

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
April 28, 2014

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session April 28, 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: Sandra Dunn, Sue Ann Harper, Jim Alford, Bryan Giguere, Ellen Jagers, Margaret Sears, Vivian Rhoades, Tina Phillips, Ricky Jones, Stephen Boorman, Pete Groman, Jerry Cooper, Lindsey Yeager, Jennifer Jordan, Doug Wright, and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lovier called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 14, 2014 REGULAR SESSION, APRIL 17, 2014 WORKSHOP SESSION, AND THE APRIL 21, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION- COUNTY CLERK -

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2014 regular session, April 17, 2014 workshop session, and the April 21, 2014 special session. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve all the claims against the county as presented and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY REPORTS - County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the March 2014 monthly reports and the quarterly reports. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the March monthly reports and the quarterly reports as presented and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1W Page _____

FIRST READING REPLAT OF SNUG HARBOR ESTATES LOT 22R, PHASE 1 - DOUG WRIGHT -

Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the first reading of Snug Harbor Estates Lot 22R of Phase I and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RECORD 2013 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS FOR DANNY CHITSEY - PRECINCT 1 -

Commissioner Chitsey presented his 2013 Commissioners Education Certificate of Completion indicating he had completed 22 hours of education as well as his Certificate of Participation from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Award indicating he had successfully completed 5.5 hours of continuing education and requested this information to be put on record in the Minutes. See Volume 1W Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING COUNTY AGENT TO REPLACE CODY MAXWELL – PRECINCT 1 & PRECINCT 4

- Commissioner Young questioned if Franklin County wanted to share an agent with Delta County or have our own full time Ag Extension Agent to replace Cody Maxwell. Auditor Tina Phillips questioned if the salary will double if we get a full time agent. It was pointed out the travel allowance would decrease since they wouldn't be traveling to Delta County. Lindsey Yeager reported Mr. Hurley said it takes \$9,000 for a county to have an agent. Commissioner Young made a motion to have a full time Ag Extension Agent in Franklin County and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FOR INCREASED STATE FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION SUBMITTED BY TEXAS INFRASTRUCTURE NOW – COUNTY JUDGE

- Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Resolution in Support of a Constitutional Amendment for Increased State Funding for Transportation submitted by Texas Infrastructure Now and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1W Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING NATIONAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND FITNESS MONTH PROCLAMATION DEEMING MAY 2014 AS FRANKLIN COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND FITNESS MONTH – LINDSEY YEAGER

- Lindsey Yeager presented a Proclamation stating Franklin County recognizes May 21, 2014 as the National Employee Health and Fitness Day. She reported Walk Across Texas is an eight week program. Employees can be in teams of up to eight people. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Proclamation proclaiming May 21, 2014 as the Franklin County National Employee Health and Fitness Day and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1W Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FINANCING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,750.00 FOR 2014 CHEVROLET CAPRICE AND PATROL EQUIPMENT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - SHERIFF / COUNTY AUDITOR

- Auditor Tina Phillips reported she had not received the paper work from the bank and requested tabling this agenda item until a later date. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve tabling this agenda item concerning financing in the amount of \$33,750.00 for a 2014 Chevrolet Caprice and patrol equipment for the Franklin County Sheriff's office and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FINANCING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,410.46 FOR 2007 INTERNATIONAL 8600 TADC TRUCK FOR PRECINCT 4 – PRECINCT 4 / COUNTY AUDITOR

- Auditor Tina Phillips reported she had not received the paper work from the bank and requested tabling this agenda item until a later date. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve tabling this agenda item concerning financing in the amount of \$58,410.46 for a 2007 International 8600 TADC truck for Precinct 4 and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE ADDITION OF HARDWARE COMPONENTS (SERVER) NECESSARY FOR HOUSING THE TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR RECORDS FOR TAXES AND VOTER REGISTRATION IN PLACE OF THE SERVER PURCHASE APPROVED ON APRIL 14, 2014, FOR THE OPERATION OF THE STATE MANDATED EFILETEXAS.GOV SOFTWARE WHICH IS REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE STATE MANDATED E-FILING REQUIREMENT – STEVE BOORMAN / BIS CONSULTING

- After much discussion Commissioner Carr made a motion to rescind the action to approve the purchase a efile server on April 14, 2014 and to purchase a server for the tax office in the amount of \$6775.00. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1W Page _____

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – Steve Boorman with Network Technologies reported meeting with a representative from Cross Country (phone system) and they visited all the offices with a floor plan to discuss where everyone wanted phone and data lines. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen also reported that Flair Data was working on a quote for phone systems.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD'S FUNDING REQUEST FOR TXDOT RUNWAY REPAIRS – JENNIFER JORDAN – Jennifer Jordan reported receiving two bids for the TxDot runway repairs and the bids were over the cost of the project by \$17,130.00. The County will be refunded funds that are not used. Another option is to rebid the project but the bids may not get better. If the project is scrapped the County would be responsible for paying TXDot back their funds spent on design and that could be up to \$40,000. She reported that TxDot needed the funds as soon as possible. She reported the bids will be need to be awarded within 60 days of the bid opening which will be by June 8th. She reported the runway will be closed July, August and September. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve an Emergency Budget Amendment in the amount of \$17,000.00 and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1W Page _____

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Commissioners' reported they would be resurfacing the airport and Sports Complex parking lots. Auditor Tina Phillips gave an update on the CTERS TxDot Grant. She reported a couple of changes on some forms that had to be made and was having the District Office hold until further instructions. See Volume 1W Page _____ to see the changes made on Certification Form 2. She reported she would attend a webinar over billing and documentation. Sheriff Jones reported COG (Council of Government) had let him know there was enough funds to purchase another COPSYNC in the amount of \$6,500 and the funds are 100% refundable. He also reported that DPS recommended COPSYNC be hosted here. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported she learned there will possibly be a legislative bill introduced to change the amount an employee may contribute to retirement from 7% to 5%. She also reported the employee luncheon will be on May 20th at the Thruston House Pavillion. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served and each elected official needed to contribute \$50 to help fund the employee luncheon. Judge Lovier reported receiving a letter from the Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center thanking the county for the budget appropriation for them. The Court also announced there would not be an afternoon workshop session.

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 April 28, 2014.

Witnessed and recorded this 28th day of April, 2014.

Betty Crane, County Clerk