

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

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session July 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: Bill Travis, Veronica Jordan, Margaret Sears, Sue Ann Harper, Jerry Cooper, Jim Alford, Tina Phillips, Betty Sue Allen, Ellen Jaggars, Cathy Jumper, Lisa Lawrence, Gene Stump, Telisa Newman, Bryan Giguere, Ricky Jones, and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

**Public Comments:** None

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 27, 2016 REGULAR SESSION AND JUNE 27, 2016 WORKSHOP SESSION - COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2016 Regular Session and the June 27, 2016 Workshop Session. Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried

**AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER** – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported a change in the coding (divided between the precincts) on the invoice from Deaton Communications.

Changes made: Precinct 1 - \$100  
Precinct 2 - \$100  
Precinct 3 - \$100  
Precinct 4 - \$500

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve all the claims against the county including the coding changes and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 7/11/2016 - A**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENTAL REQUEST OF MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING ON JULY 16, 2016 BY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY – TREASURER-** Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the rental request of the Franklin County Multi-Purpose building on July 16, 2016 by Friends of the Franklin County Library for Painting with a Twist event and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.



**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROPOSALS FOR FENCING AND MASONRY WORK AT THE SPORTS COMPLES – BILL TRAVIS -** Sports Complex Manager Bill Travis presented proposals from Dyer Construction \$21,022.00, and Keys Contractors \$18,536.00, LLC for fencing and Miller & Sons Masonry \$12,800.00 for dug-outs and back stop wall. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the proposal from Keys Contractors for fencing and Miller & Son Masonry for the dug-outs and back stop wall. Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 7/11/2016 - B**

**PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE FOR COMPLETION OF 18 HOURS OF EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION FOR BETTY SUE ALLEN – TREASURER -** Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported giving her Certificate of Completion of 18 Continuing Education hours to the County Clerk to be put on record in the minutes. Clerk Crane confirmed she had received it. **See Exhibit 7/11/2015 – C**

**PRESENT CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE FOR COMPLETION OF 5 HOURS OF INSTRUCTION SPECIFIC TO THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 2256.008 OF THE PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT ACT FOR BETTY SUE ALLEN – TREASURER -** Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported giving her Certificate of Completion of 5 hours of instruction specific to the statutory requirements of the Texas Government code Chapter 2256.008 of the Public Funds Investment Act to the County Clerk to be put on record in the minutes. Clerk Crane confirmed she had received it. **See Exhibit 7/11/2016 – D**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY INDIGENT PROGRAM – TREASURER –** Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported the Indigent Health Care program is being abused. She reported contacting other counties and came up with some guidelines to help eliminate some of the cost. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Franklin County Indigent Health Care Program Rights and Responsibilities and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 7/11/2016 - E**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MOU AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAFE-T CRISIS CENTER, MT. PLEASANT AND FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY AUDITOR –** Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the MOU Agreement between Safe-T Crisis Center, Mount Pleasant and Franklin County and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 7/11/2016 - F**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENEWAL OF FRANKLIN COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE – TREASURER –** Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported no increase in rates for health insurance with the Texas Association of Counties. She also reported the county will receive \$31,481.00 for 2015 surplus distribution. She stated we could still go out for bids or we can stay with what we have. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve renewing the Franklin County health insurance plan that we have with the Texas Association of Counties and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Volume 7/11/2016 - G**



**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENEWAL OF FRANKLIN COUNTY EMPLOYEE DENTAL, VISION AND LIFE INSURANCE - TREASURER -**

Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported no increase in rates for Vision and Life insurance but the dental had a 9% increase with Guardian. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve renewing the Franklin County employee dental, vision and life insurance with Guardian and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Judge Lee reported the idea of having an Emergency Services District has come up to help fund ambulance and fire department services. He reported a petition would have to be done with 100 tax payers' signatures, public hearings and an election would have to be held. Taxes could be increased up to 10 cents per \$100 evaluation and there would be an Emergency Services District Board with five members. Commissioner Jumper read a statement concerning the road east of the Mount Vernon Cemetery. He is receiving complaints about the condition of the road but it is actually a city road. Sheriff Jones reported the air conditioner over the laundry room had gone out and the motor had to be replaced. Library Director Lisa Lawrence reported they have had record numbers in the Summer Reading program and they have had to add an additional session. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen asked about getting portable heat and air conditioner units at the Franklin County Building in Winnsboro. Judge requested this be put on the agenda for action. County Clerk reminded them the heat was out in the front area of Annex East building. Commissioner Jumper asked if the light bill at the Sports Complex had been reimbursed yet. Judge Lee reported Larkin Jumper, Jerry Cooper, Ricky Jones, Betty Sue Allen and himself was on the ambulance service committee. He reported there will be a Public Forum at 6:00 PM on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> in the District Courtroom to discuss and take questions about ambulance service.

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 July 11, 2016

Witnessed and recorded this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk