

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
May 13, 2013

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session May 13, 2013 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
Gene Stump, County Attorney
Betty Sue Allen, County Treasurer
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Sandra Dunn, Margaret Sears, Steve Slaton, Raegan Ross, Gerry Allen, Sue Ann Harper, Jim Alford, Bryan Giguere, Ellen Jaggars, Vivian Rhoades, Tina Phillips, Ricky Jones, Zach Jaggars, B. F. Hicks and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 22, 2013 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2013 regular session and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion and the 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. See Vol. 1T Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF REQUIRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO APPLY FOR TEXAS FORESTRY SERVICE GRANT TO PAY FOR FIRE SCHOOL TUITION - TREASURER - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve requiring the volunteer fire departments to apply for the Texas Forestry Service Grant to pay for fire school tuition and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1T Page _____

SECOND READING REPLAT OF NORTSHORE ADDITION LOT 9F PHASE VII, – B F HICKS FOR VICTOR MARYONG - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the second reading of Northshore Addition, lot 9F of Phase VII and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Plat Cabinet# 286A

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE 2013 FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION / COMMISSION OFFICER –

B. F. HICKS - B. F. Hicks, President of the Franklin County Historical Association / Commission, presented a list of people to be considered for the appointment of the 2013 Franklin County Historical Association / Commission. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the appointment of Martha Hare, Gary Strange, Eleese Hubbell, Lillie Bush-Reves, Nicki Armstrong, Donna McFarland, B. F. Hicks, John Tutor, Cynthia Loftis, Nancy Miller, Norm Horn, and Mary Lou Russell to the 2013 Franklin County Historical Association / Commission. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1T Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF UPDATED MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE – GERRY ALLEN – Commissioner

Young made a motion to approve County Judge Paul Lovier, Mayor Margaret Sears, Sheriff Ricky Jones, Fire Marshal Gerry Allen and Investigator / Fire Chief Robert Zinn to be the Local Emergency Planning Committee and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1T Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF RADIO PROGRAMMING EQUIPMENT FROM PRECINCT 3 BUDGET- GERRY ALLEN –

Gerry Allen reported \$1000 had been approved from the Council of Government but \$1750.30 is needed to complete the purchase of the programming of the radio equipment. Commissioner Carr suggested taking the funds from his budget but Treasurer Betty Sue Allen suggested trying to pay from another place if possible. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve paying \$1750.30 from his budget or from another place if possible and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1S Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FY2013 HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION – GERRY ALLEN – Gerry Allen reported COG will

get money for the FY2013 Homeland Security Funding Grant. The funds will need to concentrate on computer and technical items. Sheriff Jones presented an estimate from COPsync, Inc. He reported COPsync will allow the officers have access to criminal history as well as other information during a traffic stop. He reported the total for COPsync is \$147,826.65. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the FY2013 Homeland Security Funding Grant Application and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1T Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRECLEARANCE REPORT FOR FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTIONS – COUNTY CLERK– County Clerk Betty Crane requested combining

voting precincts during a Constitutional Amendment Election since the interest in that type of election is very low. She also reported she had included in the Preclearance report that the Commissioners could reserved the right to open all eight voting precincts at their discretion in case there is an item of high interest to the community on the ballot. The precincts to be combined are;

101 and 102 to be combined and vote at precinct 102 in Hagansport Community Center
201 and 202 to be combined and vote at precinct 202 in Denton Baptist Church
301 and 302 to be combined and vote at precinct 302 in Franklin County Building
401 and 402 to be combined and vote at precinct 402 in South Franklin Community Center.

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve sending the Preclearance Report to the Department of Justice to combine the voting precincts as presented and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1T Page _____

PRESENT SAM YOUNG'S 2012 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF COMMISSIONERS CONTINUING EDUCATION AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE 81.0025 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE – PRECINCT 4 – Commissioner Young reported this was to put his completion of 20 hours of required continuing education for 2012 on record in the minutes. See Volume 1T Page _____

PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION OF JUSTICE COURT PERSONNEL SEMINAR FOR MISTY MARTIN AND JANET MIDDLETON– JUSTICE OF THE PEACE – Judge Alford reported this was to put Misty Martin and Janet Middleton's completion of Justice Court Personnel hours on record in the minutes. See Volume 1T Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF JANET MIDDLETON TRANSFERRING SICK LEAVE HOURS TO MISTY MARTIN AS NEEDED, NO MORE THAN 40 HOURS – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE – Judge Alford reported Misty's children have been sick and she was out of sick leave hours. Janet wanted to give Misty some of her sick time if needed. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve Janet Middleton transferring sick leave hours if needed to Misty Martin but not to exceed forty hours and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF FRANKLIN COUNTY ENTERING INTO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR CITY STREET REPAIR WITH THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON AND THE CITY OF WINNSBORO - Commissioner Carr made a motion to table this item and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Carr requested making the agreement generic and to not list names of streets. County Attorney Gene Stump stated he would look over the agreement and make the changes.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION - Commissioner Young reported the gas line has been moved. The bids from the contractors for the courthouse interior restoration project came in over budget by about \$275,000.00. He thought they were going to bid it out again. Two inmates have been working on the interior and that has saved some money. Commissioner Young suggested having someone from Komatsu to come report ever so often to commissioner's court to keep us aware of what is going on. Sheriff Jones said he would keep up the hours the inmates have worked.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY AS ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH SUBMITTED BY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lovier presented the Proclamation Declaring May as Elder Abuse Prevention Month that was submitted by the Texas Department of Adult Protective Services. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring May as Elder Abuse Prevention Month and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1T Page _____

PRESENT BRANDON SEARS' LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX COMMITTEE – STEVE SLATON – Steve Slaton

presented Brandon Sears' letter of resignation from the Franklin County Sports Complex Committee. He reported Brandon is the only court appointed member of the Board and Commissioners' Court needs to replace him. It was suggested to put it on the May 28th agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Sports Complex Manager, Zach Jagers reported tournaments had been scheduled for three weekends. He reported the parking lot is a problem because there are not any stripes and everyone parks how ever they want and it causes chaos. The Commissioners discussed chip sealing and painting stripes. Commissioner Carr said he would try to get the parking lot fixed before the June 14th state tournament. Raegan Ross reported the state tournament will have about 30 teams of five and six year old girls. They will have to provide the kids and coaches a meal on the first night as well as goodie bags. The opening ceremonies will be on June 14th and the games will start on Saturday and go through Wednesday or Thursday.

Commissioner Chitsey reported the Rotary Club would help get a petition to get a turn lane on Hwy 37 going to the Sports Complex on CR 1030. He reported Bob McFarlin wrote a letter to Tammy Sims in Sulphur Springs and she would turn it over to her engineer about needing a turn lane on Highway 37 going to the Sports Complex.

Judge Lovier reported he would contact all of the people that had applied to be on the Child Welfare Board to see if they wanted to be on the Board. A workshop was scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2013 at 6AM at Annex East to discuss Child Welfare Board issues.

Commissioner Carr 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 May 13, 2013.

Witnessed and recorded this 13th day of May, 2013.

Betty Crane, County Clerk