

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

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session February 13, 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, Trudy McDiffett, Jerry Woodall, Sue Ann Harper, Cathy Jumper, Bryan Giguere, Margaret Sears, Jim Alford, B. F. Hicks, Robert Zinn, Ellen Jagers, Gene Stump, John Grantham, Bill Travis, Betty Sue Allen, Tina Phillips, Telisa Newman,

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

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 23, 2017 REGULAR SESSION-COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the January 23, 2017 Regular Session minutes and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried

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

**FIRST READING: REPLAT LOTS 7R & 8R BLOCK 10 SECTION 2 TALL TREE SUBDIVISION – BF HICKS FOR JEAN AND MARIE LATORTUE AND ADELE BAKKEN TRUST** - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of Tall Tree Subdivision Lots 7R and 8\$ of Block 10 in Section 2 and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MELISSA MCSWAIN DONATING 16 HOURS OF VACATION TIME TO JACQUELYN MENDEZ** - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve Melissa McSwain donating 16 hours of vacation time to Jacquelyn Mendez and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Commissioner Cooper abstained from voting on the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CRISTI GONZALES DONATING 8 HOURS OF VACATION TIME TO JACQUELYN MENDEZ** - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve Cristi Gonzales donating 8 hours of vacation time to Jacquelyn Mendez and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Commissioner Cooper abstained from voting on the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING BOB ZINN DONATING 40 HOURS OF SICK TIME TO JACQUELYN MENDEZ** - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve Bob Zinn donating 40 hours of sick time to Jacquelyn Mendez and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Commissioner Cooper abstained from voting on the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION FOR ATCOG GRANT TO REIMBURSE COST OF EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAILER – ROBERT ZINN, EMC** – Emergency Management Coordinator, Robert Zinn reported the ATCOG grant is a 100% grant. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the resolution for ATCOG grant to reimburse cost of equipment for emergency services trailer and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
**See Exhibit 2/13/2017 - B**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF GERALD HUBBELL TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX COMMITTEE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL FOUNDATION – COUNTY JUDGE** - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the appointment of Gerald Hubbell to the Franklin County Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Committee as representative of the Franklin County Industrial Foundation and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to 1. Commissioner Jumper stated he opposed this because he wants the committee to be revamped.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENEWAL OF CIRA SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY WEBSITE MAINTENANCE** - Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the renewal of CIRA Services Agreement for County website maintenance and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
**See Exhibit 2/13/2017 - C**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PURCHASE OF TRACTOR FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY TRANSFER STATION – PRECINCT 2** – Commissioner Jumper reported the tractor at the transfer station was probably 30 years old and fluid was leaking from the motor. He stated he was not really looking to purchase a tractor but was asking for suggestions since it was not in the budget to purchase one. It was suggested he could leave the backhoe on the weekends for Curtis to use. After more discussion, Commissioner Jumper made a motion to table approving the purchase of a tractor for the transfer station and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried to table this agenda item.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING SYSTEM FOR AWARD MANAGEMENT (SAM) AGREEMENT THROUGH GP&M – TREASURER** – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen explained SAM monitors the county's credit rating. She went on to explain there are two contracts – one for the county and one for the sheriff's office and wanted to renew the contracts for two years at a cost of \$599 each. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the System for Award Management Agreement (SAM) through GP&M and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
**See Exhibit 2/13/2017 - D**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- TXDOT / Highway Department had allotted road materials for Franklin County
- Landscaping for the courthouse / people could donate trees and plants and get Todd to do the planting / needs to be put on the agenda to approve accepting donations for landscaping around the courthouse / Texas Arbor Day is April 28th
- Update on the Nuisance Abatement – trying to get everyone on board with what we are trying to do
- Update - If work is done on City roads, City has \$17,000 in credit before any funds will be paid for the work done
- Update on Silverleaf Apartments - not going forward with the project
- Legislative issues
- Going out for bids for road materials / suggested extending the contract / would like to start having the bids for the calendar year
- Update on RTS System in the Tax Assessor's office – up and working well

**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 ACTION ON THREATENED OR PENDING LITIGATION – COUNTY JUDGE** - Commissioners' Court recessed into Executive Session at 9:45 AM.

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE** – Judge Lee reconvened Commissioners' Court back into open session at 10:06 AM.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AUTHORIZING COUNTY ATTORNEY TO HIRE EXTERNAL ATTORNEY TO RESOLVE FLOODING ISSUES ON FRANKLIN COUNTY ROAD NE 2010 – PRECINCT 2** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve authorizing the County Attorney to hire an external attorney to resolve the flooding and road drainage issue on County Road NE 2010 between County Road 2040 and 2050 and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jumper 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 February 13, 2017

Witnessed and recorded this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk