

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
July 22, 2013

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session July 22, 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
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Betty Sue Allen, County Treasurer
Tina Phillips, County Auditor
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Peggy Stutts, Eleese Hubbell, Pat Hudson, Elaine McFeely, Donna McFarland, J. D. Baumgardner, Nicki Armstrong, Larry Coleman, Willie Bane, Tina Rose, Sandra Dunn, Margaret Sears, Gerry Allen, Sue Ann Harper, Jim Alford, Bryan Giguere, Ellen Jagers, Vivian Rhoades, B. F. Hicks and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 24, 2013 REGULAR SESSION, JULY 1, 2013 8:30 AM BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION, JULY 1, 2013 4:00 PM BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION, JULY 2, 2013 BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION, JULY 8, 2013 REGULAR SESSION, JULY 17, 2013 BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION AND JULY 17, 2013 NETO WORKSHOP SESSION - COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2013 regular session, July 1, 2013 8:30 AM workshop session, July 1, 2013 4:00 PM budget workshop session, July 2, 2013 budget workshop session, July 8, 2013 regular session, July 17, 2013 budget workshop session, and July 17, 2013 NETO workshop session. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER - Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the payment of all the claims against the county and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
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MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY REPORTS - County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the June monthly and the second quarter reports. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the June monthly reports as presented and the second quarter reports as presented and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1U Page _____

PRESENT 2012 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD CERTIFICATE TO FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION FROM THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION – COUNTY JUDGE
Judge Lovier presented the 2012 Distinguished Service Award Certificate to the Franklin County Historical Commission from The Texas Historical Commission. Members present to receive the award were: B. F. Hicks, Peggy Stutts, Eleese Hubbell, Pat Hudson, J. D. Baumgardner, Jim Alford, Nicki Armstrong, Elaine McFeely, Donna McFarland, Larry Coleman, and Lillie Bush-Reves.

FIRST READING REPLAT LOT L115R SECTION 2 KINGS COUNTRY – B F HICKS FOR RICHARD AND JANICE STEPHENS

-Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the first reading of LOT L115R Section 2 of Kings Country and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING LINE-ITEM TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1000.00 FROM EMPLOYEE SALARY TO CONTRACT LABOR – TREASURER

– Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported Vicki Sullivan had been working in her office until she could hire a person for that position. Mrs. Allen requested paying her contract labor instead of through payroll. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve a line-item transfer in the amount of \$1000.00 from employee salary to contract labor and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENT MINUTES FROM THE JULY 9, 2013 LEPC MEETING – GERRY ALLEN

– Mr. Allen presented the minutes from the July 9, 2013 Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting. He requested they be put on record in the Commissioner Court Minutes.

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CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING VENDOR DEBARMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE – GERRY ALLEN

– Auditor Tina Phillips explained this policy and procedure is for the Homeland Security Grant and is required by the State Department of Homeland Security. A vendor we use cannot be on the debarment list. If we use someone on the debarment list we are at risk of not ever receiving Homeland Security Grant Funds. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the vendor debarment policy and procedure and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1U Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING LOCAL PROCUREMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE – GERRY ALLEN

– Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the Local Procurement Policy and Procedure which is required by the State Department of Homeland Security and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Commissioner Young expressed his concerns on why the federal government required us to have a procurement policy and procedure. Motion carried with Commissioners Surratt, Chitsey and Judge Lovier voting in favor and Commissioner Young voted against approving a Local Procurement Policy and Procedure. Motion carried 3 to 1.

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CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING SECURITY ALARM PROPOSAL FOR LIBRARY AND EXTENSION OFFICE – GERRY ALLEN

– Mr. Allen reported he did not have the information available at this time and requested tabling this agenda item. Commissioner Young made a motion to table this agenda item and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – Judge Lovier reported electricians are working on the mock-up room which was Gerry Allen's office on the main floor in the courthouse. He reported this room was going to be completed first and get THC approval before continuing work on the rest of the courthouse. Once THC has approved the room, the rest of the courthouse will be completed using the same materials.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE HOTEL / MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S FUNDING REQUEST FOR 2014 ROTARY TOUR DE CYPRESS BIKE RACE – WILLIE BANE

– Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Advisory Committee's funding request for the 2014 Rotary Tour de Cypress bike race in the amount of \$3,735.00 and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROPERTY TAX REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,120.35 TO BAYOU POINT, LTD FOR 2009, 2010, 2011 AND 2012 PER AGREED

JUDGMENT – TAX ASSESSOR – Tax Assessor Sue Ann Harper explained Franklin County's portion of the tax refund to Bayou Point, LTD for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 per Agreed Judgment is \$1,847.24. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve a refund in the amount of \$1,847.24 to Bayou Point LTD for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 per Agreed Judgment and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1U Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PAYMENT TO OFFICER DANA REEVES FOR 12 HOURS WORKED AS SECURITY AT 2013 RELAY FOR LIFE – DANA REEVES

– Mr. Reeves reported working twelve hours at this years the Relay for Life event. He had signed up to work at the sheriff's office. He had not received payment for the twelve hours. Since Mr. Reeves is not a paid employee of Franklin County, Commissioner Young made a motion to table this agenda item until they could talk to Sheriff Jones and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FINANCING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000.00 FOR 2014 DUMP TRUCK – PRECINCT 2

– Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve financing a 2014 Hino 338 dump truck for Precinct 2 from Guaranty Bond Bank Mt. Vernon in the amount of \$45,000.00 with the annual interest rate 1.65%. Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1U Page _____

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 Regular meeting on July 22, 2013.

Witnessed and recorded this 22nd day of July, 2013.

Betty Crane, County Clerk