

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
March 10, 2014

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session March 10, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the District Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex located at 208 Highway 37, Mount Vernon, Texas

Members present: Paul Lovier, County Judge
Danny Chitsey, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Donnie Surratt, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: J. R. Duckworth, Paul Fletcher, Vivian Rhoades, Bryan Giguere, Sandra Dunn, Margaret Sears, Tom Woody, Chad Woody, Bill Wilson, J. D. Baumgardner, Chuck Armstrong, Bert Edmondson, Gerry Allen, Betty Sue Allen, Jerry Cooper, Tom Scott, Zach Jagers, Ricky Jones, Lillie Bush-Reves

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

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER -

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve all the claims against the county including two additional claims from CenterPoint Energy totaling \$1,704.65 for gas at the jail and the new wing. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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DISCUSSION ITEM: Judge Lovier reported J. R. Duckworth was here to discuss the Rotary Tour de Cypress Bicycle Race with the Court. Mr. Duckworth requested assistance from the Court with the Tour de Cypress Bicycle Race to be held on April 19th. He requested their support and assistance from the court with safety and traffic issues. He reported the Sheriff's Office will be also helping but had not heard from the fire department.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2014 FOR SUBMISSION TO TXDOT DURING MARCH 7 – 13, 2014 APPLICATION PERIOD – COUNTY

AUDITOR - County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported the application for the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2014 will be uploaded today after the Court's approval. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the Application for the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2014 and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1W Page _____

RECORD COUNTY INVESTMENT CERTIFICATION FOR BETTY SUE ALLEN – TREASURER -

Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented her County Investment Certification to be put on record in the Minutes. See Volume 1W Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CHANGE ORDER FROM SUDDENLINK BUSINESS TO ADD FAX LINE IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY JAIL – TREASURER - Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the change order from Suddenlink Business to add a fax line in the Franklin County Jail and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1W Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MOU WITH TEXAS 2-1-1 SYSTEM TO HAVE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY INDIGENT PROGRAM INCLUDED IN THEIR PUBLICATION – TREASURER – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the MOU with Texas 2-1-1 System to include the Franklin County Indigent Program in their publication and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. No exhibit presented in court.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – DISCUSS BUDGET AND SCHEDULE REVIEW FOR COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – COUNTY JUDGE AND TOM WOODY, MMI –
Tom Woody from MMI asked to address the Commissioners' Court to answer any questions they may have especially after the article in the newspaper which said MMI was over budget and behind on the schedule and said walls had been torn out. He was very upset about the article and felt it had direct impact on his livelihood and nothing in the article was factual. He asked the court directly if they had any questions. Judge Lovier clarified it was not an article but a political ad that had been placed in the newspaper. Commissioner Surratt asked if the county was in good shape on the budget. Mr. Woody reported the county had a guaranteed maximum price and there had been no change in the budget. Anything that has been added is IT and any communications was at the county's request and was in the original contract. The only thing that has been changed is adding cameras at the county's request. Judge Lovier and Commissioner Young reported MMI is phenomenal. Judge Lovier reported they even work on Sundays and rent homes and live here and have been working with a full crew for over a year. Mr. Woody reported given tens of thousands of dollars back to the county to make this thing work as a corporation. He reported they are open book and open minded. Mr. Bill Wilson reported the conduit has been done for the wiring for IT and communications but they were not the one's to pull the wires. Mr. Woody reported the courthouse is scheduled to be completed in September of this year. Judge Lovier reported the state needs a completion date. Mr. Woody said they would get a date set. Commissioner Chitsey reported the Justice of the Peace office wants to move to this Annex instead of into the courthouse. He wanted to know how far along the Justice of the Peace office was completed at this time. Mr. Woody reported it was complete except the floors and the bullet proof windows. The windows have already been delivered and just need to be installed. Commissioner Carr and Sheriff Jones reported the sheriff's office is to occupy the space at this Annex when the Treasurer and District Clerk's office moves back into the courthouse. That was the original plan when the Annex on the north side of the Law Enforcement Center was built.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Margaret Sears reported Carlton's is expanding and has added a building and will be hiring up 10 to 20 new employees.

Commissioner Surratt 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 Regular meeting on March 10, 2014.

Witnessed and recorded this 10th day of March, 2014.

Betty Crane, County Clerk