

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Budget Workshop Session
June 2, 2016

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in a Budget Workshop Session June 2, 2016 at 2:00 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 as well as Charlie Emerson, Jerry Cooper, Lillie Bush-Reves, Aaron Johnson, Brandon Edwards, Rusty Barker, Geraldine Rhoades, Elaine McFeely, Steve Hammons, Pat Hudson, Kaye Howell

Judge Lee called the meeting to order.

Lisa Lawrence, Franklin County Library Director requested no increases or changes in her budget other than an increase in longevity. **See Exhibit 6/2/2016 – A**

Ricky Jones, Franklin County Sheriff requested extra funding in Per Diem and COSYNC Airtime in Law Enforcement. In the Jail budget he requested an increase for inmate meals. In the Jail Commissary no increase or changes were requested other than uniforms for jailers and Capital Purchases. He agreed to drop the fuel budget back to \$50,000. **See Exhibit 6/2/2016 – B**

Robert Zinn, Emergency Management Coordinator requested no increases to be made in his budget. **See Exhibit 6/2/2016 – C**

Linda Hammond representative from the Franklin County Child Welfare Board presented their the budget request of \$3,500 (no increase). Funds will be used to provide foster children with clothing, monthly allowances, birthday and Christmas gifts, youth camps, and counseling. They also supply the Rainbow Room with emergency supplies for removals, and provide public awareness of resources to prevent child abuse. **See Exhibit 6/2/2016 – D**

Imelda Tatsch, representative from the Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center Inc. presented their budget request in the amount of \$4,500.00 (no increase). **See Exhibit 6/2/2016 – E**

Veronica Jordan, representative from the Franklin County Genealogical Society presented their budget request of \$5,000 (no increase). They reported these funds are used for general operating expenses. Any funds that are not essential for general operating expenses will be transferred to the building fund. **See Exhibit 6/2/2016 – F**

B. F. Hicks, representative from the Franklin County Historical Association requested \$10,000 which is a \$5,000 increase. He reported these funds are for maintenance and utility expenses for the five properties operated by the FCHA. He reported there are 76 signs marking historic building; 5 museums; a public park and the promotion of tourism on many fronts. **See Exhibit 6/2/2016 – G**

Billy Saucier representative from the Winnsboro Volunteer Fire Department presented their budget request and reported any amount would be appreciated. He reported receiving \$2,000 in 2016 from the county. These funds will be used to purchase a set of bunker gear. **See Exhibit 6/2/2016 – H**

Jeremy Cox representative of the Mount Vernon Fire Department requested \$12,088.00 which is a \$1,000 increase from the 2016 budget. These funds help off-set the cost of numerous items.

See Exhibit 6/2/2016 - I

Donya Barker, representative from the North Franklin Volunteer Fire Department presented their budget request in the amount of \$10,283.65 (\$2,500 increase). She went on to explain several items that was needed such as a skid unit, bunker gear, hand held radios and pagers, medical supplies, and an air pack with a spare bottle. She reported they are working on some grants for some of the items mentioned; however those have not been funded. **See Exhibit 6/2/2016 – J**

Mike O'Briant, representative from the Purley Volunteer Fire Department requested no increases or changes to be made to their budget. He reported receiving \$6,523.65 in 2016 and was requesting the same amount for 2017 but would appreciate any extra funds if possible. **See Exhibit 6/2/2016 – K**

Eddie Rhoades, representative from the South Franklin Volunteer Fire Department presented their budget request and reported any amount would be appreciated. They reported receiving \$10,303.65 in 2016. **See Exhibit 6/2/2016 –L**

Chris Rhoades from the Franklin County Firefighters Association requested \$58,000. This will give \$50,000 to Purley VFD. The \$50,000 was not funded in the 2016 budget and this will end their two year funding cycle. \$8,000 will be used to redirect drainage away from building, install parking lot, complete smoke house in training building, complete tower building inside, pay utilities, general maintenance and repairs inside the building, pest control and supplement the volunteer fire departments expenses. **See Exhibit 6/2/2016 – M**

Commissioner Jumper 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 2, 2016.

Witnessed and recorded this 2nd day of June, 2016.

Betty Crane, County Clerk