

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
September 23, 2013

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session September 23, 2013 at 9:15 AM at City Hall located at 109 North Kaufman Street

Members present: Paul Lovier, County Judge
Danny Chitsey, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Donnie Surratt, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Gene Stump, County Attorney
Tina Phillips, County Auditor
Betty Sue Allen, County Treasurer
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Steve Slaton, Robert Zinn, Charlie Wilson, Vivian Rhoades, Jim Alford, Jennifer Jordan, Lisa Lawrence, Zach Jagers, Lou Antonelli, Pam Buttrick, Brian Philhower, Skip Roark, Jessica Butler, Sandra Dunn, Gerry Allen, Ricky Jones, Willie Bane, Margaret Sears, Bryan Giguere, Ellen Jagers, Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lovier called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MINUTES FROM THE
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 REGULAR SESSION AND THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**

SPECIAL SESSION – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2013 regular session and the September 16, 2013 special session. Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT –
TREASURER** - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion and the motion carried. See Vol. 1U Page _____

**FIRST READING: REPLAT KING'S COUNTRY LOT 16R-1 BLOCK 60 SECTION 4 –
PAM BUTTRICK FOR BRIAN PHILHOWER AND AMANDA PHILHOWER**

Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve first reading of the replat of King's Country, Lot 16R-1, Block 60, Section 4 and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ENTERING INTO
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRINSON BENEFITS, INC. FOR
COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CONSULTANT SERVICES – DEMETRA BELL-
RUNNELLS, BRINSON BENEFITS, INC.** - Skip Roark announced he was from Brinson

Benefits, Inc and was available to answer questions regarding their proposal for services. Auditor Tina Phillips reported the main question was the automatic renewal of the contract every year. She reported talking with Demetra Bell-Runnells and Mrs. Runnells said the automatic renewal of the contract could be changed to have the option to renew every year. Auditor Phillips also reported the fee of \$42,000 was for 65

employees that are being covered. After talking with the President of Brinson Benefits, Inc. it would be cost neutral for the county for the first year. Based on trends the fee could cost around \$35,000 or based on what we are paying now. Commissioner Carr questioned information on Exhibit A that stated "Effective October 1, 2013 – December 1, 2013 Brinson will be compensated as the AOR/BOR as detailed in the current commission structure. After December 1, 2013, County will ensure compensation to Brinson on a transparent fee basis as a rate equivalent to the following commission structure: 5% of medical, 10% of dental and 15% of ancillary lines of coverage for one year of vision. There will be a 5% annual fee increase after the first year." Brinson will look at the medical, dental, vision, and life insurance. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve entering into a Professional Service Agreement with Brinson Benefits, Inc. for county employee benefit consultant services with the stipulation of renewing it annually. Commissioner Carr seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1U Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING WATER METER FOR SPORTS COMPLEX IRRIGATION - STEVE SLATON

- Mr. Slaton thanked the commissioners for digging out the pool recently. He reported since the recent rains the pool filled up and the water was not a problem at this time but this was something we go through every year and still thought a water meter was needed in times of drought. The Commissioners' informed him there was a meeting with Cypress Springs Special Utility District in October. Commissioner Carr asked if the water meter would be sufficient and Mr. Slaton reported he had talked with people that do irrigation systems and they think it will. Commissioner Carr reported he would like to dig a well. He reported the people that live in that area do not have wells because they have not tried but thought if they dug deep enough they would find water. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to table this agenda item until they had the meeting the Cypress Spring SUD and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX BOARD'S 2013 FUNDING REQUEST FOR COUNTRYFEST PROMOTION AND ADVERTISING BY THE MT. VERNON KEY CLUB -

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Franklin County Hotel Occupancy Tax Board's 2013 funding request in the amount of \$4,000 to the Mount Vernon Key Club for Countryfest promotion and advertising (radio and newspaper) and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1U Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING GIVING \$4000.00 FLAT FROM THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX FUNDS IN 2014 TO ALAMO MISSION MUSEUM AND THAT IN THE FUTURE THE ALAMO MISSION MUSEUM FUNDING REQUESTS MUST BE REQUESTED FROM THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX COMMITTEE – COUNTY AUDITOR

- Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve giving \$4000 flat from the Franklin County Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds in 2014 to the Alamo Mission Museum and in the future the Alamo Mission Museum must request any additional funds from the Hotel Occupancy Committee. Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR SEPTIC SYSTEM AT SPORTS COMPLEX – GERRY ALLEN –

Gerry Allen reported the Sports Complex septic system maintenance contract is a two year contract with Ricks Excavation and it is time for renewal. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve Ricks Excavation for a two year maintenance contract for the septic system at the Sports Complex and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1U Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROCESS AND PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATIONS AND CHOOSING SEPTIC INSPECTOR – GERRY ALLEN -

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to advertise in the newspaper the county is accepting applications for a septic inspector with the deadline to receive the application October 10, 2014. Commissioner Carr seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT ZINN FOR A TWO YEAR TERM AS FIRE MARSHALL AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2013 – GERRY ALLEN

Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the appointment of Robert Zinn for a two year term as Fire Marshall and Emergency Management Coordinator effective November 1, 2014 and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AMENDMENT TO 2013 BUDGET FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY AIPIOT BOARD TO MAKE \$70,000 PAYMENT FOR 2014 TO TXDOT IN OCTOBER, 2013 – JENNIFER JORDAN, FRANKLIN COUTNY AIRPORT BOARD -

Jennifer Jordan explained the reason for the request is TXDOT requires \$70,000 in October 2013 so they can begin the bidding process and work will begin in March of 2014. She reported the airport will be shut down ninety days. The county had already put aside \$25,000 for the project in 2013 and \$45,000 more was needed. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve amending the 2013 budget for the Franklin County Airport TXDOT project in the amount of \$45,000 so the \$70,000 payment to TXDOT could be made in October of 2013. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Ms Jordan asked the Commissioners' if they wanted to keep the milling and they indicted they did. She will tell TXDOT the County will keep the milling. See Volume 1U Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2014 HOLIDAY CALENDAR -

TREASURER - Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the 2014 holiday calendar as presented and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1U Page _____

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – Charlie Wilson with Komatsu Architecture reported the new Reviewer is Eva Osborn (replaced Susan Gammage). She reported the plumbing and concrete had been installed in the basement. They did find some structural issues on the second floor in the district clerk's office but that had been resolved and the Structural Engineer has signed off on the way to repair the issues. She reported at this time they were rebuilding the shaft of the elevator.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 FRANKLIN COUNTY WELFARE BOARD MEETING – TINA PHILLIPS FOR RHONDA WEATHERFORD -

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the Minutes from the September 17, 2013 Franklin County Welfare Board Meeting and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1U Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD BYLAWS – TINA PHILLIPS FOR RHONDA WEATHERFORD

Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the Franklin County Child Welfare Board Bylaws and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Voluem1U Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AUTHORIZATION TO ADD RHONDA WEATHERFORD, STEVIE JO EVANS AND LINDA HAMMOND AS SIGNATORY AUTHORITY TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD CHECKING ACCOUNT – TINA PHILLIPS FOR RHONDA WEATHERFORD

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve adding Rhonda Weatherford, Stevie Joe Evans and Linda Hammonds to have signatory authority to the Franklin County Child Welfare Board checking account and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: County Judge Paul Lovier reported the Fire Ban is removed effective immediately since the County had received over five inches of rain. Commissioner Carr reported a water line break in a six inch water line in his part of the county. Judge Lovier had only the one proposal (Sanchez Roofing) on the repair of the roof at Annex East. He reported Heffner had not returned his phone call but he would try calling them again. Announced the afternoon workshop had been cancelled for today.

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Carr 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 September 23, 2013.

Witnessed and recorded this 23rd day of September, 2013.

Betty Crane, County Clerk