

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
May 14, 2018

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session May 14, 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: Mary Ann Gordineer, Jim Stinson, Cathy Jumper, Telisa Newman, Sarah Brod, Dorothy Young, Richard Lee, Frankie Capers, Johnny Wetzel, Ellen Jagers, Gene Stump, Katie Stump, Bryan Giguere, Sue Ann Harper, Ricky Jones, Robert Zinn, Jeremy Cox, Tina Rose, Ernest Snapka, Jim Alford, Chris Mars, Robert Zinn, Lillie Bush-Reves and Betty Sue Allen

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 23, 2018 REGULAR SESSION AND MAY 2, 2018 SPECIAL SESSION - COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the April 23, 2018 Regular Session minutes and the May 2, 2018 Special session minutes and Commissioner Emerson 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 Emerson seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 5/14/2018 – A**

Agenda Item 3 – PRESENT MONTHLY RECEIPTS BY DEPARTMENT FOR APRIL 2018 – TREASURER – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the April 2018 monthly receipts by department to be put on record in the Minutes. **See Exhibit 5/14/2018 - B**

Agenda Item 4 – PRESENT MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2018 AS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK – DISTRICT CLERK – District Clerk Ellen Jagers presenter her April 2018 monthly report that was filed in the County Clerk's office to be put on records. **See Exhibit 5/14/2018 - C**

Agenda Item 5 – RECOGNITION OF DAVID CHANEY’S UNCONDITIONALLY DEDICATED VOLUNTEER SERVICES TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY FOOD BANK – PRECINCT 2 – David Chaney, the director of the Community Food Bank, suddenly and unexpectedly passed away. Mr. Chaney was a dedicated volunteer at the food bank for many years. Commissioner Jumper presented a plaque of appreciation to the family of David Chaney to recognize his many years unconditionally dedicated volunteer services. Mr. Chaney’s family was not able to attend the meeting and the new director, Mary Ann Gordineer accepted the plaque for them.

Agenda Item 6 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROPOSAL FROM ADVANTAGE COPY SYSTEMS, INC. FOR MACHINE AND SERVICE FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OFFICE – COUNTY JUDGE - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the proposal from Advantage Copy Systems, Inc. for machine and service for the Justice of the Peace Office and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 5/14/2018 - D**

Agenda Item 7 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING TAX ASSESSORS’S REQUEST TO DESIGNATE LOCATION TO STORE WATER-DAMAGED RECORDS UNTIL THEY CAN BE RESTORED - Tax Assessor Sue Ann Harper reported about thirty books of old historical records stored at the fire department training facility were damaged by water when the building flooded back in the winter. She reported needing a temporary place to store those damaged books. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to designate storing the damaged books temporarily in the Annex East where the county clerk has some records stored and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 8 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING JOHN GRANTHAM DONATING 40 HOURS SICK LEAVE HOURS TO LEO HERRERA – SHERIFF - Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve John Grantham donating 40 hours of sick leave hours to Leo Herrera and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 9 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FRANKLIN COUNTY TO ENTER INTO HRA CONTRACT WITH HIGGINBOTHAM INSURANCE AGENCY – TREASURER - Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported this is part of the process of finalizing the paperwork for HRA. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Franklin County to enter into HRA contract with Higginbotham Insurance Agency and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 5/14/2018 – E**

Agenda Item 10 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY HRA CONTRACT – TREASURER – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported the contract covers the grandfathered portion of the deductible. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Franklin County HRA contract and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 11 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING GRANTING AUTHORITY TO TREASURER TO RENT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING WITHOUT COMMISSIONERS’S COURT APPROVAL – TREASURER - Treasurer Betty Sue Allen requested the court to give her the authority for the rental of the Franklin County Multi-Purpose building. She reported the public does not know the rules about being required to get Commissioner Court approval in advance and this has caused some problems. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve authorizing the treasurer to oversee the rental of the Franklin County Multi-Purpose building without Commissioner Court approval and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 12 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE’S REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES ON CR NW 1050 – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the request from Farmer’s Electric Cooperative to construct electrical power distribution facilities on County Road NW 1050 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 13 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON FOR COOPERATIVE WORK ON CITY OF MOUNT VERNON ROADWAYS – PRECINCT 1 - Commissioner Cooper presented information on the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Mount Vernon. He reported the County agrees to use their equipment and labor to work on the roadways owned by the City, to wit: Virginia, Mary Grace, English, Lake, Prairie, Hill and the roadways of Phase I of Elmwood subdivision. The City agrees to compensate the County \$15,000 for road materials. Commissioner Emerson made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Franklin County and the City of Mount Vernon for cooperative work on the City of Mount Vernon roadways and Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. Commissioner Young abstained and Commissioner Jumper voted nay. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 14 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON PRESENT CONDITION AND FUTURE USE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY HOSPITAL BUILDING – PRECINCT 2 – Judge Lee reported we are waiting on the insurance. Discussed repairing the hospital building and putting it up for sale. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported we need to let the insurance company know what our intentions are. Commissioner Jumper suggested a community wide meeting to see what ideas the public has. A public meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 6PM at the Law Enforcement Conference / training facility located on the north sided of the Law Enforcement building.

Agenda Item 15 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON PRESENT CONDITION AND FUTURE USE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY FIRE TRAINING FACILITY – PRECINCT 2 – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported the insurance company has approved \$12,500 to repair the fire training facility. It was suggested to repair the building and use it for additional county storage.

Agenda Item 16 – CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON PRESENT CONDITION AND FUTURE USE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX POLES AND LIGHTS – PRECINCT 2 – Commissioner Jumper suggested putting the sports complex poles and lights up for auction. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve putting the sports complex poles and lights up for auction and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Elevator needing to be repaired for a month / ThyssenKrupp slow to get parts and repair / having to pay half of the repairs in advance
- Questioned if insurance would cover the water damaged historical records discussed in agenda item 7
- Indigent patients - County is on the basic program for Medicaid with rates being \$33.27 and Dr. Latortue wants to increase that fee to \$75 to \$100.

Agenda Item 17 - RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS PER GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.047(a)(1) TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC.551.071 FOR CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO CONSIDER ATION ON THREATENED OR PENDING LITIGATION – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lee recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 10:03 AM. Attending the meeting was County Judge Scott Lee, Commissioner Precinct 1 Jerry Cooper, Commissioner Precinct 2 Larkin Jumper, Commissioner Precinct 3 Charlie Emerson, Commissioner Precinct 4 Sam Young, County Clerk Betty Crane, County Attorney Gene Stump, and Treasurer Betty Sue Allen.

Agenda Item 18 – RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioners Court reconvened back into open session at 11:16 AM. No action taken.

Commissioner Emerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Cooper 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 May 14, 2018.

Witnessed and recorded this 14th day of May, 2018.

Betty Crane, County Clerk