

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
April 23, 2018

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session April 23, 2018 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: Sue Ann Harper, Bill Travis, Ellen Jagggers, Sarah Brod, Telisa Newman, Cathy Jumper, Lillie Bush-Reves, Katie Stump, Lisa Lawrence, Bryan Giguere 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.

Public Comments: None

Agenda Item 1 - APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 9, 2018 REGULAR SESSION AND APRIL 18, 2018 SPECIAL SESSION - COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the April 9, 2018 Regular Session minutes and the April 18, 2018 Special session minutes and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried

Agenda Item 2 - 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 Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 4/23/2018 – A**

Agenda Item 3 – PRESENT MONTHLY RECEIPTS BY DEPARTMENT FOR MARCH 2018 – TREASURER – The March 2018 monthly receipts for each department was presented to be put on record in the Minutes. **See Exhibit 4/23/2018 - B**

Agenda Item 4 – PRESENT MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY REPORTS AS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK – DISTRICT CLERK - District Clerk Ellen Jagggers presented her monthly (March) and quarterly reports to be put on record in the Minutes. **See Exhibit 4/23/2018 - C**

Agenda Item 5 - CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE DEPUTATION OF CARMEN SOLIS AS DEPUTY CLERK FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE – DISTRICT CLERK - District Clerk Ellen Jagggers presented the deputation of Carmen Solis as Deputy Clerk for the Franklin County District Clerk's Office. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the deputation of Carmen Solis as Deputy Clerk in the District Clerk's office and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 4/23/2018 - D**

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DEPUTATION OF COURTNEY BYERS-PEUGH AS CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK’S OFFICE – DISTRICT CLERK - District Clerk Ellen Jagers presented the deputation of Courtney Byers-Peugh as Chief Deputy Clerk for the Franklin County District Clerk’s Office. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the deputation of Courtney Byers-Peugh as Chief Deputy Clerk in the District Clerk’s office and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 4/23/2018 - E**

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ESTIMATE FROM KISER’S GLASS TECHNOLOGY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,115.76 FOR EXTERIOR DOOR REPLACEMENT AT THE TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR’S OFFICE – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the estimate from Kiser’s Glass Technology, Inc. in the amount of \$2,115.76 for the exterior door replacement at the Tax Assessor-Collector’s office and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 4/23/2018 – F**

Agenda Item 8 – RECORD MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 26, 2018 REGULAR SESSION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lee presented the March 26, 2018 Regular Session Minutes from the Franklin County Child Welfare Board to be put on record in the Minutes. **See Exhibit 4/23/2018 - G**

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING HRA CONTRACT BETWEEN HIGGINBOTHAM AND FRANKLIN COUNTY – TREASURER - Treasurer Betty Sue Allen was not available to discuss the HRA Contract between Higginbotham and Franklin County. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to table this agenda item and Commissioner Emerson Seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING \$300 PAYMENT TO HIGGINBOTHAM FOR HRA CONTRACT PREPARATION – TREASURER – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen was not available to discuss the \$300 payment to Higginbotham for the HRA contract preparation. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to table this agenda item and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING TAC RISK MANAGEMENT POOL’S LIABILITY PROGRAM RENEWAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR 2018 – 2019 – TREASURER – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the TAC Risk Management Pool’s liability program renewal questionnaire for 2018 – 2019 and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to 1. Commissioner Young voted nay. **See Exhibit 4/23/2018 - H**

Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROPOSAL FROM HOLLEY CLAY FOR REPAIRS AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY – LISA LAWRENCE – Library Director Lisa Lawrence reported there has been significant damage to the trim work outside the library. She presented two proposals from Holley Clay. One proposal included insurance and one without. Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve the proposal that includes insurance in the amount of \$6,500 from Holley Clay for repairs at the Franklin County Library and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 4/23/2018 - I**

Agenda Item 13 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY’S REQUEST TO UTILIZE DISCARDED PC TOWERS IN STORAGE FOR TECH-TAKE-APART PROGRAM – LISA LAWRENCE

Library Director Lisa Lawrence requested utilizing the discarded computer towers that is in the storage building for a library program called Tech-Take-Apart Program. Kids will disassemble them to learn what it looks like inside a computer. She assured everyone after the program, the hard drives will be destroyed before disposing the computers. The Commissioners’ did request to give the treasurer’s office the identifying numbers from the computers so they can be taken off the fixed asset list. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the request from Library Director Lisa Lawrence to utilize discarded computer towers in storage for the Tech-Take-Apart program and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 14 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REQUEST FOR \$150,000.00 LOAN FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO PRECINCT 2 FOR COMPLETION OF FEMA’S ROAD REPAIR PROJECT – PRECINCT 2

