

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
January 25, 2016

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session January 25, 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: Coy Johnson, Lanny Ramsay, Telisa Newman, Pieter Post, Darrek Ferrell, B. F. Hicks, Tommy Morganson, Scott Newsom, Patrick Barron, Jerry Bogue, Jerry Cooper, Trey Newsome, Gene Stump, Todd Conradson, Charlie Emerson, Ricky Jones, Tina Phillips, Bryan Giguere, Cathy Jumper, Betty Sue Allen, Jim Alford, Jerry Cooper, Ellen Jagers, Bill Travis and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

Public Comments: Tommy Morganson requested Franklin County to work with the Franklin County Water District to help solve the flooding at Lake Cypress Springs. City Manager Darrek Ferrell voiced his appreciation for the County letting the City use the parking lot behind Annex East to store septic materials.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE January 11, 2016 REGULAR SESSION - COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 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 1/25/2016 - A**

APPROVE DECEMBER 2015 MONTHLY REPORTS – TREASURER - Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the December 2015 monthly reports. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the December 2015 monthly reports and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 1/25/2016 – B**

QUARTERLY REPORTS FOR OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2015 – TREASURER - Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the fourth quarter quarterly reports for 2015. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the 2015 fourth quarter reports and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 1/25/2016 - C**

SECOND READING: REPLAT LOT 15R EL DORADO BAY SUBDIVISION – LANNY RAMSAY FOR MARTIN SCHNEIDER - Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the second reading of the replat of lot 15R in the El Dorado Bay subdivision and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Plat Cabinet # 299A

SECOND READING: REPLAT LOTS 40R2 AND 41R, UNIT II EL DORADO BEACH SUBDIVISION – B F HICKS FOR THEODORE C. BURGDORF - Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the second reading of the replat of lots 40R2 and 41R of Unit II in the El Dorado Beach subdivision and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Plat Cabinet # 299B

SECOND READING: REPLAT LOTS 10R AND 11R, PHASE 1, HICKORY HILLS SUBDIVISION – COY JOHNSON, INDIVIDUALLY AND FOR JAMES AND BRENDA BRINKLEY - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the second reading of lots 10R and 11R of Phase 1 in the Hickory Hills subdivision and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Plat Cabinet 298B

PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR 20 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR BETTY CRANE – COUNTY CLERK - – County Clerk Betty Crane presented her 2015 Continuing Education Certificate showing the completion of 20 continuing education hours and requested it be put on record in the minutes. **See Exhibit 1/25/2016 - D**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ALLOWING EMPLOYEES TO NOT LOSE ACCUMULATED VACATION HOURS NEEDED TO BE TAKEN DUE TO WORKING DURING TORNADO AND FLOOD DAMAGE CLEAN UP AND REPAIR WHILE SCHEDULED TO BE ON VACATION – TREASURER – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen explained to the court that the county has a policy that anyone with more than 80 hours of vacation time on January 15th would lose any hours over 80 hours. She requested giving employees that had scheduled vacation time in December and had to work because of the tornado and flooding be given extra time to take that vacation time. After much discussion, Commissioner Jumper made a motion to waive the policy and allow employees that had vacation time scheduled in December to have until March 31st to take vacation time and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CHILD WELFARE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION FOR KRISTI KEY AS NEW BOARD MEMBER – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve Kristi Key as a new Franklin County Child Welfare Board member and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING BODY CAMERAS FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE PATROL THROUGH CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION GRANT – SHERIFF – Sheriff Jones reported he had gotten approval of a grant from the Criminal Justice Division to purchase body cameras for all of his officers. He reported the grant is a 25% match and the county would be responsible for \$1,870.75 of the \$9,353.75 needed to purchase eleven cameras. Sheriff Jones reported he had funds in his budget that could be used to pay the match funds. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve getting eleven body cameras for the Sheriff's Office patrol through a Criminal Justice Division Grant and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENT 2015 FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RACIAL PROFILE REPORT – SHERIFF - Sheriff Jones presented the 2015 Racial Profile Report to be put on record in the minutes. He reported the report had been reported accepted on the TCOLE Reporting System. **See Exhibit 1/25/2016 E**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX TOURNAMENT FORM AND LEASE AGREEMENT – BILL TRAVIS – Mr. Travis presented information on the league / lease form from the Tournament form to help cut down confusion. **See Exhibit 1/25/2016 – F.** He reported mailing a copy to three leaders of the baseball/softball associations and they had a few questions. Scott Newsom asked a few questions and expressed concern about the utility cost. Patrick Barron expressed his feelings about having a nice Sports Complex for the kids and asked if it was all about the money. He stated the Associations will be fiscally responsible. Commissioner Jumper was concerned about some expensive litigation the county is facing and possibly having to borrow money. Jerry Cooper recommended scheduling games during daylight hours to help with the electric bill. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Franklin County Sports Complex Tournament Form and Lease Agreement and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to 1. Commissioner Jumper opposed the motion.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CONSTRUCTING AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR SHELTER ON EAST SIDE OF COURTHOUSE – TODD CONRADSON - Maintenance Manager Todd Conradson presented a sketch of an emergency generator shelter along with the cost of materials in the amount of \$6,479.54. **See Exhibit 1/25/2016 – G.** He also reported purchasing a muffler for the generator in the amount of \$237.86 and a new breaker was needed because it was faulty and the emergency generator was coming on during the day because of the faulty breaker. He reported the breaker was \$1,860.00. Auditor Tina Phillips reported there was funds in the budget to pay for the muffler and the breaker. The Commissioners instructed Todd to go ahead and order the breaker and get it repaired. After discussion, the Commissioners decided a secure fence around the generator would be sufficient. Commissioner Carr made a motion to table constructing the emergency shelter for the generator and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Judge Lee reported Lonnie Hunt from Texas Association of Counties will be in Franklin County on Wednesday. He also reported the flooding may not meet the requirements of 18" vs 36". Todd asked questions about the tower at the old hospital. He presented information about dismantling the tower (\$4,900) as well as rewiring the tower and replacing the beacons and side lights (\$2,500). After discussion the Commissioners' indicated they wanted the beacons and side lights replaced instead of dismantling the tower.

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 January 25, 2016

Witnessed and recorded this 25th day of January, 2016.

Betty Crane, County Clerk