

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

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session December 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, Bill Travis, Lindsey Yeager, Sue Ann Harper, Lisa Lawrence, Tina Phillips, Jim Alford, Telisa Newman, Gene Stump, Ricky Jones, Cathy Jumper, Bryan Giguere, Gordon Hukill, Betty Sue Allen, and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lee called the meeting to order and Commissioner Young offered prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was recited.

Public Comments: None

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 28, 2016 REGULAR SESSION - COUNTY CLERK
Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2016 Regular Session and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER –
Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 12/12/2016 - A**

PRESENT AND RECORD MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD MEETINGS – SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2016 – LINDA HAMOND - Auditor Tina Phillips presented the minutes of the Franklin County Child Welfare Board meeting from September and October 2016 to be put on record in the minutes. **See Exhibit 12/12/2016 – B**

PRESENT COUNTY COMMISSIONER CONTINUING EDUCATION TRANSCRIPT FOR COMPLETION OF 28.50 HOURS OF MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR SAM YOUNG – PRECINCT 4 - County Clerk Betty Crane reported receiving Sam Young's 2016 Continuing Education Transcript showing the completion of 28.50 continuing education hours and requested it be put on record in the minutes. **See Exhibit 12/12/2016 - C**

PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF COURSE COMPLETION FOR COUNTY TAX OFFICE PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION FOR MELISSA MCSWAIN – COUNTY TAX A/C - Tax Assessor Sue Ann Harper presented a Certificate of Course Completion for County Tax Office Professional Designation for Melissa McSwain to be put on record in the minutes. **See Exhibit 12/12/2016 – D**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MELISSA MCSWAIN TO CARRY OVER 20.6 VACATION HOURS DUE TO BEING SHORT-STAFFED – COUNTY TAX A/C -

Tax Assessor Sue Ann Harper reported the request was for Cristi Gonzales instead of Melissa McSwain to carry over 20.6 vacation hours due to being short-staffed. Commissioner Carr made a motion to table this agenda item until December 27th meeting to get the name corrected on the agenda and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried to table.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DONATION OF 40 HOURS OF SICK TIME FROM CHARLIE EMERSON TO JACQUELYN MENDEZ – SHERIFF AND PRECINCT 3 -

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve donation of 40 hours of sick time from Charlie Emerson to Jacquelyn Mendez and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING UPGRADE AND INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS FOR FOUR OF THE COUNTY BUILDINGS – SHERIFF –

After much discussion, Commissioner Young made a motion to table the upgrade and installation of security cameras for the county buildings until after the first of the year and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. They requested putting each location on the agenda individually.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PAYMENT OF VENDOR INVOICES FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY STEP GRANT #7216016 WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDS – TREASURER –

County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen explained the timing sometimes does not happen when a Commissioners' Court meeting is to take place. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve payment of vendor invoices for Franklin County Step Grant #7216016 for Cypress Springs SUD within five days of receipt of grant funds and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Judge Lee reported low interest loans for drought relief are available, County Christmas luncheon on December 22nd at 11:30, Lindsey Yeager reported doing Food Handlers Certifications, Caulking of the courthouse for leaks and wasps / work started but not completed because of the weather

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE COMMISSIONER'S 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 10:02 AM.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING - Judge Lee reconvened Commissioners' Court back into open session at 10:44 AM. No action taken.

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

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

Betty Crane, County Clerk