

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
October 13, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session October 13, 2015 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, TX

Members present: Scott Lee, County Judge
Danny Chitsey, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Larkin Jumper, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Terry Neeld, Sue Ann Harper, Trey Newsome, Walter Sears, Margaret Sears, Betty Sue Allen, Lindsey Yeager, Brian Ball, Bert Edmondson, Gene Stump, Todd Conradson, Bill Travis, Darrek Ferrell, B. F. Hicks, Willie Bane, Ricky Jones, Tina Phillips, Jim Alford, Jerry Cooper, Ellen Jagers, Bryan Giguere, Lillie Bush Reves

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and Commissioner Young offered prayer.

Public Comments: Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent Lindsey Yeager and Extension Agent Brian Ball reported on recent events and activities they had attended as well as informed the court about future events and activities coming up. Mrs. Yeager encouraged everyone to attend the Franklin County 4-H OneDay Tree Planting event that will be held at 6:00 PM tonight at the Franklin County Sports Complex. She reported an oak tree and 25 seedlings will be planted.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2015 SPECIAL SESSION AND SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2015 Special Session and September 28, 2015 Regular Session and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER – Commissioner Chitsey questioned why the constable's phone was being paid out of DPS phone account. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen said she would check to make sure the phone bills are being paid out of the correct account. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve all the claims against the county after the constable and DPS phone accounts have been corrected. Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 10/13/2015 - A**

SECOND READING; REPLAT LOT 10R EL DORORADO BEACH SUBDIVISION – B F HICKS FOR MICHAEL AND ANNE SIMMS – Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the second reading of the replat of lot 10R in the El Dorado Beach subdivision and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.
See Plat Cabinet #298B

SECOND READING; PLAT LOTS 1 – 7 PURLEY FARMS SUBDIVISION – TERRY NEELD - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the second reading of a new plat for Purley Farms subdivision, lots 1 – 7 and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Plat Cabinet # 297B**

APPROVE HOTEL / MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX COMMITTEE'S CORRECTED MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 15, 2014 MEETING AND MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 2, 2015 MEETING – WILLIE BANE - Mr. Bane explained the correction that was made was on the Key Club / Countryfest 2015 approved request in the amount of \$2,800 which is 80% of their request of \$3,500. The Hotel Occupancy Minutes from October 15, 2014 reflected the Key Club request to be \$2,000 and allotted \$1,600. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Committee's corrected Minutes from October 15, 2014 meeting and the Minutes from the October 2, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried. **See Exhibit 10/13/2015 - B**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2016 HOTEL / MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX COMMITTEE FUNDING REQUESTS – WILLIE BANE - Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the 2016 Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Committee funding request and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 10/13/2015 - C**

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE - Judge Lee reported he and Commissioner Chitsey went to Ft. Worth to look at the generator that was discussed in the September 28, 2015 meeting. He reported the generator was too large for the area and weighed about twenty thousand pounds. A crane would be needed to lift it and would need a much larger vehicle than the county had to bring it to Mt. Vernon. Judge Lee stated he would still like to see about using the generator that was at the Annex East building. Maintenance Manager Todd Conradson reported the air conditioners are working at this time. He did not understand why they were working since larger pipes had not been installed. He was not sure what the men did to get it to work. He also reported a window was broken out of the courthouse during Countryfest. He reported the glass in that particular window was not the original 1912 glass which would make it easier to replace. He reported inspections on the fire system and the elevator had been done and everything passed inspection.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING STATUS OF CURRENT BURN BAN – COUNTY JUDGE - After discussion the decision was made to continue with the burn ban since the county had not received rain.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING COUNTY INFORMATION RESOURCES AGENCY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TAC – COUNTY AUDITOR- Auditor Tina Phillips reported researching alternative solutions to the County's problem with management of the county website. She reported that Texas Association of Counties CIRA offered website management services with the cost being \$500 annually. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the County Information Resources Agency (CIRA) Service Agreement with Texas Association of Counties and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. County Judge Scott Lee volunteered to be the County Local Administrator and contact person. **See Exhibit 10/13/2015 - D**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2015 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – COUNTY AUDITOR- Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the 2015 budget amendments as presented and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 10/13/2015 - E**

PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY JAIL BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS – SHERIFF – Sheriff Ricky Jones presented a Certificate of Compliance from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. The Certificate acknowledged the excellent work of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for the Franklin County Jail. The inspection was done on September 30, 2015 by Inspector Fred St. Amant and the facility was in compliance with Texas Minimum Jail Standards. **See Exhibit 10/13/2015 - F**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS ACTING THROUGH THE REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR CAPITAL CASES AND FRANKLIN COUNTY, TEXAS – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Lubbock County, Texas acting through the Regional Public Defender for Capital cases and Franklin County. Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion and the motion carried. **See Exhibit 10/13/2015 - G**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FIRE SPRINKLER INSPECTION REPORT AND FIRE ALARM INSPECTION REPORT FOR COURTHOUSE – TODD CONRADSON – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Fire Sprinkler Inspection Report and Fire Alarm Inspection Report for the Courthouse and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 10/13/2015 - H**

RECORD 8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT ORDER DEEMING THE PORTION OF THE SALARY PAID BY FRANKLIN COUNTY TO THE 8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT REPORTER BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,127.00 – COUNTY JUDGE – No action take on this item. County Auditor Tina Phillips explained we no longer pay the court reporter ourselves. Franklin County pays Hopkins County.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Judge Lee reminded everyone about Trick or Treat Around the Square on Friday, October 30th. Clerk Crane requested candy to be brought to her office the week of the 26th or money could be given and candy would be purchased.

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

I, Betty Crane, County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of Commissioner's Court Regular meeting on October 13, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 13th day of October, 2015.

Betty Crane, County Clerk