

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
June 24, 2013

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session June 24, 2013 at 9:00 AM at the District Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex located at 208 Highway 37, Mount Vernon, Texas

Members present: Paul Lovier, County Judge
Danny Chitsey, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Donnie Surratt, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Betty Sue Allen, County Treasurer
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Sandra Dunn, Leon Pless, Gerry Allen, Sue Ann Harper, Jim Alford, Bryan Giguere, Ellen Jagers, Vivian Rhoades, Tina Phillips, Chris Mars, Lisa Lawrence, Gayle Capps, Jim Fraley, Charlie Wilson, Lou Antonelli, Tina Phillips and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lovier called the meeting to order and Commissioner Young offered prayer.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 10, 2013 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK –

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2013 regular session and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT –

TREASURER - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve all the claims against the county including one additional claim from Network Technologies in the amount of \$1,125.00 and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
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**PRESENT LETTER FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REGARDING
CONSOLIDATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES FOR ALL FUTURE
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTIONS FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, TEXAS -** County

Clerk Betty Crane reported requesting permission from the US Department of Justice to combine eight voting precincts into four voting precincts in all future Constitutional Amendment Elections. She also reported reserving the right to open all eight voting precincts if there was an item of interest for the community on the ballot. She presented the letter from the US Department of Justice which states "We have reviewed the consolidation of voting precincts and polling places for constitutional amendment elections as a recurrent practice pursuant to 28 C.F.R. 51.14. Thus the county need not submit future implementation of this same practice."
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**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2013 FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY
EMPLOYEE PAY RAISES – LISA LAWRENCE** - Library Director Lisa Lawrence requested pay

raises for three employees of the library. She reported extra funds were in her budget for salaries since Sue Steven's had retired and she would like to use a portion of those funds for employee pay raises. She reported she would still be under budget even after using some of the funds for raises. Her request died for a lack of a motion and no action was taken.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – Charlie Wilson from Komatsu reported the gas line had been moved, the property line has been settled, a new sidewalk had been poured for the old jail, and exemptions has been requested for doors in the courthouse & balcony. She also reported the parking lot was complete and it would be blocked off until the courthouse reopened. A July 11th meeting has been scheduled with the subcontractors and Susan Gamage from The Historical Commission. She reported the project is behind because of unforeseen problems such as the gas line, property settlement and not getting a good response on the bids.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES ACROSS COUNTY ROAD NE 1027 BY FARMERS ELECTRICAL COOPERATIVE – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Chitsey stated this had already been done on June 10th. He reported the correct name of the road was County Road NE 1050 and not County Road NE 1027. No action taken.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES ACROSS COUNTY ROAD NE 2121 BY FARMERS ELECTRICAL COOPERATIVE – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the request from Farmers Electric Cooperative to construct the electrical power distribution facility across County Road NE 2121 and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION REGARDING AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY – GAYLE PEACOCK, CAPPS INSURANCE - Mrs. Peacock presented an overview of the differences between being grandfathered or non-grandfathered for affordable health care for Franklin County . Mrs. Peacock reported the renewal time for health care in Franklin County is in December of 2013. Franklin County can be grandfathered in since the renewal time is in December. If you chose to be grandfathered, it may not include certain provisions.
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DISCUSSION ITEMS: Judge Lovier reported rain blowing in at the NETO building and the roof is not leaking. Sanchez is suppose to get with Judge Lovier about roofs leaking at the Annex East building and the Chamber building.

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Judge Lovier 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 June 24, 2013.

Witnessed and recorded this 24th day of June, 2013.

Betty Crane, County Clerk