 2017 regular session of the Franklin County Child Welfare Board were presented and put on record in the minutes. **See Exhibit 11/13/2017 - B**

Agenda Item 7 – PRESENTATION AND DEMONSTRATION OF ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE EXPRESSVOTE AND DS200 SCANNER AND TABULATOR – COUNTY CLERK AND CHRIS MOODY, ES&S - Chris Moody with Election Systems and Software presented a demonstration of the ExpressVote and DS200 scanner and tabulator and answered questions from Commissioners' Court and the public.

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PURCHASE OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT FROM ELECTION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE EXPRESSVOTE AND DS200 SCANNER AND TABULATOR – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the purchase of ten ExpressVote systems and ten DS200 scanners and tabulators from Election Systems and Software in the amount of \$92,986.28 and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 11/13/2017 - C**

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON AMENDING 2018 HOTEL / MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX AWARDED AMOUNTS FOR FUNDING REQUESTS – COUNTY JUDGE – After discussion, Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the list of events and the amounts to award in **Exhibit 11/13/2017- D - 1**. The motion died for a lack of a second. After more discussion, Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the list of events and the amounts to award in **Exhibit 11/13/2017- D – 2**. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion and the motion carried with Commissioners' Cooper, Emerson and County Judge Scott Lee voting in favor of the motion. Commissioners' Jumper and Young voted against the motion. Motion carried 3 to 2.

Agenda Item 10 - CANVASS NOVEMBER 7, 2017 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the November 7, 2017 Constitutional Amendment Election results as presented and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 11/13/2017 - E**

Agenda Item 11 – APPROVE MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY REPORTS – DISTRICT CLERK – District Clerk Ellen Jagers presented her office's monthly and quarterly reports from March 2016 through October 2017. She reported the reports had not been previously presented or approved in Commissioner's Court and she needed to ratify the reports. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the district clerk's March 2016 – October 2017 monthly and quarterly reports and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Volume 11/13/2017 - F**

Agenda Item 12 - PRESENT ACCOUNT RECAPS – TREASURER – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented account recaps from January through June 2017 to be put on record in the Minutes. **See Exhibit 11/13/2017 - G**

Agenda Item 13 – PRESENT MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY RECEIPTS FROM ALL DEPARTMENTS FOR 2017 – TREASURER – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen requested this agenda item be tabled at this time. Commissioner Young made a motion to table the monthly and quarterly receipts from all the departments for 2017 and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 14 - CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2018 HOLIDAY CALENDAR – TREASURER – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2018 holiday

calendar as presented and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

See Exhibit 11/13/2017 - H

Agenda Item 15 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REDUCING VERIZON PHONE PLAN FOR SPORTS COMPLEX FROM UNLIMITED MINUTES TO 400 MINUTES PER MONTH AT A SAVINGS OF \$747.60 ANNUALLY- TREASURER Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve reducing the Verizon phone plan for the Sports Complex from unlimited minutes to 400 minutes per month at a savings of \$747.60 annually. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Agenda Item 16 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING BLOCKING ANY TEXT MESSAGES ON VERIZON BROADBAND LINES (COPSYNC) AS A SMALL SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY – TREASURER – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve blocking any text messages on Verizon broadband lines (Copsync) as a small savings to the county and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 17 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CHANGING THE PHONE PLAN FOR LINE NUMBER 903-563-0103 TO MOBILE BROADBAND UNLIMITED AT \$37.99 PER MONTH – TREASURER – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve changing the phone plan for line number 903-563-0103 to mobile broadband unlimited at \$37.99 per month and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 18 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AIRPORT PROJECT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN TXDOT AND FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Airport Project Participation Agreement between TXDOT and Franklin County and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Exhibit 11/13/2017 - I

Agenda Item 19 – RECORD CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION OF MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS FOR LARKIN JUMPER – PRECINCT 2 - Commissioner Jumper presented his certificates of completion for mandatory continuing education hours to be put on record in the minutes. See Exhibit 11/13/2017 - J

DISCUSSION ITEMS: District Clerk Ellen Jagers presented a Memorandum of Understanding for review that will need to be approved by Commissioners' Court. See Exhibit 11/13/2017 – K. She explained the OAG will install equipment necessary to establish a secure wireless internet connection. There will be no cost to the county to do this. Also discussed appointing new committee members to the Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Committee. Judge Lee reported he had not heard anything from Hurley Miller about an Extension Agent. Sheriff Jones reported he had water leaks at the jail.

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 Regular meeting on November 13, 2017

Witnessed and recorded this 13th day of November, 2017.

Betty Crane, County Clerk

AGENDA ITEM #9 - Exhibit 11/13/2017- D – 1

RE: Motions made on Agenda Item 9 – Consider and take action on amending 2018 Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax awarded amounts for funding requests

Commissioner Jumper's motion included the following events and the amounts to fund:

Alamo Mission Signage - \$1,000
Chamber Disc Golf Texas Teams - \$1,000
Key Club Countryfest - \$2,800
Alamo Mission Operating - \$5,707
Arts Alliance - \$5,707
Chamber Disc Golf World Am Doubles - \$5,707
Genealogy Historical Preservation - \$5,707
Historical Association - \$5,707
Rotary Tour de Cypress - \$5,707
Sulphur River Saddlery - \$5,707
Alamo Mission Events - \$0
Main Street Food & Wine Festival - \$0
Total - \$44,749.00 – Motion died for a lack of a second

AGENDA ITEM #9 - Exhibit 11/13/2017- D – 2

Commissioner Cooper's motion included the following events and the amounts to fund:

Alamo Mission Signage - \$1,000
Chamber Disc Golf Texas Teams - \$1,000
Key Club Countryfest - \$5,305
Alamo Mission Operating - \$5,305
Arts Alliance - \$5,305
Chamber Disc Golf World Am Doubles - \$5,305
Genealogy Historical Preservation - \$5,305
Historical Association - \$5,305
Rotary Tour de Cypress - \$5,305
Sulphur River Saddlery - \$5,305
Main Street Food & Wine Festival - \$5,305
Alamo Mission Events - \$0
Total - \$47,745.00 – Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion and the motion carried with Commissioners' Cooper, Emerson and County Judge Scott Lee voting in favor and Commissioners' Jumper and Young voting against the motion. Motion carried 3 to 2.