

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
August 10, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session August 10, 2015 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, TX

Members present: Scott Lee, County Judge  
Larkin Jumper, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4  
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Tina Phillips, Lindsey Yeager, Brian Ball, Bryan Giguere, James Sewell, Vivian Rhoades, Kay Brown, Margaret Sears, Ellen Jaggars, Sue Ann Harper, Mike Conway, Todd Conradson, Charlie Emerson, Mike Ramsey, Bert Edmondson, Jerry Cooper, Jim Alford, Bill Travis, B. F. Hicks, Lisa Lawrence, Mark Jackson, Amy Russo, Cathy Jumper, Jerry Cooper, Jim Alford, Gene Stump, and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM and Commissioner Young offered prayer.

**Public Comments:** Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent Lindsey Yeager and Ag Extension Agent Brian Ball reported on recent events and activities they had attended as well as informed the court about future events and activities they will be involved with.

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 27, 2015 REGULAR SESSION, JULY 27, 2015 WORKSHOP SESSION – COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2015 Regular Session and the July 27, 2015 Workshop Session and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried

**AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER –** Commissioner Young made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Vol. 1Z Page \_\_\_\_\_

**JULY MONTHLY REPORTS** - County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the July monthly report. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the July 2015 monthly reports as presented and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Z Page \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST READING REPLAT LOTS 3R-2 (OWNED BY WILLIAM AND WENDY WILBANKS) AND 5R-2 (OWNED BY TIM SEYMORE CUSTOM HOMES, INC) CYPRESS POINT SUBDIVISION – B.F. HICKS FOR TIM SEYMORE** – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the first reading of Cypress Point subdivision lots 3R-2 and 5R-2 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**FIRST READING REPLAT LOT L30R SECTION II KINGS COUNTRY SUBDIVISION – B.F. HICKS FOR GREGORY AND KARIN MONSON** – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the first reading of Kings Country subdivision, Section II, lot L30R and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.



**COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE –**

Maintenance Manager Todd Conradson gave an update on the situation of the air conditioning. He reported there is not enough water getting there. Hampton and Brown will be re-engineering the project and should get back with a proposed remedy.

**PRESENT 2014 FRANKLIN COUNTY EXTERNAL AUDIT BY CONWAY COMPANY CPAs – COUNTY AUDITOR –**

Mike Conway from Conway Company CPAs presented the 2014 Franklin County External Auditors Report. He went over key elements of the report and stated Franklin County is in a sound financial position. He did recommend adopting a conflict of interest policy. Commissioner Carr made a motion to accept the External Audit report and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Z Page \_\_\_\_\_

**RECORD CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATES FOR SUE ANN HARPER AND MELISSA MCSWAIN – TAX ASSESSOR –**

Tax Assessor Sue Ann Harper presented continuing education certificates for Sue Ann Harper and Melissa McSwain to be put on record.

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**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ENTERING INTO SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING COMPLIANCE SERVICES – TREASURER-**

County Clerk Betty Crane reported this agenda item was approved on July 17, 2015 although she had never received the Service Agreement with Drug and Alcohol Testing Compliance Services. County Attorney Gene Stump reported he was questioning one item in the agreement being Corporate versus Government. He would get with the company to see about striking out that section of the agreement.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING TYPE OF TOXICOLOGY TESTING BEST SUITED FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY – TREASURER –**

This agenda item was approved on July 17, 2015. No action needed.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING POLICY FOR NON-MANDATED DRUG TESTING – TREASURER –**

Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported the county already had a policy for non-mandated drug testing. No action needed.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ENTERING INTO SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ELEVATORS IN COURTHOUSE AND LIBRARY – TODD CONRADSON –**

Maintenance Manager Todd Conradson presented proposals from Texas Independent Elevator Company (\$4,776.00 a year) and Thyssenkrupp Elevator (\$4,368.00 a year ) concerning the elevators in the Courthouse and the Franklin County Library. Mr. Conradson reported the Franklin County Library is under contract with Texas Independent Elevator Company and recommended terminating the contract on December 31, 2015. The warranty coverage with Thyssenkrupp for the Courthouse will expire September 15, 2015. Mr. Conradson recommended using Thyssenkrupp Elevator to continue servicing both elevators since their proposal was \$408.00 less than Texas Independent Elevator Company. Another plus is Thyssenkrupp has a serviceman that lives in Sulphur Springs. Amy Russo, a representative from Thyssenkrupp was available to answer any questions the Commissioners' had. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve entering into a Gold Service Agreement for elevators in the courthouse and library with Thyssenkrupp and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. The fee will be \$157.00 a month for each elevator covered. Thyssenkrupp will continue to service the Courthouse elevator as of September 15, 2015 and take over the service of the Franklin County Library elevator as of January 1, 2016. See Volume 1Z Page \_\_\_\_\_.



**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO FRANKLIN COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NETEX BOARD – PRECINCT 4** - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve appointing Paul Lovier and Sam Young as Franklin County representatives to the NETEX Board and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CAPPS GENERAL AGENCY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONTRACT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY – TREASURER** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve Capps General Agency Employee Benefits Contract for Franklin County and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Z Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING NETO HEAD START’S REQUEST FOR PARTIAL USE OF FACILITIES AT THE OLD NETO BUILDING- BELINDA MCCRAE BELL AND KAY BROWN** – Kay Brown reported Community Development Institute Head Start has an Interim Contract with Head Start and they assumed responsibility of Head Start on July 29<sup>th</sup>. She requested using two offices (a large and a small office) in the building located at 208 Taylor Street. She also reported they will be making the storage building that Head Start owns behind NETO into office space. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the request to let Head Start use two offices in the NETO building as well as leave the building behind NETO. An Agreement will need to be signed and presented at a later date for approval. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried. See Volume 1Z Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING JOB DESCRIPTION FOR SPORTS COMPLEX MAINTENANCE POSITION – COUNTY JUDGE** – Judge Lee presented a new job description for the Sports Complex maintenance position. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the new job description for the Sports Complex Maintenance position and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Z Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADVERTISING JOB OPENING AND APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SPORTS COMPLEX MAINTENANCE POSITION – COUNTY JUDGE** – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve advertising the job opening and application process for the Franklin County Sports Complex position and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** The Commissioners’ reported receiving the chip sealer and Freightliner oil distributor truck. Judge Lee noted it was too dry to burn. Auditor Tina Phillips requested a budget workshop to be scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 AM 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 August 10, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk