

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
June 13, 2016

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session June 13, 2016 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: Dr. Jean Latortue, Dr. Michael Walker, Margaret Sears, Everett Walter, Bob McFarland, Donna McFarland, Jerry Hubbell, Ken Greer, Telisa Newman, Darrek Ferrell, Jerry Cooper, Gene Stump, Katie Stump, Ellen Jaggars, Lisa Lawrence, Ricky Jones, Tina Phillips, Bryan Giguere, Cathy Jumper, Betty Sue Allen, Tina Phillips, Jim Alford, Ellen Jaggars, and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lee called the meeting to order and Commissioner Young offered prayer.

Public Comments: Dr. Michael Walker read his statement which indicted his opposition to the contract that Franklin County has with Dr. Jean Latortue concerning the hospital building. He requested proof that Franklin County is using 75% of the hospital building, that Dr. Latortue paid the taxes, legal documentation between Dr. Latortue and the County over any contract dispute, the current square footage used by the current sub-leases, and requested Dr. Latortue be issued a 1099 for personal income received from Franklin County for 2015 based on a fair market lease. He also requested other documentation mentioned in his statement which is found in **Exhibit 6/13/2016 A.**

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent Lindsey Yeager reported on the recent child car seat event and activities she had attended as well as informed the court about future events and activities coming up.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 23, 2016 REGULAR SESSION, JUNE 1, 2016 WORKSHOP SESSION AND JUNE 2, 2016 WORKSHOP SESSION - COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2016 Regular Session, June 1st and June 2nd workshop sessions and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

See Exhibit 6/13/2016 -B

FIRST READING REPLAT LOT 9G-R PHASE VII NORTHSORE SUBDIVISION – (HENRY & MARGARET HERMANN) – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of Lot 9G-R, Phase VII in the Northshore subdivision and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CONSENT TO SUB-LEASE PORTIONS OF LEASED PREMISES OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY FAMILY HEALTH CENTER – COUNTY JUDGE - Judge Lee gave Dr. Latortue a chance to respond to Dr. Walker's statement. Dr. Latortue addressed some of the issues mentioned in Dr. Walker's statement. He reported paying the 2015 taxes as well as the renovation of the building and any repairs that was needed. He reported he has a lot invested in the building. He said he was trying to get services in Franklin County so patients would not have to travel to get them. After discussion, Commissioner Carr made a motion to give Dr. Latortue consent to sub-lease portions of the premises of the Franklin County Family Health Center to Azalea Orthopedics, Chambers Home Health Care and Physician Reliance oncology. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Commissioner Jumper abstained and Commissioner Chitsey opposed the motion. Judge Lee voted in favor of the sub-leases. The motion carried with Commissioners Carr, Young and County Judge Lee voting in favor of the motion. **See Exhibit 6/13/2016 - C**

PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR JIM ALFORD – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE – Judge Alford reported giving his Certificate of Completion of Continuing Education to the County Clerk to be put on record in the minutes. Clerk Crane confirmed she had received it. **See Exhibit 06/13/2015 – D**

PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR SCOTT LEE – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lee reported giving his Certificate of Completion of Continuing Education to the County Clerk to be put on record in the minutes. Clerk Crane confirmed she had received it. **See Exhibit 06/13/2015 - E**

PRESENT THE MAY 24, 2016 DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION CANVASS REPORT – COUNTY CLERK- County Clerk Betty Crane presented the May 24, 2016 Democratic and Republican Primary Run-Off election results to be put on record in the minutes. **See Exhibit 6/13/2016 F**

OPEN AND AWARD BIDS FOR CULVERTS – TREASURER – Judge Lee opened three bids for culverts that were received from Burgin Pipe & Supply, Contech Engineered Solutions and Holmes Concrete and Pipe. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the three bids that were received for culverts Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 6/13/2016 - G**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DISSOLVING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX COMMITTEE AND RETURNING THE DISBURSEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES TO COMMISSIONERS COURT – PRECINCT 2- After much discussion, Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve dissolving the Franklin County Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Committee and return the disbursement responsibilities to Commissioners' Court. Motion died for a lack of a second.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Bob McFarland from the Industrial Foundation stated Franklin County needs a new animal shelter. He reported the Industrial Foundation has offered the 5 ½ acres behind the jail that could be used for that purpose in the past and nothing has been done with it. He stated if an opportunity arises to get new or existing businesses within the county, they will offer this property but the offer is still there if the County could come up with something to build a new animal shelter.

Auditor Tina Phillips requested some type of air conditioning be put in the Winnsboro building since it no longer works. She suggested portable heat / air conditioners with the cost of about \$800 for two of them. County Clerk Betty Crane reported the heater in the front part of Annex East was not working and requested something be done before the November election.

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn 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 June 13, 2016

Witnessed and recorded this 13th day of June, 2016.

Betty Crane, County Clerk