

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Special Session
November 29, 2017

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Special Session November 29, 2017 at 9:30 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
Charlie Emerson, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Ellen Jagers, Katie Stump, Gene Stump, and Betty Sue Allen

Judge Lee called the meeting to order and Commissioner Young offered prayer.

Public Comments: None

County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported the payroll was not complete at this time but it was being worked on.

Discussion: County Attorney Gene Stump reported he had researched the employee sick leave situation and there is a statute that specifically deals with donated sick leave and the statute says it is legal. He reported the statute (GC 661.207) **See Exhibit 11/29/2017 - A** deals with State agencies instead of County agencies. He reported he had contacted Allison and Bass and they did not know anything to the contrary unless the County did have a sick pool. He reported Allison and Bass was also researching this and at this point there was nothing that prohibits the donation of sick leave. He recommended putting those agenda items back on the agenda unless we find out otherwise. He reported he should know within 24 hours if they shouldn't be put back on the agenda. Discussion continued about the way to distribute the donation of sick leave hours. District Clerk Ellen Jagers invited the Commissioners' to provide input for the Personnel Policy Manual or they are welcome to attend the committee meetings. Discussed drug testing. Also discussed county credit cards and the credit card policy. Judge Lee reported he had contacted TAC and the First National Bank and they do not require a credit card policy before the credit cards can be distributed. District Clerk Ellen Jagers explained her reasoning as to why she is the only signer on the District Clerk registry account and the way funds are expended from that account is by a District Judge court order. Questions arose why the county is responsible for the court registry account and why the account is under the county's EIN. Judge Lee reported it is statutorily out of our hands.

Agenda Item 1 - AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 11/29/2017 – B**

Discussion continued: The Commissioners' requested the county credit cards be distributed as soon as possible and indicated they did not want to create a credit card policy. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported getting receipts from people where a credit card has been used is a problem. Discussed the problem with road signs being stolen and nothing being done about it. Judge Lee reported the Justice of the Peace office is very busy since we now have three DPS officers and needs help in that office. Judge Alford may make that request in Commissioners' Court. Judge Lee suggested having budget workshops in January and look at the budget line by line.

Commissioner Young 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 Special meeting on November 29, 2017.

Witnessed and recorded this 29th day of November, 2017.

Betty Crane, County Clerk