

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
May 28, 2013

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session May 28, 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
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Gene Stump, County Attorney
Betty Sue Allen, County Treasurer
Brook Bussell, Chief Deputy County Clerk

VISITORS: Saundra Dunn, Steve Slaton, Gerry Allen, Sue Ann Harper, Jim Alford, Bryan Giguere, Ellen Jaggars, Margaret Sears, Tina Phillips, Ricky Jones, Reggie Horton, Steve Rutherford, Zach Jaggars, and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 13, 2013 REGULAR SESSION, MAY 20, 2013 WORKSHOP SESSION - COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2013 regular session and the May 20, 2013 workshop 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 Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Vol. 1T Page _____

MONTHLY REPORTS - County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the April monthly reports. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the April monthly reports as presented and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1T Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AMOUNT OF AUTHORITY INDIVIDUALS HAVE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX EXPENDITURES – PRECINCT 1 - Commissioner Chitsey reported an invoice for \$20,000 was presented last month and had been paid. The invoice was for concrete for the pony league and the soft ball field and he wondered who has the authority to authorize that kind of expense. He also said there is another invoice for netting. Commissioner Carr reported the Commissioners had approved doing the concrete on one field. Commissioner Carr explained the concrete workers had offered a \$2,000 discount to do the concrete for the other field while they were there. Commissioner Carr reported he told the Sports Manager he would pay for the concrete for second field out of his budget. Steve Slaton reported he had gotten approval from the court about

building the pony league field. Commissioner Chitsey remembered discussing it in a workshop. The base ball association paid \$10,000 for the brick work and the concrete came out of the sports complex budget. Steve Slaton reported the netting came out of the Sport Complex budget and was about \$1,200. Commissioner Young asked if the Sports Complex was within their budget. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported she did not pay for the concrete from Commissioner Carr's budget because it will not give a true picture of how much is spent for the complex as well as a true picture of Commissioner Carr's budget. Commissioner Young stated it is the responsibility of the Sports Complex Manager to make sure he has the funds in the budget to pay for items and is responsible for the revenue side too. Auditor Tina Phillips says the concern is the money is going out and nothing is coming in. Commissioner Young said the chain of command is the Sports Complex Manager reports to the Sports Complex Board and the Sports Complex Board reports to the Commissioners. Commissioner Young made a motion to table this agenda item and to discuss this in the workshop session and then it can be put back on the agenda for the next Commissioners' Court. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE COLLECTION OF TABC FEES BY FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE

– Judge Lovier explained this is fees that would be paid to the tax assessor for a TABC beer and wine permit. Tax Assessor Sue Ann Harper explained there is a \$120 state fee and the county gets to keep \$60 of the fee. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve collecting the TABC fee and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF FRANKLIN COUNTY ENTERING INTO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CITY STREET REPAIR WITH THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON AND THE CITY OF WINNSBORO – PRECINCT 3

– County Attorney Gene Stump reported he has some questions about the Winnsboro Interlocal Agreement but the Mount Vernon agreement was ready. Mr. Stump explained he had removed the language that limits the streets and roadways and the agreements are for three years instead of one year. No action taken at this time.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – Judge Lovier requested recessing this regular session until 3:00 today. The contractor and architect will address the court at the 2:00 PM Workshop Session about the courthouse restoration.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING APPOINTING A NEW MEMBER OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX COMMITTEE AFTER THE RESIGNATION OF BRANDON SEARS – STEVE SLATON

– Commissioner Surratt reported Scott Lee would like to be the representative for the county on the Sports Complex Committee. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve appointing Scott Lee to the Franklin County Sports Complex Committee and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CHANGING THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND SALARY OF COLLIN CLASBY FROM PART-TIME TO FULL TIME - SHERIFF

– Commissioner Young made a motion to approve changing the employment status of Collin Clasby from part-time to full time and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN AND AWARD BIDS FOR ROAD MATERIALS, CULVERTS, AND FUEL FOR PRECINCTS 1, 2, 3, 4 - TREASURER

– Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve accepting all the bids received for road materials, culverts and fuel for all four precincts and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1T Page _____

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to recess the meeting and reconvene the meeting at 3:00 PM this afternoon and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to reconvene the regular session and Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried.

After discussion in the workshop session a special session will need to be scheduled for Friday May 31st at 3:00 PM to make decisions on the courthouse restoration project

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried.

I, Betty Crane, County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of Commissioner's Court Regular meeting on May 28, 2013.

Witnessed and recorded this 28th day of May, 2013.

Betty Crane, County Clerk