

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
November 17, 2014

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session November 17, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, TX

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: Brent Smith, Danny Wilburn, Bryan Giguere, Lou Antonelli, Ricky Jones, Betty Sue Allen, Margaret Sears, Sandra Dunn, Tina Phillips, Steve Slaton, Bill Wilson, Ellen Jagggers, Larkin Jumper, Jim Alford, Gene Stump, Linda Hammond, Lisa Lawrence, John Allen, and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 27, 2014 REGULAR SESSION- COUNTY CLERK -

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2014 regular session and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Vol. 1Y Page _____

MONTHLY REPORTS - County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the October monthly reports.

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the October monthly reports as presented and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADVERTISING FOR SPORTS COMPLEX IMPROVEMENT BIDS - STEVE SLATON -

Mr. Slaton reported needing to go out for bids for lights at the Sports Complex since it will cost over \$50,000 for the lights. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve advertising for Sports Complex Improvement bids and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION OF APPOINTING JOHN GANN AS A NEW BOARD MEMBER - CHILD WELFARE BOARD-

Linda Hammond reported the recommendation of the Child Welfare Board was to appoint John Gann as a new Board Member. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the appointment of John Gann to the Child Welfare Board and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD MINUTES FOR THE MAY 19, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION, AUGUST 18, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION AND SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION- CHILD WELFARE BOARD – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the accepting the Franklin County Child Welfare Board Minutes for the Special Sessions held on May 19, August 28, and September 15, 2015 and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____

REVIEW FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD ACTIVITY ANNUAL REPORT – CHILD WELFARE BOARD - Linda Hammond presented the Child Welfare Board Activity Annual Report. Commissioner Young made a motion to accept the Franklin County Welfare Board Activity Annual Report and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE 2014-2015 FRANKLIN COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD BUDGET – CHILD WELFARE BOARD – Linda Hammond presented the 2014 – 2015 Franklin County Child Welfare Board budget. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the 2014 – 2015 Franklin County Child Welfare Board Budget and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION FOR 2015 INDIGENT DEFENSE GRANT PROGRAM – COUNTY AUDITOR - Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the 2015 Franklin County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – Bill Wilson reported new cores for locks on the doors are being replaced and the thermostats have been lowered in the basement of the courthouse to be ADA compliant. SWEPCO is going to fix the leak in the mechanical room and it should be repaired soon.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2014 ANNUAL ROAD REPORTS FOR PRECINCTS AND RECOMMENDING FOR SUBMISSION TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY GRAND JURY – COUNTY AUDITOR – Auditor Tina Phillips presented Commissioner Precinct 2, 3 and 4 Annual Road Reports for 2014 and recommended submitting them to the Franklin County Grand Jury. Commissioner Chitsey reported he would turn his 2014 Annual Road Report in to the auditor as soon as possible. Commissioner Surratt made a motion for the 2014 Annual Road Reports for precincts 2, 3, and 4 be submitted to the Grand Jury and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MMI INVOICE FOR ADDITIONAL BUILDING PROJECTS WITHIN THE COURTHOUSE – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Surratt questioned the \$7,575.00 for the built in desks for the Treasurer's staff. He reported he would like an itemized list of the project. He reported the project had been contingently approved at the September 15th Commissioner's Court meeting. Someone from MMI was to meet and discuss the project with the Treasurer before building the desks and she reported they never did. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to table the approval of paying the MMI invoice for additional building projects within the Courthouse until the itemized list had been reviewed and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____ to see the original proposal presented on September 15th, the invoice presented November 17th and the September 15, 2014 Minutes.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND TITUS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER (TRMC) FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES – COUNTY JUDGE

– Judge Lovier reported Brent Smith from Hopkins County Emergency Medical Services would like to address the court. Mr. Smith gave an overview of what Hopkins County EMS could do for Franklin County. John Allen, CEO from Titus County Regional Medical Center also addressed the Court. A few questions were asked by Commissioner Elect Larkin Jumper, Auditor Tina Phillips, and Treasurer Betty Sue Allen. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Definitive Agreement between Franklin County and Titus County Regional Medical Center (TRMC) for Emergency Medical Transport Services and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Steve Slaton reported some soft spot problems on the east side of the Sports Complex parking lot. He was concerned it needed to be repaired before striping the parking lot. District Clerk Ellen Jaggars reported some of the benches in the District Courtroom had been damaged (scratched) on Friday during the District Court docket. She reported she thought someone had decorative pockets on their jeans and it had caused the scratches. She also reported someone had been smoking in the bell tower area of the courthouse and the bathroom and a water pressure problem in the bathroom on the top floor.

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 November 17, 2014.

Witnessed and recorded this 17th day of November, 2014.

Betty Crane, County Clerk