

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Special Session  
January 16, 2018

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Special Session January 16, 2018 at 4:00 PM 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, Jim Alford, Tara Dollins, Ricky Jones, Betty Sue Allen, Tina Phillips, Paul Harvey, Scott Schmidley 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.

**Agenda Item 1 – PRESENT MONTHLY & QUARTERLY REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT – TREASURER** – County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the monthly and quarterly reports for each department to be put on record in the minutes. **See Exhibit 01/16/2018 – A**

**Agenda Item 2 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REPAIR OF LIGHTNING DAMAGE TO THE COURTHOUSE ELEVATOR – TREASURER -**  
Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the repair from the damage of a lightning strike to the courthouse elevator and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 01/16/2018 - B**

**Agenda Item 3 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2018 BUDGET AMENDMENT – SHERIFF** – Sheriff Jones presented two letters he had received from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards concerning SB 1849, commonly referred to as "The Sandra Bland Act." The letters were dated July 24, 2017 and January 3, 2018. He also presented a job description for a jail nurse. He reported he had looked at all of the options to comply with the Sandra Bland Act and believes this will be the best and cheapest way to comply. After discussion, Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the 2018 Budget Amendment and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 01/16/2018 - C** to view the Texas Commission on Jail Standards letters, jail nurse job description and the 2018 Budget Amendment.

**Discussion Items:** Judge Lee asked if we needed to continue with the repair of the hospital building or tear it down. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen cautioned if the decision is made to not repair the damage we need to stop now. It will fall under the capital expenditure clause and we will not get all of our money.

Paul Harvey, CEO of Christus Mother Frances hospital in Hopkins County and Scott Schmidley, Group Vice President of Regional Development were available to discuss the matter. Mr. Harvey reported it would be tough to open the building back up as a hospital. He did report they could provide clinic services to Franklin County such as pediatrics and women's services. He reported they would not want to put these services in the hospital building or use the site for a new building. They were looking for a place with high visibility off or I- 30 or a high density area closer to the lake. Mr. Harvey reported they wanted a prime destination place. They want to serve the needs to this area.

Judge Lee suggested to go ahead and fix what was flooded at the hospital and get it back to where it was and sell it. Treasurer Allen reported we can go out for bids for the repairs or chose who we want. Since it is an insurance reimbursement, we do not have to go out for bids. Judge Lee reported he would put this on Monday's agenda to make a decision on what to do with the building.

**Agenda Item 4 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REMOVAL OF CONTENTS OF HOSPITAL AND AUTHORIZING THEIR DISTRIBUTION BY COUNTY JUDGE – COUNTY JUDGE** - After discussion, Commissioner Cooper made a motion to approve authorizing the County Judge to oversee the removal and distribution of the contents of the hospital and Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Young 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 January 16, 2018.

Witnessed and recorded this 16th day of January, 2018.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk