

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
May 23, 2016

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session May 23, 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

VISITORS: Brook Bussell, Telisa Newman, Gene Stump, Todd Conradson, Ricky Jones, Robert Moore, Bryan Giguere, Cathy Jumper, Betty Sue Allen, Jim Alford, Jerry Cooper, Ellen Jagers, Dr. Jean Latortue, Bill Travis and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lee called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

**Public Comments:** None

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 9, 2016 REGULAR SESSION AND MAY 9, 2016 WORKSHOP - COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2016 Regular Session and May 9, 2016 Workshop session. Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion and the motion carried

**AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER –** Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 5/23/2016 - A**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MONTHLY REPORTS FOR ALL FUNDS JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2016 - TREASURER -** Treasurer Betty Sue Allen requested this item be tabled at this time. She reported she is working on a report that shows all of the departments' income and expenses. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to table approving the monthly reports for all funds January 1, 2016 through April 30, 2016 and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried to table this agenda item.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENTAL REQUEST OF MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING ON JUNE 4, 2016 BY BROOK BUSSELL FOR FAMILY REUNION – TREASURER –** Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the rental request of the Franklin County Multi-Purpose building on June 4, 2016 by Brook Bussell for a family reunion and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Commissioner Jumper brought up the issue of needing more chairs. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen stressed the need for better measures for keeping up with the chairs to keep people from taking them.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING LEASE CONTRACT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY FAMILY HEALTH CENTER AND PHYSICIAN RELIANCE, LLC FOR ONCOLOGY SERVICES – CONSENT TO SUB-LEASE PORTIONS OF LEASED PREMISES- COUNTY JUDGE AND DR. JEAN LATORTUE -** Dr. Latortue was not in attendance when the discussion began but arrived before the discussion ended. Judge Lee explained Physician Reliance is requesting the



County's consent in writing per the contract agreement with Dr. Latortue. Commissioner Jumper questioned if Chambers is already sub-leasing from Dr. Latortue. If they are, he did not get approval from the County to do it. Dr. Latortue arrived and was asked if he was subleasing to Chambers and he confirmed he was. Commissioner Jumper pointed out he had not gotten the County's approval to sublease. Dr. Latortue reported that company had not required him to get approval. Dr. Latortue reported Physician Reliance, LLC will be in Franklin County once a week initially but may increase as clientele grows. Dr. Latortue explained he was trying to provide care to our area to keep patients from having to travel extended distances to receive services. Commissioner Jumper suggested getting all the past subleases approved in Commissioners' Court. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the lease contract between Franklin County Family Health Center and Physician Reliance, LLC. Motion died for a lack of second. Motion did not carry. **See Exhibit 5/23/2016 – B**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE RESTORATION OF THE CLOCK TOWER BELL STRIKE HAMMER OF THE COURTHOUSE – TODD CONRADSON** - Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the Resolution recognizing those who contributed to the restoration of the courthouse clock tower bell strike hammer pending changes on the Resolution Todd Conradson makes and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. **See Exhibit 5/23/2016 - C**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DONATION OF SICK TIME TO JESSICA GUTHRIE – COUNTY CLERK** – Clerk Crane was not in attendance but had given the Commissioners information about the request. She reported Jessica Guthrie had her baby on April 28<sup>th</sup> and was out of sick time. She reported Marie Redar from the County Clerk's office wants to donate 16 hours of sick time to her. She also reported Dave Redar (40 hours) and Chris Mars (24 hours) from the Franklin County Sheriff's office wanted to donate sick time hours. She also reported Sheriff Jones was okay with Dave Redar and Chris Mars donation of sick time hours. After much discussion, Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve a total of 80 hours of sick time to Jessica Guthrie from Marie Redar, Dave Redar and Chris Mars and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 5/23/2016 - D**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENEWAL OF ARTS AGREEMENT WITH TAC FOR 2016 – TREASURER** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the renewal of the ARTS Agreement with TAC for 2016 and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Volume 5/23/2016 - E**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FARMERS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES ACROSS FRANKLIN COUNTY ROAD NW1050 – PRECINCT 1** - Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve Farmers Electric Cooperative's request to construct electrical power distribution facilities across Franklin County Road NW 1050 and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 5/23/2016 - F**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING EDGEN FILM'S REQUEST TO FILM A COURTROOM, HALLWAY AND EXTERIOR OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN UPCOMING FILMING PROJECTS – COUNTY JUDGE** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve Edgen Film's request to film a courtroom, hallway and exterior of the Franklin County Courthouse in upcoming filming projects and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.



**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION FOR BODY CAM GRANT FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – ROBERT MOORE** – Robert Moore reported \$2,494 is the county's portion of the body cam grant. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the resolution for the Body Cam Grant for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Volume 5/23/2016 - G**

**OPEN AND AWARD BIDS FOR ROAD MATERIALS, FUEL AND CULVERTS – TREASURER** - It was reported that one company did not receive the culvert bid packet that was mailed to them and the decision to not open any of the culvert bid packages until a later date was made. No action take on culvert bids.

Bids received and opened were:

Fuel - Winkle Oil, Winnsboro

Road Materials – Seaton Construction, Cookeville

P2 Emulsions

Ergon, Austin

R. K. Hall, Paris

Drake, Powderly

Quality Rock, Idabell, OK

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve all the bids for fuel and road materials and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 5/23/2016 - H**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** The child car seat event will be held on Wednesday. Discussed Dr. Latortue needing to bring the current sub-leases he has now as well as prospective sub-leases before the court. Commissioner Chitsey addressed issues with events on the square concerning noise and Commissioner Jumper complained about the portable bathrooms being placed in front of the courthouse at the Boots, Brew and Barbeque event. Judge Lee read a letter from John Cornyn regarding armed forces. **See Exhibit 5/23/2016 – I.** Sheriff Jones reminded the court about Carry the Load. Commissioner Jumper reported our taxes per capita are higher than surrounding counties. He reported he does not have Titus County's information.

**RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION; THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 551.071 FOR CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND TAC ATTORNEYS TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THREATENED OR PENDING LITIGATION – COUNTY JUDGE** – Judge Lee recessed into Executive Session at 10:21 AM.

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE** – Judge Lee reconvened back into open session at 10:38 AM. No action taken.

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 May 23, 2016

Witnessed and recorded this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2016.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk