

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Workshop Session
October 8, 2013

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Workshop Session October 8, 2013 at 7:00 PM at Cypress Springs Special Utility District located at 114 FM 115 South of I-30 Service Road, Mount Vernon, Texas

Members present: Paul Lovier, County Judge
Donnie Surratt, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Betty Sue Allen, County Treasurer
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Doug Harris, Rex Tillery, Walt Sears Jr., Richard Zachary, Lloyd Parker, Newman Browning, John Martin, John McClung, Donnie Thomas, Richard Starek, Larry Daniel, Gail Kerr, Raegan Swann, and Lillie Bush Reves

Richard Zachary called the Cypress Spring Special Utility District monthly Business Meeting to order at 7:00 PM and noted visitors from the County were present. He invited them to address the Board concerning the agenda item of water rates. See Volume 1U Page _____ to see the agenda.

Judge Lovier addressed the Cypress Springs Board of Directors concerning relief from the water usage at the Sports Complex. Judge Lovier reported the County was not requesting assistance with a water meter but assistance with the rates of the water. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported being charged \$4.65 per thousand gallons of water but was not seeing credit for the 5000 gallons on the bill that was agreed upon before between the County and the District. Gail Kerr reported she deducts the 5000 gallons before she does the billing. Commissioner Surratt asked the Board to see if they could lower the rates for the water for the Sports Complex and also expressed his appreciation for taking off 5000 gallons a month. Judge Lovier noted there has been a drought for about three years and was only asking for assistance with water rates at the Sports Complex. He reported they would like to get add a two inch water meter for watering the grounds at times of drought. He reported they would use the pond water as long as possible. Commissioner Young reported losing about \$10,000 in trees because of the drought. He also reported the Commissioners' were working on making the pond deeper to hopefully catch more water. Mr. Zachary noted the County now had a full time person working at the Sports Complex and someone would be there to notice water leaks unlike before when there was a water leak and it was not noticed for quite a while and ran the water usage up considerably. He reported they would look at the normal usage for the year and figure out what Cypress Springs could do for the County.

Commissioners' Court was adjourned by consent.

I, Betty Crane, County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of Commissioner's Court Workshop meeting on October 8, 2013.

Witnessed and recorded this 8th day of October, 2013.

_____, Betty Crane, County Clerk