

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Budget Workshop Session  
June 1, 2016

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in a Budget Workshop Session June 1, 2016 at 1:30 PM at the Franklin County Courthouse in the County Courtroom 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  
Tina Phillips, County Auditor  
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Elected Officials and Representatives from each entity requesting budget requests.  
Charlie Emerson, Jerry Cooper and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lee called the meeting to order.

Betty Sue Allen, County Treasurer was not in attendance. The court went over her request. She had requested no increases or changes to be made in the treasurer and indigent health care budget. She did request replacing one desktop computer with the estimated cost being \$1,500.

**See Exhibits 6/1/2016 – A & B**

Tax Assessor - Collector Sue Ann Harper requested no increases to be made to her budget except adding \$300 for longevity. She requested \$5,500 in supplies which is a \$500 decrease from the year before. **See Exhibits 6/1/2016 – C**

County Attorney Gene Stump requested no increases or changes be made to the County Attorney and County Law Library budget. **See Exhibits 6/1/2016 – D**

Justice of the Peace Jim Alford requested no increase or changes to be made to his budget. He did report that NetData fees are going up about \$2,000. Auditor Tina Phillips noted that the NetData fees will come out of Department 503 Data Processing. **See Exhibit 6/1/2016 – E**

Jacque Bateman, representative from the Alamo Mission Museum of Franklin County presented a budget request in the amount of \$4,000 from the Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Fund. She reported these funds will be used for tourism related advertising, historical preservation and displays, promoting and publicizing the arts, repairs and maintenance, accounting, and annual insurance premium. **See Exhibits 6/1/2016 – F**

Lakes Regional MHMR Center presented their budget request in the amount of \$3,000 (no increase). **See Exhibits 6/1/2016 – G**

County Clerk Betty Crane requested no increase be made to the County Clerk budget other than an increase in longevity. She reported Jessica Guthrie will be eligible to receive longevity for the first time. She gave information on the difference that would be made to her budget if the Court gave a 50 cent per hour raise to her employees. Also discussed over-time vs comp time for election hours

for her staff. A couple of decreases were made in the Election budget since it will be a Constitutional Amendment Election in 2017. Removed per diem from the Election fund and decreased election supplies. She also requested a \$1,000 decrease in Per Diem in her regular budget. She requested using record retention funds to replace four printers which are all at least ten years old just in case problems arose. The idea of using Record Retention funds being used to assist in employee salaries and Clerk Crane confirmed it could. **See Exhibit 6/1/2016 – H**

Pam Dumse from the Gilbreath Memorial Library in Winnsboro presented her budget request in the amount of \$2,000.00 (no increase). **See Exhibits 6/1/2016 – I**

Bill Reese from the Department of Public Safety requested not changes in supplies and remove the telephone expense. **See Exhibit 6/1/2016 - J**

Constable Randy Green was not in attendance. The court went over his request. He requested no increase or changes to be made to his budget. **See Exhibits 6/1/2016 – K**

Franklin County Extension Agent Lindsey Yeager requested no increases or changes to be made to the budget. If an Ag Extension Agent is not hired the travel allowance would be reduced to \$2,000. **See Exhibit 6/1/2016 – L**

District Clerk Ellen Jagers reported the only change she was requesting was 50 cents per hour raise for each employee as well as a \$200 increase in longevity. She also reported E-filing in all courts in counties with a population less than 20,000 will be mandatory in civil cases by July 1, 2016. **See Exhibit 6/1/2016 – M**

Dianne Newsome presented her budget request in the amount of \$4,000 (no increase) for the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. These funds are to pay for utilities (gas, electric, phone) throughout the year. **See Exhibit 6/1/2016 – N**

Bill Travis Sports Complex Manager reported he was not sure the associations are going to be responsible for items that they agreed to do this year. He reported he left the budget just like 2016 just in case the County has to take on all the responsibilities again. He reported he will give the associations a deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup> to let him know if they plan on doing the concessions. **See Exhibit 6/1/2016 – O**

Auditor Tina Phillips reported that the representative from SafeT is not going to be able to make it today. She reported there was no increase or changes made to their budget request in the amount of \$1,500. **See Exhibit 6/1/2016 – P**

Commissioner Carr 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 Budget Workshop meeting on June 1, 2016.

Witnessed and recorded this 1st day of June, 2016.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk