

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Special Session
June 5, 2017

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Special Session June 5, 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

VISITORS: Brook Bussell, Lisa Lawrence, Bryan Giguere, Cathy Jumper, Jim Alford, Robert Zinn, Katie Stump, Gene Stump, Robert S. Davis, Tina Phillips, Betty Sue Allen, and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

Public comments: Auditor Tina Phillips reported that a decision had not been made by the Governor to hold a Special Session at this time.

AGENDA ITEM 1 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON – COUNTY JUDGE - Judge Lee recommended putting this agenda item on the June 12th agenda. He encouraged discussion on what needs to be done about the library and the animal control situation. It was suggested that the county needs to discuss labor and have figures available to discuss with the City on June 12th. Judge Lee suggested coming back to this agenda item after the Executive Session for more discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DESIGNATION OF AN ONLINE ACCOUNT ACCESS ADMINISTRATOR FOR ALL ACCOUNTS WITH FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MOUNT VERNON LISTED UNDER THE COUNTY'S EIN AND AUTHORIZING DESIGNEE TO ASSIGN AND REMOVE INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE ONLINE RIGHTS FOR EACH ACCOUNT – COUNTY AUDITOR - Auditor Tina Phillips explained that an online access administrator is required by the First National Bank and the administrator will have access to all information in the bank accounts. The online access administrator will have the capability to assign and remove online rights to individual employees for each bank account. The administrator is also a signer on each of the accounts. Any bank account that is not under the County's EIN will have to be bid out for their own depository. County Attorney Gene Stump reported he has been asked to request an Attorney General Opinion on the Court Registry Accounts. He reported this could take days or weeks to get the AG opinion. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the County Auditor, Tina Phillips to be the online bank account access administrator for all accounts with First National Bank of Mount Vernon listed under the County's EIN and authorizing designee to assign and remove individual employee online rights for each account. Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion and the motion carried. Commissioner Jumper said if at some point in time one of the parties wanted to get their own EIN and it is legal to do it, more power to them.

MORE DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEM #1 – Commissioners’ want a list from the City as to what they want and will revisit once we have their lists. Commissioner Cooper wants to do an Interlocal Agreement with the City and discuss each item one by one and decide what the County can do for the City. Librarian Lisa Lawrence requested the library to be separate from anything road related as far as the City’s portion of the library budget. Commissioner Jumper also addressed several issues.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE COMMISSIONERS’ 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 – COUNTY JUDGE - Commissioners’ Court recessed into Executive Session at 9:26 AM.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE - Regular Session reconvened back into open session at 10:24AM. No action taken.

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 Special meeting on June 5, 2017.

Witnessed and recorded this 5th day of June, 2017.

Betty Crane, County Clerk