Commissioner Jumper reported FEMA has given tentative approval for the particular roads that remain to be done however he has to front the money. He reported he is still waiting on money from FEMA for the road projects that were completed last summer. He reported completing two small projects because he thought he could tentatively front that money. He was hoping to have last year’s money in by this time. He reported the auditor had received an email from the FEMA coordinator, Charles Walper which said he had received notification to send Franklin County the amended award letter, but he has not received the official response letter from FEMA. Mr. Walper stated he would follow up with FEMA (April 16, 2018) to see if he could get a response. **See Exhibit 4/23/2018 – J** to see the email sent to the auditor. Commissioner Jumper reported part of the reason that the project is being held up on reimbursement is he did some extra work which FEMA gave verbal approval to a couple years ago. He was told by FEMA if you find anything else that needs to be done submit it and they would consider it. The extra work has resulted in the delay. He asked for \$150,000 which should be reimbursed almost entirely from FEMA with these roads that he was talking about. If FEMA did not reimburse all of the funds it would be a reduction out of his fund balance in a future time period to pay back this money to the general fund. Commissioner Emerson pointed out that at this time he did not have any fund balance left. Commissioner Jumper reported he did have a fund balance because the auditor included the property tax money sometime last week. Commissioner Emerson said we don’t even know where we closed out last year and the numbers brought up last minute are not very believable. Commissioner Cooper said his concern was he thought it had to be an emergency to be able to take it out of the General Fund. There was more discussion and questions asked. One question asked is why the funds wouldn’t be taken out of Road and Bridge instead of the General Fund balance. Commissioner Jumper said he really didn’t care where the funds came from, he needs some advanced funds. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve and said it would probably die for a lack of a second. Judge Lee expressed his concern because no one knows the amount of funds in the General Fund or the Road and Bridge Fund. Commissioner Emerson said we could be spending money that we don’t even have. After more discussion, Commissioner Young once again made a motion to approve it. Judge Lee asked him where he wanted the funds to come from and his response was he didn’t know because he did not know what the fund balance was in the Road and Bridge. Commissioner Cooper stated he wanted to table this to another meeting. Commissioner Young reported he did ask the auditor a while ago and she told him the funds were available in the General Fund. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to table it and Judge Lee said we already have a motion on the table to approve. Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Commissioner Young decided the funds needed to come from the General Fund. **After Clerk Crane asked for clarification (see below) and understood the motion, motion carried 3 to 1 with Commissioners’ Young, Jumper and Cooper voting in favor to approve the request for \$150,000 and Commissioner Emerson voting no. Judge Lee expressed we still do not know how much money we have. ** County Clerk Betty Crane asked for clarification on the motion because she did not understand which motion was being voted on. Judge Lee pointed to Commissioner Young saying he made the motion and Commissioner Jumper

seconded the motion to approve the request for \$150,000 from the General Fund. Judge Lee explained to County Clerk Crane the motion passed with three voting for the motion and one against the motion. Commissioner Jumper requested the County Attorney to write up something that Precinct 2 owes \$150,000 to the General Fund.

Agenda Item 15 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ALLOWING COUNTY EMPLOYEE TO COLLECT EMPTY FOOD BANK BOXES AND DISCARD AT BROOKSHIRES – PRECINCT 2

- Commissioner Jumper reported Dave Chaney passed away suddenly and he was the do-everything guy at the food bank. He was the person that collected empty food bank boxes and discarded them at Brookshire's. He reported he was asking for a truck and a county employee or trustee to do this on as needed basis about twice a month for an hour. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve allowing a county employee to collect empty food bank boxes and to discard them at Brookshire's and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Judge Lee reported the tower at the hospital is down and has been placed behind the jail. Also reported the lights and brackets were put in the building with the ambulance. Judge Lee reported a big X needs to be painted on the heliport. District Clerk Ellen Jagers presented a Master Gardener's Landscape Plan for the Courthouse Grounds. She also presented a proposal from Four Seasons Landscaping. **See Exhibit 4/23/2018 – K**. Extension Agent Sarah Brod reported she was working with Titus, Camp and Red River Counties to host a pesticide applicator training on April 30th in Mount Pleasant.

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 April 23, 2018.

Witnessed and recorded this 23rd day of April, 2018.

Betty Crane, County Clerk