

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

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session February 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
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Lindsey Yeager, Brian Ball, John Gandy, Gerald Ezelle, Elizabeth Ezelle, Lisa Lawrence, Sue Ann Harper, Don Jancosek, Ronda Weatherford, Linda Hammond, Josh Daily, Bert Edmondson, Susan Jones, Pieter Post, B. F. Hicks, Jerry Cooper, Charlie Emerson, Mike Pennington, Ricky Jones, Tina Phillips, Bryan Giguere, Cathy Jumper, Betty Sue Allen, Telisa Newman, Jim Alford, and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lee called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

Public Comments: None

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 25, 2016 REGULAR SESSION and JANUARY 25, 2016 WORKSHOP SESSION - COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2016 regular and workshop sessions and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER – Commissioner Jumper questioned the claim in the amount of \$1,860 for the breaker. Auditor Tina Phillips reported Todd Conradson had verified a 250 amp breaker was indicated to be used when actually a 150 amp breaker was used and RBR or Resick Electric should be responsible. Commissioners' recommended having the County Attorney to write them a letter requesting a reimbursement of the funds. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve all the claims against the county including several claims that were submitted after the claims report was given to Commissioners' and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

See Exhibit 2/08/2016 - A

MONTHLY REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2016 – TREASURER - Deputy Treasurer, Telisa Newman presented the January 2016 monthly reports. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the January 2016 monthly reports and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

See Exhibit 2/08/2016 – B

FIRST READING REPLAT LOTS L63R, L65R AND L6542 SECTION 2 KINGS COUNTRY SUBDIVISION – BF HICKS FOR RICHARD AND JENNIFER HICKS AND MAX AND ROSEMARY BUCHWALD - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of lots L63R, L65R and L65R2 of section 2 of Kings' Country subdivision and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRST READING DEPLAT OF 0.2687 ACRES AND 1.2374 ACRES IN THE JW MATTHEWS SURVEY – DEER LAKE AREA OF KING’S COUNTRY – BF HICKS FOR STANLEY FIREBAUGH -

Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the first reading of the deplat of 0.2687 acres and 1.2374 acres in the JW Matthews Survey in the Deer Lake Area of Kings Country. Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion and the motion carried.

FIRST READING DEPLAT OF 2.0787 ACRES IN THE EW NARRAMORE SURVEY IN THE KING FERDINAND AREA OF KINGS’ COUNTRY – BF HICKS FOR STANLEY FIREBAUGH –

B. F. Hicks explained the 2.0787 acres in the E. W. Narramore Survey in the King Ferdinand area of King’s Country was connected to some King’s Country subdivision lots and he was withdrawing the request of the deplat.

FIRST READING REPLAT OF LOT 1 CADDO POINT TRAILS SUBDIVISION – GERALD AND ELIZABETH EZELL –

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the first reading of lot 1 in the Caddo Point Trails subdivision and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FUEL USAGE AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AIRPORT – JOHN GANDY -

John Gandy reported there had not been any fuel at the airport since January 2015. Tom Hanks owns the tanks as well as the processing. Mr. Hanks requested to put fuel in the tank and would pay the county 25 cents a gallon. Mr. Hanks requested the county to get liability insurance on the tanks. Mr. Gandy reported they would be responsible for making the contract. Later in the meeting, Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported discussing this with TAC and they will not do liability insurance without property insurance. More information was needed before signing a contract.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PERMANENT BUILDING LOCATION FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD – LINDA HAMMOND –

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve four office spaces (on the top of the drawing that was presented) at the Multi-Purpose building for ten months for the Franklin County Child Welfare Board and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Exhibit 2/8/2016 - C

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING HIRING PART-TIME SECURITY FOR THE DISTRICT COURTROOM DURING COURT SESSIONS – DISTRICT CLERK –

District Clerk Ellen Jagers could not attend the meeting because of jury selection in District Court. Sheriff Jones requested a part time bailiff to assist with security in the District Courtroom during court sessions and County Court sessions. He reported we have a bailiff as well as a jailer during court sessions and sometimes one or two more deputies depending on types of cases and defendants. Commissioner Jumper asked if we could use some of the fund balance for 2016 and re-evaluate after the year and get it put in the budget. Auditor Phillips noted there is just over \$50,000 in the Courthouse Security fund balance. She stated using the fund balance for one year is not a problem but with the drop in annual revenues she does not recommend using the fund balance for the security position on a long-term basis. Commissioner Young stepped into the meeting while on break for jury selection and got in on the discussion. After much discussion the idea was discussed to continue on like we have been. Sheriff Jones reported he could make things work but it takes officers off the street into the courtroom. Judge Lee asked for a motion to approve hiring part-time security for the District Courtroom during court sessions. Failed for a lack of a motion and no action was taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent Lindsey Yeager and Extension Agent Brian Ball reported on recent events and activities they had attended as well as informed the court about future events and activities coming up.

Sheriff Jones gave an update on the water damage at the Law Enforcement Center. He reported insurance will cover replacing the tile in front of the tax office. He reported he is still working with the insurance adjuster.

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 February 8, 2016

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

Betty Crane, County Clerk