

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
October 26, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session October 26, 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: Bryan Giguere, Bert Edmondson, Brian Ball, Cathy Jumper, Ellen Jagers, Sue Ann Harper, Lindsey Yeager, Betty Sue Allen, Jerry Bogue, Margaret Sears, Ricky Jones, Todd Conradson, Tina Phillips, Jim Alford, Charlie Emerson, Jerry Cooper, Ronda Weatherford, Linda Hammond, Bill Travis, Gene Stump and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lee called the meeting to order 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.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 13, 2015 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2015 Regular Session and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.
See Exhibit 10/26/2015 - A

APPROVE SEPTEMBER 2015 MONTHLY REPORTS – TREASURER - Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the September 2015 monthly reports as presented and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.
See Exhibit 10/26/2015 - B

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING BID FROM BOGUE ELECTRIC TO REMOVE AND RELOCATE GENERATOR FROM THE PRESENT LOCATION TO THE COURTHOUSE - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the bid received from Bogue Electric to relocate the generator from Annex East to the Courthouse in the amount of \$13,500 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.
See Exhibit 10/26/2015 - C

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING OFFICE SPACE FOR TX AGRILIFE EXTENSION OFFICE AT THE MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING – COUNTY JUDGE - Mrs. Yeager informed the court she needed a decision to be made on moving because Lowes needed an answer about accepting the appliances they were donating. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to table approving the Agrilife Extension Office the use of office space at the Franklin County Multi-Purpose building and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CASTING VOTE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD NOMINEES – COUNTY JUDGE – County Judge Lee made a motion to approve casting 1379 votes for nominee Commissioner Jumper as the Franklin County Appraisal District Board member and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Commissioner Jumper abstained from the vote. Motion carried with Judge Lee, Commissioner Chitsey, Commissioner Carr and Commissioner Young all voting in favor. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 10/26/2015 - D**

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE – Todd Conradson reported water was in the server room after the big rain and will be checking with the architect to see who is responsible for paying to fix the problem. He reported Chad was working on the air conditioner problem and was working on a couple of licensing and regulation issues.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING STATUS OF CURRENT BURN BAN – COUNTY JUDGE - Commissioner Young made a motion to cancel the burn ban and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES ACROSS FRANKLIN COUNTY ROAD NE 2110, THE PHYSICAL ADDRESS BEING 1425 CR NE 2110 – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the Farmers Electric Cooperative's request to construct electrical power distribution facilities across Franklin County road NE 2110 (physical address being 1425 CR NE 2110) and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 10/26/2015 - E**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DEPUTATION OF MARIA GONZALEZ AS DEPUTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR – TAX ASSESSOR – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Deputation of Maria Gonzales as Deputy Tax Assessor / Collector and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 10/26/2015 - F**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING SETTING DATE TO CANVASS THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve November 12, 2015 at 8:00 AM to canvass the November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election results and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD MINUTES FOR FY 2014 LINDA HAMMOND – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the Franklin County Child Welfare Board minutes for the FY 2014 and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 10/26/2015 - G**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING HEATHER STRICKLAND'S APPLICATION TO BE A BOARD MEMBER OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD – LINDA HAMMOND – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve Heather Strickland to be a Board Member of the Franklin County Child Welfare Board and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.
See Exhibit 10/26/2015 - H

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD BUDGET FOR FY 2015 – 2016 – LINDA HAMMOND – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Franklin County Child Welfare Board Budget for FY 2015 – 2016 and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 10/26/2015 - I**

PRESENT FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT, ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 – LINDA HAMMOND – Linda Hammond presented the Franklin County Child Welfare Board Annual Report which ended on September 30, 2015 and requested it be put on record in the Minutes of Commissioners' Court.
See Exhibit 10/26/2015 - J

PRESENT COPY OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF LUMINANT MINING COMPANY LLC'S INTENTION TO SEEK PHASE I AND PHASE III RECLAMATION LIABILITY RELEASE FOR THE LUMINANT WINFIELD MINE LOCATED IN FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lee presented the Public Notice of Luminant Mining Company LLC's intention to seek Phase I and III Reclamation Liability Release for the Luminant Winfield Mine located in Franklin County. **See Exhibit 10/26/2015 - K**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION FOR FY 2016 INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT PROGRAM – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the Resolution for FY 2016 Indigent Defense Grant Program and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.
See Exhibit 10/26/2015 - L

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PACKET FOR EXTERNAL PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Request for Proposals Packet for external professional auditing services and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 10/26/2015 - M**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING COUNTY AUDITOR AS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE TO OPEN AND ACKNOWLEDGE PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICE BIDS ON DECEMBER 15, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M. – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the County Auditor as the Designated Representative to open and acknowledge professional auditing service bids on December 15, 2015 at 9:00 AM and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Sheriff Ricky Jones reported having air conditioner problems in the server room. They were receiving temperature warnings. Nothing has been done to fix the air conditioner and it seems to be fine. He believes they are receiving false temperature readings.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS PER GOVERNMENT CODE SEC.551.047(a)(1) TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioners' Court recessed into Executive Session at 10:06 AM as per Government Code Sec. 551.047 (a)(1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a Public Officer or employee.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lee reconvened back into Open Meeting at 10:55 AM. No action taken.

Commissioner Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 AM and Commissioner Carr 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 October 26, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 26th day of October, 2015.

Betty Crane, County Clerk