

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

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Workshop Session May 28, 2013 at 2:00 PM at Franklin County Courthouse East Annex located at 502 East Main Street, 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, Treasurer
Brook Bussell, Chief Deputy County Clerk

VISITORS: Jim Alford, Charlie Wilson, Tom Woody, Chad Woody, Gordon Marchant, Bill Wilson, Sue Ann Harper, Ricky Jones, Steve Slaton, Richard Brock, Tina Phillips, Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lovier called the meeting to order.

ROAD AND MAINTENANCE AND RELATED ISSUES – County Attorney Gene Stump asked for clarification about compensation from the City of Winnsboro for doing road work on the roads in Franklin County that are in the City of Winnsboro. The City of Mount Vernon has agreed for the animal control officer to be on call for the whole county. Commissioner Carr reported the City of Winnsboro provides fire protection in the south end of the county and they also pay the water bill at the Franklin County Building in Winnsboro. Commissioner Young stated since we help the City of Mount Vernon with hundreds of thousands of dollars of work on their roads using expensive equipment, they could help the county with the library. He suggested negotiating with the City Manager project by project.

COUNTY BUILDING, PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported the roof at the Chamber of Commerce is leaking and Sanchez Roofing is going to check it. Other leaks were reported at Annex East and the Sheriff's Office on the new jail side. Tax Assessor Sue Ann Harper reported the Franklin County Building in Winnsboro needed maintenance done such as plumbing, lights and cleaning. Commissioner Chitsey reported the airport needs a flag and the flagpole needs rope and painting. He reported June Foster had donated two memorial benches to the Sports Complex.

BUDGET ISSUES - Judge Lovier reported coming in over budget on the courthouse restoration project and he requested the architecture firm and MMI to explain to the commissioners why it is over budget and to answer questions. They reported there was a low bid turnout and there was very little local interest. We are over budget \$328,000. The original budget was for \$3.1 million. A decision will be made on this during a Special Session scheduled for Friday, May 31st at 3:00PM. Charlie Wilson reported once a Notice to Proceed to Construction is signed, they are contractually obligated to complete the project within fourteen months.

Judge Lovier read other items that were on the agenda and no other items needed to be discussed.

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 Workshop meeting on May 28, 2013.

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

Betty Crane, County Clerk