

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
June 9, 2014

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session June 9, 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: Jerry Cooper, Steve Wafford, Chuck Armstrong, Pat McFeely, Pamela Duke, Harold Duke, Van Stanley, Jim Alford, Tina Phillips, Bert Edmondson, Steve Slaton, Ricky Jones, Bill Wilson, Jennifer Jordan, Vivian Rhoades, Gene Stump, Dixie Harper, Shelby Harper, Van Hall, Betty Sue Allen, Ellen Jagers, Bryan Giguere, Sandra Dunn, Ron Barker, Jean Pamplin, and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 27, 2014 REGULAR SESSION AND THE MAY 27, 2014 WORKSHOP SESSION, – COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2014 regular session and the May 27, 2014 workshop session. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER -** Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve all the claims against the county including three additional claims for utility bills and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Vol. 1W Page \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENT THE MAY 27, 2014 DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION CANVASS REPORT – COUNTY CLERK** – County Clerk Betty Crane presented the canvass report / election results for the May 27, 2014 Democratic and Republican Primary Run-Off elections to be put on record in the Commissioner Court Minutes.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CLEAN UP, REPAIRS AND INSTALLATION OF RESTROOM AT THE OLD JAIL ART MUSEUM – FRANKLIN COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE MEMBERS** – There were no members present from the Franklin County Arts Alliance available to discuss this agenda item when it came up for discussion in the meeting. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to table this agenda item and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PETITION FOR COUNTY ROAD IN**

**NORTHWEST PART OF FRANKLIN COUNTY – VAN AND JOE STANLEY** - Van Stanley presented a petition with forty seven landowners signatures that live in Franklin County Precinct 1 requesting the court to approve his request to change the road definition of "Old Chester Road" to a county road and assign it a road number for the benefit of himself and his heirs because it is the only access to his property. Harold and Pamela Duke reported they believe the road is private and they own half of the road along with the Harpers. Through the years all the parties have allowed Mr. Stanley access to his property. Mr. Duke reported they had offered Mr. Stanley an access easement to his land but not all the parties involved will participate in the access easement. After much discussion, Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to accept the petition but County Attorney Gene Stump reported there were no specifics in the notice such as no beginning or end points to the road and the court could not take action. County officials reported Mr. Stanley would have to file a new notice to include the specifics of the road, such as how wide and long exactly. Mr. Stanley would need to get the landowners signatures again and it would need to be surveyed to include the specifics. Harold Duke asked what type of road it would be if they made it into a county road. Mr. Duke stated if you make it into a county road you need to maintain it and make it a road. Commissioner Chitsey said he wasn't going to do anything to the road and would leave it as it is. Mr. Duke stated he did not want to have to dredge through the mud if they made it a county road. Mr. Duke said if you make it into a county road he would not be able to maintain it. Mr. Duke suggested if they wanted to make it a county road the county could purchase the property from all participants and everyone share their land equally to make the road. Commissioner Chitsey requested to withdraw his motion. It was declared the motion died for a lack of a second and no action was taken on this agenda item.

**COURTHOUSE RESTORATION** – Bill Wilson from MMI General Contractors reported the air conditioning will be turned on next week. He reported the district courtroom walls and ceilings have been painted and light fixtures have been hung in the courtroom. The dedication date is set for September 20, 2014.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Auditor Tina Phillips reported the County had received approval from the Texas Department of Transportation grant to begin repair on the roads. Judge Lovier reported the County had received a letter of appreciation from the Rotary Club for the assistance from the County during the Tour de Cypress Bike Race. Ron Barker and Jean Pamplin reported they were members from the Franklin County Arts Alliance and apologized for not being present at the time the agenda item was presented. Mrs. Pamplin asked what the plans were for the Old Jail Art Museum. She reported they would like to have an art exhibit for Countryfest in October. She was concerned about bathroom accessibility. Ron Barker offered his services to help any way he could. It was explained if renovations were made to the building and if the building was open to the public the bathrooms had to be ADA compliant. There is a possibility of making it a private event by invitation only.

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 June 9, 2014.

Witnessed and recorded this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk