

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Special Session  
May 2, 2018

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Special Session May 2, 2018 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  
Larkin Jumper, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Charlie Emerson, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Bryan Giguere, Cathy Jumper, Betty Sue Allen, Bruce Hunnicutt, Becky Hunnicutt, Ellen Jagers, Sue Ann Harper, Robert Zinn, Chris Mars, Jack Brooks, Jim Alford, Lisa Lawrence, Lillie Bush-Reves, Katie Stump, Gene Stump, and Ricky Jones

Judge Lee called the meeting to order and Commissioner Young offered prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

**Agenda Item 1 - AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER** – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the claims against the county. Commissioner Jumper questioned why the overtime for dispatchers is already over budget for the year by 110% and the jailers are at 61%. Judge Lee stated it has to be covered because we have to have dispatchers and jailers. Sheriff Jones reported he had one dispatcher that has been on maternity leave and he only had 4 dispatchers to carry a 24 hour shift. This put him down to 3 dispatchers and he needs to have 5 ½ dispatchers. Sheriff Jones reported it was hard to find anyone to work part-time that is certified in dispatch and jail and working part-time has no benefits. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 05/02/2018 – A**

**Agenda Item 2 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING WORK ORDER SUBMITTED BY THYSSENKRUPP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,879.00 FOR ELEVATOR REPAIR – TREASURER** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the Work Order submitted by Thyssenkrupp in the amount of \$4,879.00 for elevator repair and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 5/2/2018 - B**

**Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PARTIAL PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,641.00 TO THYSSENKRUPP FOR ELEVATOR REPAIR – TREASURER** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve a partial payment in the amount of \$2,641.00 to Thyssenkrupp for elevator repair and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 05/02/2018 – C**

**Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT WITH HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE COMPANY TO ADMINISTER FRANKLIN COUNTY HRA – TREASURER** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the Business Associate Agreement with Higginbotham Insurance Company to administer Franklin County HRA and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 05/02/2018 – D**

**Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE AGENCY – TREASURER** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve Administrative Services Agreement with Higginbotham Insurance Agency and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 05/02/2018 – E**

**Agenda Item 5 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300.00 TO HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE AGENCY – TREASURER** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve a \$300 payment to Higginbotham Insurance Agency and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE AGENCY – TREASURER** – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve Administrative Services Agreement with Higginbotham Insurance Agency and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 05/02/2018 – F**

**Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AMERICAN RED CROSS SHELTER AGREEMENT – ROBERT ZINN** – Robert Zinn discussed the American Red Cross Shelter Agreement. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the American Red Cross Shelter Agreement and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 05/02/2018 – G**

**Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RECONSIDERATION OF VOTE ON AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 14 FROM THE APRIL 23, 2018 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY JUDGE** – Judge Lee informed the court he had researched and you have to reconsider a vote on the same day of the meeting. Judge Lee asked Bruce Hunnicutt, a former Agriculture teacher that taught Parliamentary Procedure on the proper way to do this. Judge Lee reported the motion made on agenda item 14 during the April 23, 2018 regular session was for a loan and it needs to be a budget amendment. The County does not give out loans. Commissioner Young insisted the vote from April 23<sup>rd</sup> needs to be done away with in some way since it has been voted on and on record. Judge Lee explained it was an illegal motion and it is null and void. County Attorney Gene Stump suggested making a motion as agenda item #8 is written and modify the wording from reconsider to rescind the vote. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to reconsider the vote on agenda item 14 from the April 23, 2018 regular session and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. This motion carried after some discussion about needing to amend the motion. Judge Lee said we are going to April 23<sup>rd</sup> of the loan and if a motion is not made it will die on its own and go to Agenda Item

number 9. Judge Lee asked if we had a motion to bring up that vote again. Commissioner Young made a motion to rescind the motion to reconsider to make it a loan. After some confusion on the correct wording, it was open for more discussion. Judge Lee reported if nobody makes a motion it dies and then we can go to Agenda Item 9 to the budget amendment. Judge Lee asked if there was a motion on the original April 23<sup>rd</sup> and if not, it dies for a lack of a motion.

**Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2018 BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO PRECINCT 2 FOR COMPLETION OF FEMA’S ROAD REPAIR PROJECT – PRECINCT 2 –**

After much discussion, Judge Lee reminded the court that almost a half a million dollars was turned back in for 2017. Our money is used towards doing the business of the tax payers. He reported he did not want to hear another time that Sheriff Jones is 110% over budget because that is more of an emergency than a road is. Judge Lee reported the sheriff turned back \$70,000 last year even though he was told he was out of money in October and November. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve a 2018 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$150,000.00 from the General Fund to Precinct 2 for the completion of FEMA’s road repair project and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to approve and 2 against approving the motion. Commissioners’ Young and Jumper and County Judge Scott Lee voted in favor of the \$150,000.00 budget amendment and Commissioners’ Cooper and Emerson voting against.

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 Special meeting on May 2, 2018.

Witnessed and recorded this 2nd day of May, 2018.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk