

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
August 8, 2016

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session August 8, 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: B. F. Hicks, Willie Bane, Bob McFarland, Lisa Lawrence, Telisa Newman, Bert Edmondson, Sue Ann Harper, Margaret Sears, Darrek Ferrell, Jerry Cooper, Gene Stump, Ricky Jones, Chris Mars, Robert Zinn, Tina Phillips, Bryan Giguere, Cathy Jumper, Betty Sue Allen, Jim Alford, Todd Conradson, Bill Travis, Ellen Jagggers, Josh Dailey, and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

Public Comments: None

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 25, 2016 REGULAR SESSION, JULY 28, 2016 AND AUGUST 2, 2017 WORKSHOP SESSIONS - COUNTY CLERK -

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2016 Regular Session, July 28, 2016 and August 2, 2016 Workshop Sessions and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT - TREASURER -

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

See Exhibit 8/8/2016 - A

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MONTHLY REPORTS FOR ALL FUNDS JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2016 - TREASURER -

Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the monthly reports for all funds January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the all monthly reports January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 8/8/2016 - B**

SECOND READING REPLAT LOT L506R-1 AND L505R SECTION 2 KINGS COUNTRY SUBDIVISION - BF HICKS FOR RAYMOND & JANET THIES AND WILLIAM & CAROLYN COBB -

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the second reading of the replat of lots L506R-1 and L505R of section 2 of the Kings Country subdivision and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

See Plat Cabinet 302A-1

PRESENT 2016 TCEQ AUDIT REPORT – JUAN FUENTES - Mr. Fuentes was not in attendance. Judge Lee reported Juan Fuentes had reported to him that all the problems were cleared up with TCEQ concerning the audit report.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE 2016 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE OF \$0.505921 PER \$100.00 VALUATION – COUNTY AUDITOR - Auditor Tina Phillips gave an overview of the 2017 budget items that were cut from the budget as well as items that were added. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the 2016 effective tax rate of \$0.505921 per \$100.00 valuation and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Commissioner Jumper then made a motion to amend the motion on the table to strike the word effective and insert the word proposed and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried to amend the motion wordage from effective rate to proposed rate. Judge Lee then took a vote on the motion to approve the original motion as amended (2016 proposed tax rate of \$0.505921 per \$100.00 valuation). Commissioners Chitsey, Jumper and Carr all voted in favor and Commissioner Young voted nay. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 8/8/2016 - D**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENTAL REQUEST OF THE MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING ON AUGUST 20, 2016 BY CATHY JUMPER – TREASURER - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the rental request of the Multi-Purpose building on August 20, 2016 by Cathy Jumper and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT FUNDING REQUEST FOR MAIN STREET MT. VERNON FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL – WILLIE BANE – Mr. Bane reported to the court the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee's recommendation of \$3,000 to the Main Street Mount Vernon Food and Wine Festival. Bob McFarland reported he was a member of the Main Street Committee as well as the Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee but did not get to attend the Hotel Occupancy meeting because of prior obligations. He reported the Main Street Mount Vernon Food and Wine Festival has access to a professional event planner and there will be top chefs from other wineries attend the festival. The Wine in the Pines Festival is being held in another City. The Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee had allocated \$3,000 towards that event. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve \$6,000 from the Hotel Occupancy Fund for the Mt. Vernon Main Street Food and Wine Festival and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Commissioners' Jumper and Chitsey expressed their concerns by setting a precedence that any organization could ask for more money. Motion carried 3 to 1. Commissioner Jumper voted nay.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: The Court discussed selling the hospital with the existing contract with Dr. Latortue. They discussed several properties that the county owned and wanted to see what the Commissioners' wanted to do with them. Judge Lee reported receiving a list of roads from the City that needed to be repaired. **See Exhibit 8/8/2016 –E** City Manager Darrek Ferrell reported he and the maintenance crew had gone over the road inventory and came up with these roads that would be good for chip sealing. Mr. Farrell said the Council will be the ones to make the decision on what they wanted done to the roads. He stated he wanted to open up the conversation about the County working on the City roads. Judge Alford stated he was speaking on behalf of a tax paying citizen that was concerned about county equipment being parked on a county road for three weeks. It would be safer at a county barn than parked out on the side of the road. Commissioner Chitsey reported he tried to park the equipment at

someone's house. He reported the equipment Judge Alford was referring to was broke down. Judge Lee reported talking with Mr. Hurley Miller and told him what our plans were concerning the extension office. He explained Lindsey Yeager was not losing her job but stated we do need an agriculture extension agent. Judge Lee reported that Maintenance Manager Todd Conradson was concerned about reviews on the portable air conditioners that was being considered for the Franklin County Building in Winnsboro. The Commissioners expressed concern about the walls at the airport and Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported going out for bids to repair the wall and did not receive any interest.

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Chitsey 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 August 8, 2016

Witnessed and recorded this 8th day of August, 2016.

Betty Crane, County Clerk