

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Budget Workshop Session  
July 2, 2013

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in a Budget Workshop Session July 2, 2013 at 8:30 AM at the Franklin County Airport located at 501 County Road NW 1030, 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  
Tina Phillips, County Auditor  
Brook Bussell, Chief Deputy County Clerk

VISITORS: Elected Officials and Representatives from each entity requesting budget requests.

Judge Lovier called the meeting to order.

Lisa Lawrence, Franklin County Library Director presented the budget request for the Franklin County Library. She reported requesting \$15,000 from the City (2013 budget \$10,000) but a decision had not been made and she did not know what the City was going to do with her budget. She also reported a few changes to her current budget. She reported cutting approximately \$11,000 on salaries and \$500 on utilities for the 2014 budget. She requested a \$600 increase in Data Process / Tech Support. See Volume 1U Page \_\_\_\_\_

Jacque Bateman, Carolyn Galloway, and Cam Hill, representatives from The Alamo Mission Museum of Franklin County presented a budget request in the amount of \$1,200 (no increase from 2013). Ms Bateman reported the entire amount is put towards the Museum's annual liability insurance premium of \$1,678.56. See Volume 1U Page \_\_\_\_\_

Jean Pamplin and Christian Galloway, representatives from the Franklin County Arts Alliance reported they did not ask for funding in 2013. They were asking for \$3,196.00 in their 2014 budget request for three projects. They reported they would use approximately \$500 for signage to increase public awareness of their location. They also requested \$1,196.00 for the addition of four fans, wiring and installation to increase utility efficiency. They were in hopes of receiving a \$500 façade grant to professionally paint the Cultural Arts Center and requested \$1,500 for professional labor to do the painting. See Volume 1U Page \_\_\_\_\_

Dwayne Smith, representative for the Texas Department of Public Safety reported no increases in the 2014 budget. See Volume 1U Page \_\_\_\_\_

Gina Law, representative from Lake Country CASA requested \$4,000 in the 2014 budget. She reported Lake Country Casa is currently serving 24 Franklin County children with five Volunteer Advocates. See Volume 1U Page \_\_\_\_\_

County Judge Paul Lovier reported no changes on his 2014 budget request. See Volume 1U Page \_\_\_\_\_

County Attorney Gene Stump requested a \$500 increase in per diem. He reported there are no other changes to his budget for 2014.

Ricky Jones, representative for Gerry Allen, Emergency Management Coordinator reported requesting \$1,400 in capital purchases, increase supply budget by \$1000 (total request \$3,000), increase repairs – car / radio by \$900 (total request \$1,500). He reported no other changes to the 2014 budget. See Volume 1U Page \_\_\_\_\_

Ricky Jones, Franklin County Sheriff reported in the law enforcement budget he would like to increase his supply budget by \$3,500 (total request 20,400), car / radio repairs \$8,000 (total request \$26,000), uniforms for officers \$4,700 (total request \$8,300), and capital purchases by \$35,000 (total request \$66,000). He reported he would be saving \$30,000 on salaries in the jail budget in 2014. See Volume 1U Page \_\_\_\_\_

Franklin County Auditor, Tina Philips reported there would be no changes to her 2014 budget. She also reported no changes to the Waste Management budget. See Volume 1U Page \_\_\_\_\_

Constable Randy Green reported no increases requested in the 2014 budget. He requested decreasing his fuel budget by \$1000. See Volume 1U Page \_\_\_\_\_

Tina Phillips presented the County Treasurer's budget request. She reported the Treasurer requested increasing her full time employee's salary to \$12.00 an hour and budget \$10.00 per hour for part-time help. She reported no other increases in her budget. She reported the treasurer was diligently searching for a part-time employee to replace Vicki Sullivan after her retirement earlier this year.

Other items discussed were: need to set a policy on drug testing on who can or can't be tested. Create one line item to cover all instead of being separated under R&B & Sheriff's office.

Auditor Tina Phillips reported election workers will be W-2 employees and subject to FICA and retirement according to an IRS opinion.

Commissioner Chitsey questioned who the cell phone budget is paid to under courthouse maintenance and Ms. Phillips reported she would check into it.

Commissioner Surratt 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 Budget Workshop meeting on July 2, 2013.

Witnessed and recorded this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2013.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk