

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
May 8, 2017

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session May 8, 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: Jerry Woodall, Rob Stephens, Lisa Lawrence, Ron Barker, Ellen Jagers, Betty Sue Allen, Cathy Jumper, Lillie Bush-Reves, Jim Alford, Jean Pamplin, Katie Stump, Gene Stump, B. F. Hicks, Ricky Jones, Telisa Newman, Tina Phillips, and Todd Conradson

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 APRIL 24, 2017 REGULAR AND WORKSHOP SESSIONS-COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the April 24, 2017 Regular Session and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. \*NOTE – the April 24, 2017 Workshop Session was canceled.

**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 5/8/2017 – A

**FIRST READING: REPLAT LOT 6R-2 & LOT 4R-2 SOUTH SHORE ADDITION AND 3.23 ACRES OWNED BY KENNINGTON LAKEHOUSE LTD – BF HICKS FOR THOMAS AND BETH MONTGOMERY** - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of South Shore Addition Lots 6R-2 and 4R- 2 and 3.23 acres owned by Kennington Lakehouse LTD. and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADDITIONAL SALES DATES FOR FIREWORKS – ROB STEPHENS** - Rob Stephens informed the court additional firework sale dates are May 24 – 29<sup>th</sup> for the Memorial Day holiday. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the May 24 – 29<sup>th</sup> sale dates for the Memorial Day holiday and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE'S REQUEST TO REVISE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR OLD JAIL TO INCLUDE USING BUILDING AS A BED AND BREAKFAST – RON BARKER, FRANKLIN COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE -** Ron Barker, President of the Franklin County Arts Alliance requested revising the Lease Agreement for the Old Jail to include using the building as an Inn. He reported it will not be a Bed and Breakfast. The Commissioners' brought up the idea of selling the Old Jail to the Franklin County Arts Alliance. Items discussed is the building will need to be up to code for the electrical, county does not want to go into the motel business, building does not have an elevator, going out for bids to sell it, and property taxes would be assessed if the building stayed in the county's name. Commissioner Young made a motion to table this agenda item and asked to schedule a workshop for May 22<sup>nd</sup> and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CR ELECTRIC'S PROPOSAL FOR REPAIR AT FRANKLIN COUNTY AIRPORT COMMUNITY CENTER – TODD CONRADSON –** Maintenance Manager, Todd Conradson reported he had asked Eubank's Electric and CR Electric to put a bid in on the electrical repairs that were needed at the Franklin County Airport. He reported receiving a bid from CR Electric in the amount of \$1,500 to repair the electrical at the airport and did not receive anything from Eubanks Electric. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve CR Electric's proposal in the amount of \$1,500 for the repair at the Franklin County Airport Community Center and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 5/8/2017 - B**

**PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF 20-HOUR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SEMINAR FOR JIM ALFORD – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE -** County Clerk Betty Crane reported she had received Judge Alford's Certificate of Completion of a 20 hour Justice of the Peace Seminar and would put on record in the Minutes. **See Exhibit 5/8/2017 – C**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CONTRACT WITH INTEGRITY STEEL WORKS FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF JAIL CELL DOORS, LOCKS, ETC – SHERIFF -** Sheriff Jones reported the contract with Integrity Steel Works is for maintenance and repair of jail cell doors, locks, and pertinent equipment. He reported it is a yearly contract in the amount of \$3,339.28. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the contract with Integrity Steel works for the maintenance and repair of jail cell doors and other pertinent equipment in the amount of \$3,339.28 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 5/8/2017 – D**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CONTRACT WITH CROWSTON'S TOWING & SERVICE CENTER AND FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR NON-CONSENT TOWS AND STORAGE OF IMPOUNDED VEHICLES – SHERIFF -** Sheriff Jones requested no action on this agenda item at this time.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CONTRACT WITH LOWE'S FOR INSTALLATION OF 12' X 12' GENERATOR FENCING – PRECINCT 2 -** Commissioner Jumper reported Lowe's had requested for the county to pay half upfront to begin the job for the installation of a 12' x 12' fence around the courthouse generator. The remaining fee will be due when the job is complete. Also, Commissioner Jumper reported Franklin County will provide the post for the job. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the contract with Lowe's for installation of the 12' x 12' generator fencing located at the courthouse and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 5/8/2017 – E**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH TAC HEBP FOR THE 2017 REPORTING PERIOD ON AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REPORTING AND TRACKING SERVICE (ARTS) AT NO COST TO FRANKLIN COUNTY** - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the renewal of the contract with TAC HEBP for the 2017 reporting period on the Affordable Care Act reporting and tracking service at no cost to the county and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Exhibit 5/8/2017 - F

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2017 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – COUNTY AUDITOR** - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the 2017 Budget Amendment reflecting funds received from the City of Mount Vernon in the amount of \$3,333.66 towards a salary for a temporary summer worker for the library and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Exhibit 5/8/2017 – G for more information about the budget amendment.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Public member, Jerry Woodall stated nothing has been done to the road he lives on in seven to ten years and the no thru traffic signs keep being removed.
- Judge Lee reported the appraisal district said the appraisals have gone down about 20%. Auditor Tina Phillips stated she would get a detailed report from the appraisal district and do an analysis.
- Sheriff Jones reported the fire alarm system at the jail is not working and the jailers have to do a complete walk-through every 20 minutes. He has two options to fix the problem. It will cost around \$4,000 to fix the original system. There will not be a new control panel and parts are not being made for the original system anymore. It will cost about \$6,000 to replace a new dispatch panel and bring it to the 100 side to the dispatch area. Auditor Tina Phillips says it is time for evaluations to be done at the Sheriff's office to see what systems need to be updated.
- Auditor Tina Phillips said policies in Emergency Management need to be updated. She learned this information at a seminar and some counties are not being reimbursed for some items because it is not in the Emergency Management policy manual.
- Update on the Trans load – Lowes and Union Pacific are on board with the trans load project

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 May 8, 2017

Witnessed and recorded this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk