

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
March 27, 2017

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session March 27, 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: Bill Allen, Bryan Giguere, Genea Burnaman, Annetta Hamilton, Carolyn Teague, Telisa Newman, Ellen Jagers, Jenny Dennis, D. J. Jancosek, Margaret Sears, Tommy Grimes, Tina Phillips, Bill Travis Robert Zinn, Ricky Jones, Jim Alford, Bert Edmondson, 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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 13, 2017 REGULAR SESSION- COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the March 13, 2017 Regular Session minutes and Commissioner Emerson 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 3/27/2017 – A

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ACCOUNT RECAP FOR DECEMBER 2016 – TREASURER - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the December 2016 account recap and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 3/27/2017 - B**

FIRST READING: REPLAT LOTS 21R & 22R MARINA POINT SUBDIVISION – TOMMY GRIMES FOR STRAWBERRY DEVELOPMENTS, INC. - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of Marina Point Subdivision Lots 21R and 22R and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRST READING: PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADD THE PUBLIC ROAD KNOWN AS CAMP CYPRESS TRAIL TO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, TEXAS – LANDS END PROPERTY OWNERS – Commissioner Emerson reported he had inspected the road and cracks need to be sealed. Chip sealing will be a major expense. The cracks in the road need to be addressed before the county adds

the road to the county road system. The other commissioners indicated they would like to inspect the road condition also. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to table the request to add the Public Road known as Camp Cypress Trail to the County Road system and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING SCHEDULE FOR PROPERTY AND MOBILE EQUIPMENT RENEWAL WITH TAC – TREASURER – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen requested the Commissioners' to review the list of properties in the county's name as well as getting a chance to add or remove equipment. She stated she needed the information by Friday, March 31st. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the schedule for property and mobile equipment renewal with TAC and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 3/27/2017 - C**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING USE OF PROPERTY NORTH OF THE COURTHOUSE FOR THE EASTER SPEGGTACULAR EVENT – TREASURER – Carolyn Teague reported the Easter Speggtacular Event will be held on April 8th around the Square and requested using the property north of the courthouse for the egg hunt. Discussion arose about the property being mowed and fire ant poison being put out. Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the use of the property north of the Courthouse for the Easter Speggtacular Event to be held on April 8th and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECORD MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2017 REGULAR SESSION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lee presented the February 17, 2017 Franklin County Child Welfare Board minutes to be put on record in the minutes. **See Exhibit 3/27/2017 - D**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE 2017 – 2018 ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT – GENE BURNAMAN – After much discussion, died for a lack of a motion. No action taken. **See Exhibit 3/27/2017 - E**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CORRECTING TOTAL PROPOSAL FROM SERVICE POWER EQUIPMENT ON SKID TRACK LOADER FROM \$87,210.00 TO \$111,166.00 – TREASURER – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve correcting the total amount in the proposal received from Service Power Equipment for the skid track loader from \$87,210.00 to \$111,166.00. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CORRECTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 13, 2017 REGULAR SESSION – AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS 4 & 5 TO SHOW A DONATION OF SICK TIME INSTEAD OF VACATION TIME TO JACQUELYN MENDEZ – TREASURER – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve corrections on agenda items 4 and 5 from the February 13, 2017 Regular Session. This will correct the minutes to reflect a donation of sick time from Melissa McSwain and Cristi Gonzales instead of vacation time to Jacquelyn Mendez. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried. **See Exhibit 3/27/2017 - F**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CHRIS MARS DONATING 40 HOURS OF SICK TIME TO JACQUELYN MENDEZ – SHERIFF – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve Chris Mars 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 LEO HERRERA DONATING 40 HOURS OF SICK TIME TO JACQUELYN MENDEZ – SHERIFF - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve Leo Herrera 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 2016 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – COUNTY AUDITOR - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the 2016 Budget Amendments and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 3/27/2017 - G**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD’S PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 2017 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE - Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the Franklin County Child Welfare Board’s Proclamation designating April 2017 as Child Abuse Prevention Month for Franklin County and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 8/8/2016 - H**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY STORM SHELTER REGISTRY PROGRAM – ROBERT ZINN - Sheriff Ricky Jones stated he would like to see this registry program because he witnessed people walking in a pasture back to their home after a storm. They said they had been in their storm shelter. What if debris had blocked their exit and nobody knew about their storm shelter. He said this volunteer registry program would be helpful to him for search and rescue purposes. The registry program will be used by the Sheriff’s Office. The registry will not be available for public viewing. Robert Zinn reported it will cost a one-time fee of \$1,000 to \$1,500 to set up the registry. He reported he had funds in the Emergency Management Budget / Homeland Security to pay for the program. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Franklin County Storm Shelter Registry Program and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reminded everyone about the Special Meeting at 2:00 to open the depository bids. She reported she would review them and on April 10th a decision could be made. Auditor Tina Phillips gave an update on Senate Bill 2. She encouraged citizens to call their representatives. She reported VanDeaver voted against and Bryan Hughes voted to approve Senate Bill 2. If approved, it could be detrimental to counties.

Commissioner Emerson 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 March 27, 2017

Witnessed and recorded this 27th day of March, 2017.

Betty Crane, County Clerk