

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
December 14, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session December 14, 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 (arrived at 9:20)
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Mary Kay Thomas, Kevin Spence, Margaret Sears, Lindsey Yeager, Gene Stump, Trey Newsome, Darrek Ferrell, Andrew Emery, Tina Phillips, Terri Matthews, Cathy Jumper, Betty Sue Allen, Jim Alford, Jerry Cooper, Todd Conradson, Jack Brooks Pieter Post, Charlie Emerson, Ellen Jagers, Bill Travis 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 reported on recent events and activities she had attended as well as informed the court about future events and activities coming up.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 23, 2015 REGULAR SESSION - COUNTY CLERK

– Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 23, 2015 Regular Session and Commissioner Chitsey 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 Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

See Exhibit 12/14/2015 - A

APPROVE NOVEMBER 2015 MONTHLY REPORTS – TREASURER -

Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the November 2015 monthly reports. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the November 2015 monthly reports and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 12/14/2015 - B**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2016 ELECTION POLLING LOCATIONS – COUNTY CLERK –

County Clerk Betty Crane presented her recommendation for voting locations for the 2016 elections. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the County Clerk's recommendations of voting locations for the 2016 elections and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 11/23/2015 – C**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING NUMBER OF EARLY VOTING ELECTION WORKERS FOR 2016 PRIMARY ELECTIONS – COUNTY CLERK - County Clerk Betty Crane requested six Early Voting election workers for the 2016 primary elections. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve six Early Voting election workers for the 2016 Primary Election and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SUBMIT A LETTER, ON BEHALF OF CYPRESS SPRINGS SUD, FOR SMALL TOWNS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT FUNDING TO REPLACE OLD WATER LINES (MARY KAY THOMAS, AMAZING GRANTS, INC. AND KEVIN SPENCE, CYPRESS SPRINGS SUD) . Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Judge Lee to submit a letter of behalf of Cypress Springs SUD for Small Towns Environment Program grant funding to replace old water lines and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

See Exhibit 12/14/2015 - D

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INSTALLATION OF LIGHT POLES AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX – BILL TRAVIS – After discussion, no action was taken on this agenda item. There will be more discussion on the installation of the light poles at the Sports Complex during the December 28, 2015 workshop. **See Exhibit 12/14/2015 - E**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2015 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – COUNTY AUDITOR - Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the 2015 budget amendments and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 12/14/2015 - F**

PRESENT UPDATED HOURS OF OPERATION FOR COUNTY TRANSFER STATION – PRECINCT 2 - Commissioner Jumper announced the County Transfer Station hours and days of operation will change on January 1, 2016. The transfer station will be open on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DEEMING FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE A GUN FREE ZONE – COUNTY JUDGE – Concern over the open carry law that will become effective January 1st was discussed. No action was taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported no asbestos had been found during the inspection during the repair of the broken pipe in the ceiling at the Annex in the Law Enforcement Center. She reported Steve Slaton had checked the other pcv pipes and everything was okay. Auditor Tina Phillips reported she will be opening the bid proposals for audit services at 9:00 AM Tuesday morning. Commissioner Young asked questions about the airport walls that needed to be done and Todd Conradson reported there is no cheap fix for the problem.

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 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 December 14, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 14th day of December, 2015.

Betty Crane, County Clerk