

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
August 28, 2017

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session August 28, 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:** Sherelyn Roberson, Robert Zinn, Ricky Jones, Lisa Lawrence, Sue Ann Harper, Bryan Giguere, Margaret Sears, Tina Phillips, Jim Alford, Katie Stump, Gene Stump 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:** None

**Agenda Item 1 - APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 14, 2017 REGULAR SESSION, AUGUST 21, 2017 AND AUGUST 24, 2017 SPECIAL SESSIONS-COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the August 14, 2017 Regular Session, August 21 and 24, 2017 Special Sessions and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 3 - DISCUSS AND CONDUCT FIRST PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TOTAL TAX REVENUE – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON-COUNTY JUDGE** - Judge Lee reported we need a motion to change the wording from first public hearing to second public hearing. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve changing the agenda item to read second public hearing and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(a) Judge Lee convened the public hearing at 9:07 AM to discuss the increase of total tax revenue and the adoption of Franklin County's 2018 Final Budget. Judge Lee asked if there was anyone in attendance that wanted to talk about the budget and there was no response.

(b) Judge Lee adjourned the public hearing at 9:08 AM.

**Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN AMERICAN RED CROSS, FRANKLIN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON – ALAN MCMILLIN, AMERICAN RED CROSS AND ROBERT ZINN -** Commissioner Young made a motion to approve entering into the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the American Red Cross, Franklin County and the City of Mount Vernon and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 8/28/2017 – A**

**Agenda Item 5 - CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE LIST OF NOVEMBER 2017 ELECTION POLLING LOCATIONS – COUNTY CLERK -** Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the list of polling locations for the upcoming November 7, 2017 election and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 8/28/2017 - B**

**Agenda Item 6 - CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2018 ELECTION JUDGES – COUNTY CLERK –** Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the 2018 Election Judges as presented and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 8/28/2017 – C**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Library Director Lisa Lawrence reported the library had been awarded a \$43,000 Tocker Grant for new shelving upstairs in the library. A decision will need to be made on what to do with the old shelving that is being replaced. She also reported receiving a grant for a 3-D printer and she will be attending training in October. She reported there is no expense for the county on the Tocker Grant other than the disposal of the old shelving. County Attorney Gene Stump was not sure if the old shelving could be donated or not. He would check on this. He also reported he was still working on setting up a Law Library. Judge Lee reported that Tracy Reed is stepping down from the Local Workforce Board and Jeff Smith had been appointed. Commissioner Jumper requested to schedule a workshop in the next month or so to address certain future budget issues. Auditor Tina Phillips reported she had received a letter from the Regional Public Defenders office about the MOU. The Capital Appointed Lawyer Fund is going up about \$5,000 for each of the next 2 years (total \$13,000 for each year) and a change will need to be made to the final budget.

**Agenda Item 2 - AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER –** Commissioner Jumper asked several questions about Indigent Health. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 8/28/2017 – D**

**Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND FIRMIN’S – COUNTY AUDITOR -** Auditor Tina Phillips reported this is on a canon machine in the Justice of the Peace office. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the service and maintenance agreement between Franklin County and Firmin's and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 8/28/2017 – E**

**Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2017 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – COUNTY AUDITOR** – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2017 Budget Amendment and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 8/28/2017 - F**

**Agenda Item 9 - 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 9:26 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.

**Agenda Item 10 – RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE** – Regular Session reconvened back into open session at 10:06 AM. No action taken.

Commissioner Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Jumper 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 August 28, 2017.

Witnessed and recorded this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk