

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
July 14, 2014

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session July 14, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the District Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex located at 208 Highway 37, Mount Vernon, Texas

Members Present: Danny Chitsey, Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Donnie Surratt, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Sue Ann Harper, Telisa Newman, Deloris Parks, Vivian Rhoades, Bryan Giguere, Bill Wilson, Sandra Dunn, Margaret Sears, Jennifer Jordan, Tina Phillips, Betty Sue Allen, Ricky Jones, and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Pro Tem, Commissioner Carr called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 23, 2014 REGULAR SESSION, JUNE 23, 2014 WORKSHOP SESSION, AND JUNE 27, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION- COUNTY CLERK -**

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2014 Regular session, June 23, 2014 Workshop session, and June 27, 2014 Special session. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT - TREASURER -**

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve all the claims against the county including additional claims to Walmart Communities, State Comptroller and Jamie Stephens for contract labor at the library. Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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**MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY REPORTS -** County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the June monthly reports and the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter reports. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the monthly and quarterly reports as presented and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1X Page \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENT 2014 NORTH AND EAST TEXAS COUNTY JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION FOR COMPLETION OF TEN HOURS FOR DANNY CHITSEY, DONNIE SURRATT AND DERYL CARR - PRECINCTS 1, 2, 3 -** County Clerk

Betty Crane reported she had received the 2014 North and East Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association Certificates of Participation of Completion of ten hours for Commissioners Chitsey, Surratt, and Carr and they will be put on record in the minutes of Commissioners Court. See Volume 1X Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH CONWAY COMPANY CPA FOR 2014 AND 2015 FINANCIAL AUDIT SERVICES - COUNTY AUDITOR -**

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve renewing the contract with Conway Company CPAs for 2014 and 2015 Financial Audit Services and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1X Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM SALE OF FIRST RESPONDER CAR IN AUCTION – NORTH FRANKLIN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

– Commissioner Young made a motion to approve North Franklin Volunteer Fire Departments request to receive the funds from the sale of the First Responder car that is being sold in the online auction and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**COURTHOUSE RESTORATION** - Bill Wilson with MMI reported the district courtroom will be completed by the end of the week. He also reported the cable work done by Cross Country was almost complete. All fixtures have been installed except the first floor corridor and the exterior lighting will be completed today. He reported a leak in the parking lot has been found but will be repaired.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR AIRPORT PROJECT RELEASE CONTRACTOR FROM CONTRACT – JENNIFER JORDAN, AIRPORT BOARD**

– Jennifer Jordan from the Franklin County Airport Board reported Milcon reported they had under bid the airport project and it would be detrimental to them if they did the project. She reported RK Hall was the only other bid for the airport project and their bid was \$70,000 more than Milcon's. RK Hall will stand behind their bid to do the project. She reported Edie Stimach said they will re-coup the difference between the two bids from the bid bond or the performance bond. Jennifer reported TXDOT will bill the county for the difference in the amount of \$7,060 which is a 10% of the increase in the bid and then refund the county if they get the penalty. Jennifer said it may take some time to try to do but TXDOT is going to try to re-coup the difference. Jennifer reported work will begin on the airport project on September 1<sup>st</sup>. See Volume 1X Page \_\_\_\_\_. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve \$7,060 in additional funds for the airport project and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Commissioner Carr reported the county had traded land with Tom Ramsay at the courthouse and we were to give him a couple of parking spaces behind the courthouse. It was suggested to meet with Mr. Ramsay and get his approval on where to put the two parking spaces. Commissioner Chitsey reported he will be through with chip sealing on Wednesday in his precinct. Auditor Tina Phillips reported the first day she can invoice to get funds from CTERS for labor and equipment use is July 15<sup>th</sup>. She reported the county had three years to use the money. Sheriff Ricky Jones reported he is having freezer problems in the jail. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reminded everyone to be working on their job descriptions because TAC will be here in a couple of weeks.

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 14, 2014.

Witnessed and recorded this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk