

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Special Session  
July 14, 2016

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Special Session July 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas.

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: Cathy Jumper, Brent Smith, Danny Welborn, Jeff Sanderson, Ricky Jones, Tina Phillips, Jerry Cooper, Gene Stump, Everett Walter, Linda Walter, Ron Krizan, Glenda Krizan, Saundra Dunn, Bryan Giguere, Gaile Cone, C. E. Cone, Tim Kelty, Eddie Rhoades, and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

**DISCUSS AND CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – COUNTY JUDGE -**

Judge Lee convened the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM. He reported the Ambulance Service Committee consisted of in-coming Precinct 1 Commissioner Jerry Cooper, Commissioner Precinct 2 Larkin Jumper, County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen, Sheriff Ricky Jones and himself. They reviewed five ambulance service proposals and interviewed each one of them. Judge Lee reported receiving proposals from Hopkins County EMS, Titus Regional Medical Center, Sacred Cross, Champion EMS and LifeNet. **See Exhibit 7/14/2016 – A.** He reported Hopkins County impressed the committee the most. Judge Lee presented the Hopkins County proposal and read through pertinent items that had been amended through their discussions with Hopkins County EMS. He reported Franklin County will purchase an ambulance and pay \$41,000 over four years. The terms of renewal of the contract is a 120 day notice. Individuals requiring Emergency Medical Services or Non-Emergency Ambulance Services shall be transported to the nearest appropriate hospital, unless the patient's condition warrants a specific hospital or the patient specifically dictates otherwise. When the patient specifically expresses a hospital preference he/she shall be transported to the hospital of his/her choice within the geographical contiguous borders of Franklin County that has a hospital and includes Pittsburg, Winnsboro, Paris, and Sulphur Springs. Section 8.03 of the proposal goes over the terms of Termination which stated if no agreement is reached within sixty days after written notice is given, Contractor shall have the right to cancel the Contract by given written notice to all parties to the Contract. Either party has the right to terminate this Contract without cause by giving ninety days written notice to all parties to this Contract.

Brent Smith with Hopkins County EMS discussed numerous items and answered questions from the public.

Items discussed were:

- Response reports would be provided to the county as well as other reports
- Ambulance Service subscriptions will be available for \$48 a year / can opt out at any time
- An ambulance would be provided at no charge for school events
- Has a good working relationship with Champion EMS / Winnsboro
- 911 calls will be answered by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office
- Recognize First Responders
- Franklin County Fire will be the radio frequency
- Tim Kelty reported Hopkins County is working on getting flight service
- Addressed concerns about if the Franklin County ambulance is out on a call and another ambulance is needed

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY - COUNTY JUDGE -**

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the Hopkins County Emergency Medical Service contract for ambulance service and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 7/14/2016 - B**

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 Special meeting on July 14, 2016.

Witnessed and recorded this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk