

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
April 13, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session April 13, 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: Margaret Sears, Sue Ann Harper, Jim Alford, Willie Bane, Lorinda Gomez, William D. Allen, Lindsey Yeager, Hurley Miller, Brian Ball, Betty Sue Allen, Steve Slaton, Cathy Jumper, Todd Conradson, V. J. Rhoades, Ellen Jagers, Bryan Giguere, Tina Phillips, Donna McFarland, Lillie Bush-Reves, Gene Stump, Ricky Jones and John Tutor.

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

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 23, 2015 REGULAR SESSION AND MARCH 27, 2015 SPECIAL SESSION- COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2015 Regular Session and March 27, 2015 Special Session. Commissioner Carr seconded the motion and the 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 including several additional claims Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented in court and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Vol. 1Y Page \_\_\_\_\_

**MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY REPORTS** - County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen requested tabling this agenda item until the next court session. Commissioner Carr made a motion to table this agenda item and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. Agenda item was tabled until next Commissioners' Court.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2015 TO BE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE –** Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring April 2015 to be Child Abuse Prevention month in Franklin County and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Y Page \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST READING REPLAT OF LOTS 19R AND 20R IN THE SOUTH PARK ADDITION – KENNETH AND LORINDA GOMEZ** – County Clerk Betty Crane reported she did not have the replat for South Park Addition in her office. Ms. Gomez reported the copies were at the Franklin County Water District pending FCWD approval. Ms. Gomez presented her copy to the Commissioners. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the first reading of South Park Addition, lots 19R and 20R and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**FIRST READING REPLAT OF LOT 13R LANDS END SUBDIVISION – WILLIAM D. ALLEN –**

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the first reading of Lands End Subdivision, lots 19R and 20R and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ON-LOCATION FILMING IN FRANKLIN COUNTY BY TEXAS FILM COMMISSION – WILLIE BANE**

- Mr. Bane gave an overview of the on-location filming by the Texas Film Commission. The Commissioners requested having some time to look over the information Mr. Bane presented before a decision was made. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to table this agenda item for a couple of weeks and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Y Page \_\_\_\_\_ to review the information presented.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FINAL CHANGE OF PINEY WOODS WINE TRAIL FESTIVAL FUNDING REQUEST – WILLIE BANE -**

Mr. Bane requested a funding change for the Piney Woods Wine Trail Festival from the Hotel / Motel Occupancy fund. Mr. Bane reported he was not asking for more funds but increase and decrease some of the amounts on the disbursement of the funds. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the final change of the Piney Woods Wine Trail Festival funding change request and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Y Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE REQUEST TO USE THE COURTHOUSE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION'S FUNDRAISER DINNER – DONNA MCFARLAND AND ELAINE MCFEELY –**

Mrs. McFarland reported the Franklin County Historical Association would like to host a fundraiser in the courthouse in the fall. She presented information to the court on how the event would be done. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve tabling the Franklin County Historical Associations request to have a fundraiser dinner in the courthouse until policies and guidelines could be made and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried to table this agenda item.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REQUEST TO USE THE DISTRICT COURTROOM FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE PROGRAM – COUNTY**

- Judge Lee reported he would like to table this agenda item until policies and guidelines could be created for use of the courthouse. Commissioner Carr made a motion to table this agenda item until a later date and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried to table this agenda item until a later date.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING BRIAN BALL AS FRANKLIN COUNTY'S TX A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION AG AGENT – HURLEY MILLER -**

Hurley Miller introduced Brian Ball to the Court. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve Brian Ball as Franklin County's Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Ag Agent and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AMENDING THE LIST OF RULES FOR SPORTS COMPLEX TO INCLUDE BANNING ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES FROM THE PREMISES – STEVE SLATON –**

Mr. Slaton reported having a few complaints about electronic cigarettes at the Sports Complex. The Commissioners stated the Sports Complex Board is responsible for making the decision to ban electronic cigarettes from the Sports Complex. Mr. Slaton just wanted to let them know there is a possibility electronic cigarettes could be banned from the Sports Complex just in case someone from the public complained to them.

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

Judge Lee reported he needed to get more information on a few things and he would discuss them at a future meeting. Auditor Tina Phillips reported the courthouse hand rails have been installed.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MEMBERSHIP TO NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY – COUNTY JUDGE AND PRECINCT 4 -**

Judge Lee stated he thought the county needed to become a member of the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority. He reported he has learned how important the rail system is to this county the last few weeks. Commissioner Young reported the membership fee was about \$2,400. He noted we need a voice on the Mobility Board and it would give us political standing with TXDOT. Commissioner Young reported he would speak with the chairman and ask for more guidelines. Commissioner Young made a motion to table this agenda item until they could get more information and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried to table this agenda item. See Volume 1Y Page \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Commissioner Jumper reported the culvert has been put back in on County Road 2200. Commissioner Carr suggested finishing the fencing and dugouts since it was too late in the year to erect the light poles at the Sports Complex.

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Carr 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 13, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk