

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

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session April 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: Ralph Robertson, Mary Lou Russell Mowery, Jerald Mowery, Jim Alford, Ricky Jones, Cathy Jumper, Telisa Newman, Bill Travis, Gene Stump, Wesley Sargent, Don Jancosek, Darrek Ferrell, Margaret Sears, Ellen Jagers, Lindsey Yeager, Bert Edmondson, Norman Horn, Carol Horn, Sue Ann Harper, Todd Conradson, Bill Travis, Betty Sue Allen, Tina Phillips, Bryan Giguere, and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

**Public Comments:** None

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 8, 2016 WORKSHOP SESSION, APRIL 11, 2016 REGULAR SESSION, AND APRIL 12 AND APRIL 21, 2016 WORKSHOP SESSIONS - COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2016 Workshop, April 11 Regular, and April 12 and April 21 Workshop meetings and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried

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

**See Exhibit 4/25/2016 - A**

**FIRST READING: REPLAT LOT 9G-R Phase VII NORTHSORE SUBDIVISION – CASEY SELF FOR HENRY AND MARGARET HERMANN -** County Attorney Gene Stump explained the ads in the newspaper stated incorrect Commissioner Court dates and new ads are having to be done. No action taken.

**SECOND READING: REPLAT LOT 1R PHASE IV EAGLE POINT AND 2.633 ACRES – RALPH ROBERTSON FOR LARRY AND ANN ADAMS -** Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the second reading of replat of lot 1R of Phase IV, Eagle Point and 2.633 acres and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Plat Cabinet # 301B-1**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION'S FUNDING REQUEST FOR ELEVATOR REPAIR IN THE OLD FIRE STATION MUSEUM – JERALD MOWERY**

– Mr. Mowery stated they were not seeking funding for elevator repairs but asking the county to pay for a maintenance agreement of the elevator. He reported a phone had been added to the elevator and it is ADA complaint. After discussion, Commissioner Carr made a motion to table this agenda item. The funding of a maintenance agreement for the elevator at the Franklin County Historical Association building at the Old Fire Station Museum will be considered in 2017 budget hearings. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen stated she will research and see how much it will cost to add to this to the policy. Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion and the motion carried to table the agenda item.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROCLAMATION DEEMING MAY 2 – 6, 2016 AS JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK CREATED BY SB 565 IN THE 84<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE – COUNTY CLERK**

- Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Proclamation deeming May 2 – 6, 2016 as Juror Appreciation Week that was created by the SB 565 in the 84<sup>th</sup> Legislature and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. See Exhibit 4/25/2016 - B

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON REVIEWING BIDS AND APPROVING PURCHASE OF 8 SETS OF BLEACHERS FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX – BILL TRAVIS**

- After discussion, Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve purchasing eight sets of bleachers from SturdiSteel in the amount of \$11,360.00 for the Franklin County Sports Complex and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. See 4/25/2016 - C

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR ROAD MATERIALS, CULVERTS AND FUEL – TREASURER**

- Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve advertising for bids for road materials, culverts and fuel. The bids are to be opened on May 23, 2016 with the new fees becoming effective June 1<sup>st</sup> and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING QUOTE FROM TOM SCOTT LUMBER YARD FOR GENERATOR ENCLOSURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,492.82 – TODD CONRADSON**

– Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the quote from Tom Scott Lumber Yard in the amount of \$3,492.82 for material to enclose the generator at the courthouse and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Exhibit 4/23/2016 D

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING WHETHER TO EXTEND CURRENT AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT WITH TITUS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FOR ONE YEAR, EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2017 OR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A NEW TWO-YEAR CONTRACT BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018 – COUNTY JUDGE**

– After discussion, Commissioner Young made a motion to go out for bids for ambulance service for a new two year contract beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2018. Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Maintenance Manager Todd Conradson reported on December 16, 2015 the 1911 bell strike hammer broke in half. After doing lots of research he reported taking the broken bell strike hammer to Larry Baily of Henderson Manufacturing Company, Inc. in Pittsburg on February 4, 2016. Mr. Bailey took the broken bell strike hammer to Ted Edward Keen and Patricia Crowe Keen at Superior Cast Metals in Houston. Todd reported receiving a new replica of the hammer on April 13, 2016. Todd requested the county to show appreciation for the restorative work done on the hammer. The County will present a plaque to them in appreciation of the work done on the bell strike hammer.

- Commissioner Chitsey reported doing work on a section of a road (Carr Street) that ties into a county road. He reported the City is responsible for the work on that stretch of the road.
- 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.
- Judge Lee reminded everyone about the employee appreciation luncheon to be held on Wednesday.
- Auditor Tina Phillips discussed some legislative issues and scheduled a workshop on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 12:00 to discuss the 2017 budget. She also suggested inviting State Representative Gary VanDeaver to our budget workshop. She also encouraged everyone to contact legislative representatives and let them know you feel about legislative issues.

**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 AND TAC ATTORNEYS TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THREATENED OR PENDING LITIGATION – COUNTY JUDGE –** Judge Lee recessed into Executive Session at 9:57 AM.

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE –** Judge Lee reconvened back into open session at 10:54 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 April 25, 2016

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

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Betty Crane, County Clerk