

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
September 11, 2017

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session September 11, 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: Tina Phillips, Bryan Giguere, Sue Ann Harper, Ellen Jagers, Margaret Sears, Sherelyn Roberson, Katie Stump, Gene Stump, B. F. Hicks, Telisa Newman, Ricky Jones, 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 28, 2017 REGULAR SESSION AND SEPTEMBER 6, 2017 SPECIAL SESSION - COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the August 28, 2017 Regular Session minutes and the September 6, 2017 Special session minutes. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion and the motion carried

Agenda Item 2 - AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 9/11/2017 – A**

Agenda Item 3 – REPLAT LOT 1R PHASE I THE OAKS SUBDIVISION – BF HICKS FOR WHITWORTH SUNRISE TRUST - Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of The Oaks subdivision, lot 1R, Phase I and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 4 – PRESENT COUNTY COMMISSIONER CONTINUING EDUCATION TRANSCRIPT FOR SAM YOUNG COMPLETING REQUIRED HOURS FOR 2017 – COUNTY JUDGE - County Clerk Betty Crane reported receiving Commissioner Young's transcript stating that he had completed the required continuing education hours for 2017 to be put on record in the minutes.
See Exhibit 9/11/2017 - B

Agenda Item 5 - CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENTALS REQUEST OF THE MULTI-PURPOSE BUIDLING ON OCTOBER 14, 2017 BY KENNETH BROWN FOR FAMILY REUNION - Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the rental request of the Multi-Purpose building from Kenneth Brown for a family reunion to be held on October 14, 2017 and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 6 – RECORD CERTIFIED COPY OF THE 8TH AND 62ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT'S ORDER FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR'S 2018 FIXED SALARY – COUNTY AUDITOR - Auditor Tina Phillips presented a certified copy of the 8th and the 62nd Judicial District Court's Order for the Franklin County Auditor's 2018 fixed salary in the amount of \$50,097.00 to be put on record in the minutes. **See Exhibit 9/11/2017 – C**

Agenda Item 7 – RECORD CERTIFIED COPY OF THE 8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT'S ORDER FOR THE 8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT REPORTER'S FIXED SALARY EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017 – COUNTY AUDITOR- Auditor Tina Phillips presented a certified copy of the 8th Judicial District Court's Order for the 8th Judicial District Court Reporter's fixed salary in the amount of \$13,332.96 effective October 1, 2017 to be put on record in the minutes. **See Exhibit 9/11/2017 - D**

Agenda Item 8 – RECORD CERTIFIED COPY OF THE 62ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT'S ORDER FOR THE 62ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT REPORTER'S FIXED SALARY EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017 – COUNTY AUDITOR – Auditor Tina Phillips presented a certified copy of the 62nd Judicial District Court's Order for the 62nd Judicial District Court Reporter's fixed salary in the amount of \$10,967.61 effective October 1, 2017 to be put on record in the minutes. **See Exhibit 9/11/2017 - E**

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING APPOINTING DR. JEAN LATORTUE AS FRANKLIN COUNTY'S LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve appointing Dr. Jean Latortue as Franklin County's Local Health Authority and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 9/11/2017 - F**

Agenda Item 10 - CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENEWAL OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY JAIL PHYSICIAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN JEAN LATORTUE, MD AND FRANKLIN COUNTY – SHERIFF – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the renewal of a two year Franklin County Jail Physician Agreement between Jean Latortue, MD and Franklin County and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 9/11/2017 - G**

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD OF 2017 – 18 SUSTEEN COMMUNITY OUTREACH MOBILE FORENSICS GRANT – SHERIFF- Sheriff Jones reported receiving an award in the amount of \$4,495.00 for software from the 2017 – 2018 Susteen Community Outreach Mobile Forensics' Grant. There is a cost of \$995.00 and he planned on paying with inmate housing funds. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve accepting the award in the amount of \$4,495.00 from the 2017 – 18 Susteen Community Outreach Mobile Forensics Grant and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 12 - CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENEWAL OF REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR 2017 – 2018 – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the renewal of the Regional Public Defender Office Interlocal Agreement for 2017 – 2018 in the amount of \$13,862.00 and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 9/11/2017 - H**

Agenda Item 13 – CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON RENEWAL OF DISTRICT CLERK'S ARCHIVE PLAN AS PER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC 51.306 – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – DISTRICT CLERK - Judge Lee convened the public hearing at 9:17 AM to discuss the renewal of the District Clerks Archive Plan. No one from the public indicated they would like to address this agenda item. The public hearing was adjourned at 9:18 A.M.

Agenda Item 14 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DISTRICT CLERK’S NINTH ANNUAL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION RECORDS PLAN – DISTRICT CLERK –

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the district clerk’s preservation and restoration records plan and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

See Exhibit 9/11/2017 - I to review the plan.

Agenda Item 15 – CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON RENEWAL OF COUNTY CLERK’S ARCHIVE PLAN AS PER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC.118.025 – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – COUNTY CLERK –

Judge Lee convened the public hearing at 9:21 AM to discuss the renewal of the County Clerk’s Archive Plan. No one from the public indicated they would like to address this agenda item. The public hearing was adjourned at 9:22 A.M.

Agenda Item 16 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING COUNTY CLERK’S ARCHIVAL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION RECORD PLAN – COUNTY CLERK –

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the county clerk’s archival preservation and restoration records plan and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

See Exhibit 9/12/2016 – J to review the plan.

Agenda Item 17 – CONDUCT PLUBIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY’S 2018 FINAL BUDGET – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – COUNTY JUDGE –

Judge Lee convened the public hearing at 9:22 AM to discuss the adoption of Franklin County’s 2018 Final Budget. No one from the public indicated they would like to address this agenda item. The public hearing was adjourned at 9:22 AM.

Agenda Item 18 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADOPTING FRANKLIN COUNTY’S 2018 FINAL BUDGET – COUNTY JUDGE –

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve adopting Franklin County’s 2018 final budget as presented and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried with Judge Lee and Commissioners Cooper, Emerson and Young all voting in favor of adopting the 2018 Final Budget. Commissioner Jumper voted against adopting 2018 Final Budget. **See Exhibit 9/12/2016 - F**

Agenda Item 19 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADOPTING FRANKLIN COUNTY’S 2017 TAX RATE – COUNTY JUDGE –

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve adopting Franklin County’s 2017 tax rate of 0.539549 and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried with Judge Lee and Commissioners Cooper, Emerson, and Young all voting in favor of adopting the 2017 Tax Rate. Commissioner Jumper voted against the 2017 tax rate.

See Exhibit 9/12/2016 -G

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Commissioner Jumper reported he had an issue over the weekend with someone trying to destroy one of the roads that has just been redone. He reported there is a lead on who it was. He also reported reading an article in the County Progress and reported the county is handling the Commissioner Court procedure correctly on paying the bills of the county. Commissioner Young was hoping ATCOG will be agreeable to pay for the dumpster during fall cleaning which is held October 7 – 14.

Agenda Item 20 - 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 9:46 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 21 – RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE – Executive Session reconvened back into open session at 10:24 AM. No action taken.

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 Regular meeting on September 11, 2017.

Witnessed and recorded this 11th day of September, 2017.

Betty Crane, County Clerk