

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
July 8, 2013

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session July 8, 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  
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Gene Stump, County Attorney  
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Sandra Dunn, Sue Ann Harper, Brandon Kay, Britt Martin, Jim Alford, Bryan Giguere, Ellen Jagers, Margaret Sears, Beverly Logan, Greg Carr, Tina Phillips, Ricky Jones, Stephen Boorman, Jeremiah Bye, and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lovier called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

**AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER** - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve paying all the claims against the county and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Vol. 1U Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR COPSYNC EQUIPMENT - SHERIFF**- Sheriff Jones reported receiving \$35,000 from COG for the COPSYNC equipment. He reported this grant does not require matching funds. He will be getting 3 COPSYNC systems in the amount of \$31,530.00 and use the rest of the funds for air cards. There will be a yearly licensing fee in the amount of approximately \$1,500 after two or three years. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$35,000 for CopSync equipment Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**COURTHOUSE RESTORATION** – Judge Lovier reported they had completed the parking lot and will start work on the inside of the courthouse on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESENTATION REGARDING I.T. SERVICES FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX OFFICE – BRANDON KAY, BIS CONSULTING** – Mr. Kay reported supporting 60 to 70 tax offices throughout Texas as well as appraisal districts. He reported they specialize in tax and appraisal districts. They do business on a month to month contract, have disaster recovery services, and also do web hosting and they do not charge for travel. Mr. Kay also reported they have support that monitors the hardware. Tax Assessor Sue Ann Harper requested to use BIS Consulting because she thought they could automate some processes concerning the appraisal district in her office. She reported BIS Consulting works with Pritchard and Abbott as well as Tyler Technologies. She wanted to use up to eight hours a month for their services for a total of 48 hours yearly. She requested deducting 48 hours from the amount of hours purchased from Network Technologies each year.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Beverly Logan from North East Texas Opportunities (NETO) explained what NETO does for Franklin County. She reported they also serve several other counties. She reported they send meals to Hopkins, Red River and Rains Counties. The meals cost \$6.37 each and NETO gets reimbursed \$4.95 from the state. She reported they get grants, hold fundraisers, as well as receive funds from the United Way and the Lion's Club to help make up the difference in the meals. The Commissioners wanted to have a meeting with Hopkins County to see if they could assist Franklin County with some of the funding especially since Franklin County spent \$126,033.44 over what the insurance paid (\$157,000.00) for the building that was renovated since the fire. It was reported that Franklin County also reimburses NETO for half of their utilities as well as assists with their fuel. A meeting was set for Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at the NETO meal center to discuss this with Hopkins County.

Sheriff Jones reported Sanchez Roofing had checked the roof and got a verbal quote of it costing \$6,000 plus to patch it. He reported he did not have the quote on paper yet. It was suggested he contact Hefner since they were the original contractors for the roof.

Steve Boorman from Network Technologies reported the Commissioners' needed to look into how much time Network Technologies time is used in the Tax Office. He reported the hardware monitors itself and did not need support people to monitor the hardware. He also reported he had never heard of any problems getting information from the appraisal district.

Commissioner Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Chitsey 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 July 8, 2013.

Witnessed and recorded this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk