

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
October 11, 2016

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session October 11, 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  
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Ann Burnett, Jacqueline Miller, Bob McFarland, Carolyn Teague, Lisa Lawrence, Jerry Cooper, Donna McFarland, Bryan Giguere, Bob Elbert, Sue Ann Harper, Kevin Kuykendall, Carrie Kuykendall, Tina Phillips, Jim Alford, Jim Cleveland, Shannon Ostertag, Betty Sue Allen, Brad Hyman, Josh Jordan, Amy Briscoe, Telisa Newman, Ricky Jones and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

**Public Comments:** None

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 REGULAR SESSION, - COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2016 Regular Session and Commissioner Carr 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 Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
**See Exhibit 10/11/2016 - A**

**SECOND READING REPLAT OF LOT 18R MARINA POINT SUBDIVISION – KEVIN KUYKENDALL -** Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the second reading of the replat of lot 18R at Marina Point subdivision and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Plat Cabinet 302A-2**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING HOTEL / MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2017 FUNDING REQUESTS – BOB MCFARLAND, FRANKLIN COUNTY HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX COMMITTEE** – Bob McFarland, representative from the Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Committee presented the Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Committee's recommendations for 2017 funding. **See Exhibit 10/11/2016 – B.** Judge Lee reported Commissioner Jumper requested to delay making a decision for two weeks since he was not able to attend this meeting due to a prior commitment. **See Exhibit 10/11/2016 – C.** After much discussion Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to table this agenda item until the next meeting and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Commissioner Young opposed the motion. Motion carried 2 to 1.



**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REVOKING HOTEL / MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX COMMITTEE FUNDS FOR ALAMO MISSION'S OPERATING COSTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000 – COUNTY JUDGE –** Commissioner Chitsey reported this is an ongoing discussion every year. He reported it is a legal expenditure and she is counting on these funds. The reason the Commissioners' Court had been approving these funds for the Alamo Mission is because there has been friction with a committee member. Mr. McFarland explained it is the intent of the Committee for the Alamo Mission to receive these funds. Commissioner Carr explained it is the same money from the Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Funds. She will be required to ask for the fund request from the Hotel / Motel Tax Committee instead of Commissioner's Court. Judge Lee stated that is why we have a Committee and everyone should go through the Committee to request funds. After much discussion, Commissioner Young made a motion to table this agenda item and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION REGARDING TXDOT'S HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM – SYD NEWMAN AND JUSTIN FERGUSON, TXDOT -** Syd Newman presented an overview of the TxDot Highway Bridge Program. He also reported the 2017 Call for Projects had begun and if you have a particular bridge in mind to contact them and they would be glad to visit with you or answer questions. He reported Franklin County has three bridges eligible for the program. Commissioner Chitsey reported he thought the bridge on 1015 needed to be replaced. **See Exhibit 10/11/2016 – D -**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENTAL REQUEST OF MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING ON OCTOBER 15, 2016 BY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY – TREASURER -** County Clerk, Betty Crane asked to withdraw the request because of lack of interest in the planned event. No action taken.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AUCTIONING SCHOOL CHAIRS STORED AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AIRPORT – TREASURER –** Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve auctioning the school chairs stored at the Franklin County Airport and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PRESENT COUNTY COMMISSIONER CONTINUING EDUCATION TRANSCRIPT FOR THE COMPLETION OF 36 HOURS OF MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LARKIN JUMPER – PRECINCT 2 –** County Clerk Betty Crane reported receiving Larkin Jumpers 2016 Continuing Education Transcript showing the completion of 36 continuing education hours and requested it be put on record in the minutes. **See Exhibit 10/11/2016 - E**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH GHS FOR JUSTICE COURT – COUNTY AUDITOR –** Auditor Tina Phillips reported that GHS has been doing our collection for many years but the contract expired in 2009 and we have been doing it from month to month. This contract is a five year contract with a clause that states that either party has a 90 days' notice to terminate the contract. Judge Lee reported that the County Attorney had looked over the contract and everything looked good. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve entering into a five year contract with GHS for Justice Court and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 10/11/2016 - F**



**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ENTERING INTO MOU BETWEEN TX A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE AND FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES – COUNTY AUDITOR -** Auditor Tina Phillips reported this is a Memorandum of Understanding that we will provide the Agrilife Extension service with internet service for their next Fiscal Year. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the MOU between Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service with Information Technology Services and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 10/11/2016 - G**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- loose bricks need to be pulled off the airport / discussed how and when to remove them
- Road by Lowes easement was abandoned in 1985 or 1986 (per former County Precinct 2 Commissioner Bobby Elbert)
- Guilty Verdict on the Capital Murder trial which is an automatic appeal - expect it to cost \$50,000 to \$75,000 more for the appeal
- Weather alert system for this area

Commissioner Young 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 October 11, 2016

Witnessed and recorded this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk