

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
March 14, 2016

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session March 14, 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: Kevin Spencer, Mary Kay Tomas, Margaret Sears, Genea Burnaman, Annetta Hamilton, Sue Ann Harper, Lindsey Yeager, Brian Ball, Carl Storck George St Hilaire Jr, Telisa Newman, Jerry Cooper, Gene Stump, Charlie Emerson, Tina Phillips, Bryan Giguere, Cathy Jumper, Betty Sue Allen, Jim Alford, Jerry Cooper, Bill Travis and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

Public Comments: None

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 22, 2016 REGULAR SESSION, FEBRUARY 25TH SPECIAL SESSION AND FEBRUARY 25TH WORKSHOP SESSION - COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2016 Regular Session and February 25th Special Session and Workshop session. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion and the motion carried.
See Exhibit 3/14/2016 - A

APPROVE FEBRUARY 2016 MONTHLY REPORTS – TREASURER - Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the February 2016 monthly reports. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the February 2016 monthly reports and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 3/14/2016 – B**

PRESENT CANVASS REPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES HELD ON MARCH 1, 2016 – COUNTY CLERK - County Clerk Betty Crane presented the March 1, 2016 Democratic and Republican Primary Election Canvass Report to be put on record in the Minutes. **See Exhibit 3/14/2016 - C**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2016 – 2017 BUDGET FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT – GENEVA BURNAMAN - . After much discussion, Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the 2016 – 2017 Franklin County Appraisal District Budget and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 3/14/2016 - D**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING SIGNS AT THE SPORTS COMPLEX – SPORTS COMPLEX MANAGER AND COUNTY JUDGE Sports Complex Manager Bill Travis reported being contacted by Mike Simmons and he requested to put up a 4 x 8 sign behind center field at the coach pitch field and aluminum signs at the front gate to recognize the state champions and world series teams. Mr. Travis reported he had discussed this with Judge Lee as well as a couple of members of the softball league association so everyone would know what was going on. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve putting up the signs at the Sport Complex and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON CONDUCTING PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 29, 2016 AT 6:00PM AT THE CYPRESS SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT REGARDING THE STEP APPLICATION REQUEST TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – KEVIN SPENCE, CYPRESS SPRINGS SUD AND MARY KAY THOMAS, AMAZING GRANTS, INC. - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve conducting a Public Hearing on March 29th at 6:00 PM at Cypress Springs Special Utility District regarding the STEP Application request to the Texas Department of Agriculture. Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE REVENUE AND EXPENSES RELATED TO THE FEBRUARY 25, 2016 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON AND FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY FRANKLIN COUNTY – SHERIFF & COUNTY AUDITOR Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the budget amendment for the revenue and expenses related to the February 25, 2016 Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Mount Vernon and Franklin County for Law Enforcement Administrative activities provided by Franklin County. Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion and the motion carried. **See Exhibit 3/14/2016- E**

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING QUOTES FOR NEW COPY MACHINE IN TAX OFFICE – Tax Assessor Sue Ann Harper presented quotes for a new copy machine for the Tax Office. Quotes were received from Advantage Copy Systems and CPI, Inc. **See Exhibit 3/14/2016 – F**. She recommended going with the cheaper quote which is from Advantage Copy Systems in the amount of \$2,805.65. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the purchase of a new copy machine in the tax office from Advantage Copy Systems in the amount of \$2,805.65 and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT REVOLVING LOANS – TREASURER – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented a list showing the status of all the revolving loan accounts that Franklin County has open. She reported the revolving loan program is being phased out and the funds are being moved to HUD. She reported there are a couple of options for the county. Option 1 is the county could hire an attorney to go through the collection process to try to recover the funds that are delinquent or file a lien. Option 2 is to get out of the loan business but the County will

need to send approximately \$200,000.00 to the State. She reported the County has approximately \$35,000 in the account and the County will need to make another loan by December 2017 to stay compliant. She reported there is a possibility the balance of \$84,417.22 could be in our checking account at that time. After discussion, Judge Lee reported he would write letters to the delinquent revolving loan fund recipients to let them know the different options the County can take to collect the funds.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Discussed Paint our Town sponsored by Lowe's – need 250 volunteers
- George St. Hilaire Jr reported Tres Lagos has no Property Owner's Association any longer and their covenants and restrictions are null and void. They had gone through District Court proceedings to do this. They need Commissioners' Court to recognize they have dissolved the POA.
- Elected officials to give \$50 to the MV / Saltillo Poor Boy Club by March 28th for the FFA project show
- Drug test Reasonable Suspicion training will be held on March 23rd
- Spring Trash clean up week – April 2nd – April 9th
- County Extension agents gave a report on events they had attended and upcoming events scheduled
- Discussed replacing snow cone machine and grill at the Sports Complex
- Discussed website for the Sports Complex – funded by the Hotel / Motel Occupancy tax
- Discussed needing bleachers for the fields on the east side of the Sports Complex
- Discussed putting the canopy up at the Sports Complex

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Carr 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 March 14, 2016

Witnessed and recorded this 14th day of March, 2016.

Betty Crane, County Clerk