

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
January 27, 2014

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session January 27, 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, Jim Alford, Bryan Giguere, Ellen Jagers, Vivian Rhoades, Tina Phillips, Ricky Jones, Charlie Wilson, Jennifer Jordan, Betty Sue Allen, Lou Antonelli, Bryan Giguere and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 13, 2014 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK

– Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2014 regular session and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. 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 and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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PRESENT 2013 CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATES FOR THE COUNTY CLERK AND DISTRICT CLERK – COUNTY CLERK

– County Clerk Betty Crane presented the 2013 Continuing Education Certificates showing the completion of 20 continuing education hours for the County Clerk and District Clerk to be put on record in the minutes. See Volume 1V Page _____

OPEN AND AWARD BIDS FOR REPAIR WORK AT FRANKLIN COUNTY AIRPORT – JENNIFER JORDAN, FRANKLIN COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD

- Jennifer Jordan with the Franklin County Airport Board was instructed a few months ago by Commissioners' Court to collect some proposals for repairs at the Franklin County Airport. She presented two proposals she had received for repair work from Hopco Millworks in the amount of \$20,167.41 and Steve's Construction in the amount of \$9,200. Commissioner Young made a motion to table this agenda item and suggested visiting the Franklin County Airport during the afternoon workshop session to discuss and prioritize items that needed to be done at the airport. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion to table and the motion carried unanimously. It was also suggested to invite MMI (the company doing the restoration on the courthouse) to the meeting and hopefully they could assist with the process of prioritizing and make suggestions on what could be done to the windows and doors since there is a limited budget for the airport in 2014.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2013 ANNUAL ROAD REPORTS FOR PRECINCTS AND RECOMMENDING FOR SUBMISSION TO FRANKLIN COUNTY GRAND JURY – COUNTY AUDITOR

County Auditor Tina Phillips reported the Annual Road Reports were completed and ready for submission to the Franklin County Grand Jury. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the 2013 Annual Road Reports for precincts and recommended submitting them to the Grand Jury and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PRIORITIZED PROJECT LIST OF FY 2014 COUNTY ROAD PROJECTS FOR SUBMISSION WITH APPLICATION FOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY 2014 – COUNTY AUDITOR

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the prioritized project list of FY2014 County Road Projects for submission with the application for the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program for FY 2014 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1V Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING THE CREATION OF ONE OR MORE COUNTY ENERGY TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE(S) PURSUANT TO § 222.1071 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE, AS WELL AS THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ADVISORY BOARD TO SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT REGARDING SUCH COUNTY ENERGY TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE(S) PURSUANT TO § 222.1072 OF THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE – COUNTY AUDITOR

Commissioner Young made a motion to table this agenda item until some questions can be answered and hopefully get some wording changed in the last paragraph of the Order and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The concern is the Order Authorizing the Creation of County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ) states “The Franklin County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone No. 1 shall remain in full force and effect for the initial term of ten years from the date of formation and shall terminate on December 31st of the tenth year after designation of the zone, unless extended by Order of the Commissioners’ Court for an additional five year term.” See Volume 1V Page _____ to view the Order.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION - Charlie Wilson with Komatsu reported the restoration project is moving along despite the weather and updated the court on the progress.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Auditor Tina Phillips suggested calling TXDOT and to request them to not extend the CETRZ application period. Commissioner Young reported TXDOT is getting rid of equipment through a live auction. Sheriff Ricky Jones reported housing 30 Hopkins County inmates.

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 January 27, 2014.

Witnessed and recorded this 27th day of January, 2014.

Betty Crane, County Clerk