

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
September 12, 2016

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session September 12, 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: Jerry Cooper, Lindsey Yeager, Ellen Jagers, Lisa Lawrence, Margaret Sears, Bryan Giguere, Syd Newman, Justin Ferguson, Jennifer Jordan, Bert Edmondson, Sue Ann Harper, Bill Travis, Tina Phillips, Betty Sue Allen, Janet Middleton, 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 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 AUGUST 22, 2016 REGULAR SESSION - COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2016 Regular Session and Commissioner Young 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 9/12/2016 - A

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ACCOUNT RECAP FOR JULY 2016 – TREASURER - Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the July 2016 Account Recap reports. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the July 2016 Account Recap reports and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

See Exhibit 9/12/2016 - B

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENTAL REQUEST OF MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING ON OCTOBER 8, 2016 BY KENNETH BROWN - TREASURER - Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve Kenneth Brown's rental request of the Multi-Purpose Building on October 8, 2016 and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2017 HOLIDAY CALENDAR – TREASURER - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the 2017 Holiday Calendar and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 9/12/2016 – C**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING POSSIBLE FUTURE USE OF FRANKLIN COUNTY AIRPORT GROUNDS BY BEAT THE HEAT ORGANIZATION – JENNIFER JORDAN, FRANKLIN COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD – Jennifer Jordan from the Franklin County Airport Board reported the Beat the Heat organizer could not attend the meeting today. She explained what she knew about the organization but reported she would feel more comfortable letting the Beat the Heat organizer be on hand to answer any questions the Commissioners' might have. Commissioner Carr made a motion to table this agenda item until a later date and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON RENEWAL OF DISTRICT CLERK'S ARCHIVE PLAN AS PER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC.51.308- 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – DISTRICT CLERK - Judge Lee convened the public hearing at 9:17 AM to discuss the renewal of the District Clerks Archive Plan. No one from the public indicated they would like to address this agenda item. The public hearing was adjourned at 9:18 A.M.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DISTRICT CLERK'S EIGHTH ANNUAL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION RECORDS PLAN – DISTRICT CLERK - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the district clerk's preservation and restoration records plan and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 9/12/2016 - D** to review the plan.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON RENEWAL OF COUNTY CLERK'S ARCHIVE PLAN AS PER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 118.025 – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – COUNTY CLERK - Judge Lee convened the public hearing at 9:18 AM to discuss the renewal of the County Clerk's Archive Plan. No one from the public indicated they would like to address this agenda item. The public hearing was adjourned at 9:18 A.M.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING COUNTY CLERK'S ARCHIVAL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION RECORD PLAN – COUNTY CLERK - Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the county clerk's archival preservation and restoration records plan and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 9/12/2016 – E** to review the plan.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY'S 2017 FINAL BUDGET – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lee convened the public hearing at 9:22 AM to discuss the adoption of Franklin County's 2017 Final Budget. No one from the public indicated they would like to address this agenda item. The public hearing was adjourned at 9:22 AM.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADOPTING FRANKLIN COUNTY'S 2017 FINAL BUDGET – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve adopting Franklin County's 2017 final budget as presented and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried with Judge Lee and Commissioners Chitsey, Jumper, Carr, and Young all voting in favor of adopting the 2017 Final Budget. **See Exhibit 9/12/2016 - F**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADOPTING FRANKLIN COUNTY'S 2017 TAX RATE – COUNTY JUDGE – Auditor Tina Phillips requested the Commissioners' Court to amend the wording on this agenda item to state 2016 Tax Rate instead of 2017 Tax Rate. Commissioner Young made a motion to amend the agenda item by changing the year from 2017 to 2016 and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve adopting Franklin County's 2016 tax rate of .505921 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried with Judge Lee and Commissioners Chitsey, Jumper, Carr, and Young all voting in favor of adopting the 2016 Tax Rate. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 9/12/2016 -G**

RECORD CERTIFIED COPY OF THE 8TH AND 62ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURTS' ORDER FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR'S 2017 FIXED SALARY – COUNTY AUDITOR - Auditor Tina Phillips presented a certified copy of the 8th and 62nd judicial district courts' order for the Franklin County Auditor's 2017 fixed salary to be put on record in the Minutes. **See Exhibit 9/12/2016 – H**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADOPTING RESOLUTION FOR OPPOSITION TO APPRAISAL CAPS AND REVENUE CAPS – PRECINCT 4 – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve adopting the Resolution for the opposition to appraisal caps and revenue caps and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 9/12/2016 - I**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADOPTING RESOLUTION FOR OPPOSITION TO UNFUNDED MANDATES – PRECINCT 4 - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve adopting the Resolution for the opposition to unfunded mandates and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 9/12/2016 – J**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADOPTING RESOLUTION FOR STATE FUNDS FOR INDIGENT CRIMINAL DEFENSE – PRECINCT 4 - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve adopting the Resolution for State Funds for Indigent Criminal Defense and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried **See Exhibit 9/12/2016 – K**

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Auditor Tina Phillips reported FEMA awards letters were being sent out. Commissioners discussed removing the bricks on each end of the Airport Community Center. Judge Lee reported he would discuss removing the bricks with Miller and Sons Masonry to see if they could remove the bricks or cut the brick at the corners.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.071 FOR CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO CONSIDER ACTION ON THREATENED OR PENDING LITIGATION – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioners' Court recessed into Executive Session at 9:46AM.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lee reconvened Commissioners' Court back into open session at 10:22 AM. No action taken.

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the meeting 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 September 12, 2016

Witnessed and recorded this 12th day of September, 2016.

Betty Crane, County Clerk