

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
January 23, 2017

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session January 23, 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, Clyde Siddens, Terri Siddens, Todd Conradson, Robert Zinn, D. J. Jancosek, Bryan Giguere, Ben Dempsey, Ellen Jiggers, Margaret Sears, Jim Alford, Cathy Jumper, Ricky Jones, Bill Travis, Gene Stump, 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: Terri Siddens addressed the flooding issue on her property as a result of water running from a neighbor's property. She reported flooding was in her front yard and was getting close to her house. She also reported water in front of her shop and gate and it is to a point where they can't get their truck out. Commissioner Jumper said the problem is a result of a neighboring land owner constructing a dam across the natural flow of water drainage.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 9, 2017 REGULAR SESSION - COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9, 2017 Regular 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 1/23/2017 - A

PRESENT AND RECORD CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT AND TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT TRAINING FOR JERRY COOPER – PRECINCT 1 - County Clerk Betty Crane reported she had received the Certificates of Completion of the Texas Open Meeting Act and Texas Public Information Act training for Jerry Cooper and would put on record in the Minutes.
See Exhibit 1/23/2017 - B

PRESENT AND RECORD CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT AND TEXAS PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT TRAINING FOR CHARLIE EMERSON – PRECINCT 3- County Clerk Betty Crane reported she had received the Certificates of Completion of the Texas Open Meeting Act and Texas Public Information Act training for Charlie Emerson and would put on record in the Minutes.
See Exhibit 1/23/2017 - C

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SLIVERLEAF AT MOUNT VERNON – BEN DEMPSEY, STONELEAF COMPANIES – After some discussion, Commissioner Young made a motion to table this agenda item at the County Attorney's request until more details could be presented and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried to table this agenda item.
See Exhibit 1/23/2017 - D

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND MT. VERNON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THREE AUTOMARK POLLING MACHINGS FOR 2017 ELECTION – COUNTY CLERK - County Clerk Betty Crane reported this is the exact same Lease Agreement that was approved for the Franklin County Water District on December 27, 2016. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement between Franklin County and Mount Vernon Independent School District for three AutoMark polling machines for the upcoming 2017 election and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 1/23/2017 - E**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING BOND WITH A FOUR YEAR CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE FOR MELISSA MCSWAIN, CHIEF DEPUTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR – COUNTY CLERK - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve a bond with a four year continuation certificate for Melissa McSwain, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 1/23/2017 - F**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT RESOLUTION FOR THE 2017 – 2018 LAW ENFORCEMENT SAFETY AND EVIDENCE SECURITY PROJECT 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 – ROBERT MORRE, FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – Sheriff Jones reported Grant # 3248401 does not require matching funds and will be used to purchase video cameras for twelve units. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Resolution for the 2017 – 2018 Law Enforcement Safety and Evidence Security Project and to designate the County Judge to act as the County's Executive Officer and authorized representative for Franklin County in all matters pertaining to the application and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 1/23/2017 - G**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING WORK ORDER REQUEST FOR ROOF DRAINS OF THE COURTHOUSE – TODD CONRADSON – Maintenance Supervisor Todd Conradson reported he would like to purchase some roof top strainer baskets for drainage grating to cover eight areas of the roof drains that birds can get in and build nests. The price for the project is \$640. Other options were suggested from the court. The Court advised him to find a cheaper way to fix the drain problem. No action taken. **See Exhibit 1/23/2017 - H**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING WORK ORDER REQUEST FOR CEILING TILES AND WAXING OF FLOORS AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AIRPORT

- TODD CONRADSON - Maintenance Supervisor Todd Conradson gave information about how much it would cost to replace the ceiling tiles and wax for the floors at the airport. It was suggested to ask Cody Bradford how much it would cost for him to do the work on the floors or how much he would charge to rent the equipment to do the floors or possibly have the inmates do the work. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to table this agenda item and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.
See Exhibit 1/23/2017 - I

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING JANET MIDDLETON TO CARRY OVER VACATION HOURS OVER THE 80 HOUR LIMIT – TREASURER -

County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported Janet Middleton in the Justice of the Peace office had 18 vacation hours that she could lose without this approval today. She reported Janet is the only employee in the office and was not able to take her vacation time before the deadline. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve Janet Middleton to carry over 18 vacation hours over the 80 hour limit (with no time limit restriction when Janet has to use the hours) and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PURCHASE OF OFFICE BUILDING FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY TRANSFER STATION – PRECINCT 2 -

Commissioner Jumper reported the transfer station building is in horrible condition. There has been water leaks from rain he thought it was full of mold. He has not been able to find anything at this time that would be suitable to replace the building with. He stated it could be a small building with a window to be able to see out and an air conditioner unit. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the purchase of an office building for the transfer station with a cap of \$3,500 and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 ACTION ON THREATENED OR PENDING LITIGATION – COUNTY JUDGE -

Commissioners’ Court recessed into Executive Session at 10:07 AM.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE - Regular Session reconvened back into open session at 10:39AM

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING SOLUTION TO FLOODING ISSUES ON FRANKLIN COUNTY ROAD NE 2010 – PRECINCT 2 –

The County Attorney reported he would contact Kelly Bohlken and give him a week to alleviate the flooding problem on the Siddens property that was caused by the dam he had built. No action taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Judge Lee reported receiving the December 2016 report from the Franklin County Ambulance Service which began on December 20th. They reported 46 emergency calls and 2 transfer calls with a total of 48 service runs. Seventeen of those calls were within the City of Mount Vernon and twelve were from within the county. The list of transfer destinations were four patients to Sulphur Springs, three to Winnsboro, fourteen to Titus Regional, one to Paris Regional, one to Pittsburg and one other. **See Exhibit 1/23/2017 – J** for more information about the ambulance service.

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 23, 2017

Witnessed and recorded this 23rd day of January, 2017.

Betty Crane, County Clerk