

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

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session April 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
Larkin Jumper, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Robert Davis, Stan Lewiecki, Lindsey Yeager, Jenny Dennis, D.J. Jancosek, Bert Edmondson, Ralph Robertson, Rob Stephens, Tim Brunton, James McFadden, Bryan Giguere, Ellen Jagers, Kevin Spence, Tina Phillips, Jim Alford, Bill Travis, Cathy Jumper, Betty Sue Allen, Telisa Newman, Margaret Sears, Ricky Jones, Gene Stump, and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

Public Comments: None

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

See Exhibit 4/11/2016 - A

FIRST READING: REPLAT LOT 1R PHASE IV EAGLE POINT AND 2.663 ACRES – RALPH ROBERTSON FOR LARRY AND ANN ADAMS - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of lot 1R, Phase IV, Eagle Point and 2.663 acres and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADDITIONAL SALES DATES FOR FIREWORKS – ROB STEPHENS – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the sale of fireworks for three additional periods; Texas Independence Day, San Jacinto Day and Memorial Day. Commissioner Carr seconded the motion and the motion carried. **See Exhibit 4/11/2016 - B**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROCLAMATION DEEMING APRIL 2016 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the Proclamation deeming April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention month for Franklin County and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.
See Exhibit 4/22/2016 - C

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROCLAMATION DEEMING MAY 2016 AS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY – DAVID MCKAY, IRON APOSTLES MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Proclamation deeming May 2016 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month for Franklin County and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 4/11/2016 - D**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR STEP FUNDING ON BEHALF OF CYPRESS SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION – KEVIN SPENCE, CYPRESS SPRINGS SUD AND MARY KAY THOMAS, AMAZING GRANTS, INC.- Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for STEP funding on behalf of Cypress Springs Special Utility District and authorizing the county judge to act as the authorized representative for Franklin County in all matters pertaining to the application. Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion and the motion carried. **See Exhibit 4/11/2016 - E**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CYPRESS SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT REGARDING THE STEP FUNDING – CYPRESS SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT AGREES TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES ADDRESSED IN THE TXCDBG STEP APPLICATION AND COMMITS ADDITIONAL PROJECT FUNDING, IF NEEDED – KEVIN SPENCE, CYPRESS SPRINGS SUD AND MARY KAY THOMAS, AMAZING GRANTS, INC. - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve authorizing the county judge to enter into an agreement with Cypress Spring Special Utility District regarding the STEP funding. Cypress Springs SUD agrees to provide the services addressed in the TxCDBG STEP application and commits additional project funding if needed. Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion and the motion carried.
See Exhibit 4/11/2016 -F

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REQUEST FOR ACQUIRING SURPLUS RIGHT OF WAY FROM THE STATE LOCATED AT FM 115, JUST SOUTH OF FM 900 FOR AD GOODRICH OF SCROGGINS, TEXAS FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – COUNTY JUDGE - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the request for AD Goodrich to acquire the right of way from the Texas Department of Transportation located at FM 115, just south of FM 900 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 4/11/2016 - G**

DISCUSSION ITEMS: 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. Sheriff Jones wanted to commend the Franklin County Child Welfare Board and the Child Advocacy Center for doing a great job. Auditor Tina Phillips gave the commissioners a draft of the budget calendar for them to review. Commissioner Jumper asked for an update on the Revolving Loan Fund. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported she would be advertising for bids for road material in the May 3 and 10th newspaper with the bids to be opened on May 23rd.

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 AND TAKE ACTION ON THREATENED OR PENDING LITIGATION – COUNTY JUDGE - Judge Lee recessed into Executive Session at 9:45 AM.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lee reconvened back into open session at 11:04 AM. No action taken.

Commissioner Carr 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 April 11, 2016

Witnessed and recorded this 11th day of April, 2016.

Betty Crane, County Clerk