

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
December 8, 2014

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session December 8, 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: Peggy Mize, Cathy Jumper, Vivian Rhoades, Sandra Dunn, Larkin Jumper, Lillie Bush-Reves, Jon Jancosek, Jenny Jancosek, Ellen Jagers, Melissa McSwain, Jim Alford, Tina Phillips, Bryan Giguere, Sandra Dunn, Betty Sue Allen, Will Ramsay, Ricky Jones, and Robert Zinn

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

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 24, 2014 REGULAR SESSION - COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 24, 2014 Regular Session and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER** - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve all the claims against the county including one additional claim and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Vol. 1Y Page \_\_\_\_\_

**MONTHLY REPORTS** - County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the November monthly reports. Commissioner Carr made a motion to accept the November 2014 monthly reports and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page \_\_\_\_\_

**SECOND READING REPLAT OF LOST CREEK SUBDIVISION, LOT 11B-R – PEGGY MIZE AND KAREN ZIMMERMAN FOR LOST CREEK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION** – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the replat of Lost Creek Subdivision Lot 11B-R pending receiving the Tax Certificates and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Plat Cabinet #290B

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM CARLTON MANUFACTURING TO MAKE CUSHIONS FOR THE BENCHES IN THE DISTRICT COURTROOM – DISTRICT CLERK** – District Clerk Ellen Jagers reminded the Commissioners about the damage that had been done a few weeks ago to some of the restored benches in the District Courtroom and presented a proposal from Carlton Manufacturing to make cushions for the 19 benches in the amount of \$583.00. Judge Lovier wanted to go on record that the Texas Historical Commission does not want

cushions on the benches since back in 1912 the benches did not have the cushions. Some of the Commissioners thought it would be a good idea to put cushions on the benches in the Commissioner Courtroom too. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the proposal from Carlton Manufacturing in the amount of \$583.00 for cushions for 19 benches in the District Courtroom and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page \_\_\_\_\_

**COURTHOUSE RESTORATION** – Judge Lovier reported there is still a leak in the mechanical room and the digital thermostats had not been installed in the air conditioners.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RE-ELECTED AND NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS' 4-YEAR BONDS: COUNTY JUDGE, COMMISSIONER PRECINCTS 2 & 4, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, TREASURER, DISTRICT CLERK AND COUNTY CLERK – COUNTY JUDGE** - Judge Lovier reported no action on this agenda item since the bonds were not ready at this time and would put it back on the December 22, 2014 agenda.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING COMBINING ELECTED OFFICIAL PAYROLL WITH HOURLY EMPLOYEE PAYROLL BEGINNING IN 2015 – TREASURER** - Treasurer Betty Sue Allen requested combining elected official payroll with the hourly employee payroll beginning in 2015. She reported it would be a time-saver and make it convenient for her office. Commissioner Carr reported every seven years there will be an extra payroll and that it would put us over budget so that would be something they would need to consider every year to make sure the pay is correct for that year. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve combining the Elected Officials payroll with the hourly employee payroll beginning in 2015 and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REVOLVING LOAN FUND BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A LOAN TO DR. JEAN LATORTUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 AT 1.5% FOR 7 YEARS – TREASURER** – County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported the Revolving Loan Fund Board recommended a loan to Dr. Jean Latortue in the amount of \$80,000 at 1.5% interest for seven years. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve a Revolving Loan Fund loan to Dr. Jean Latortue in the amount of \$80,000 at 1.5% interest for seven years and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENEWAL OF FRANKLIN COUNTY OSSF INSPECTOR SERVICE AGREEMENT – COUNTY JUDGE** - Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the renewal of the Franklin County OSSF Inspector Service Agreement with Juan Fuentes and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MUNICIPAL LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. – ROBERT ZINN** – Robert Zinn reported he had signed a Municipal Lease Agreement with Canon Financial Services, Inc for a copy and fax machine for the office. He reported needing it since the office had been moved into the office area where the District Clerk's office was. The lease is \$840 a year for five years. He reported there is enough Emergency Management funds to pay for it until it could be worked into the 2016 budget. Auditor Tina Phillips reported this is the same company

the county leases all their copy machines from and still have three years on the lease. She was hoping when it became time to renew the county lease this machine could also be added to the main lease agreement. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Municipal Lease Agreement between Franklin County and Canon Financial Services, Inc and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR CAPITAL CASES BETWEEN LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS AND FRANKLIN COUNTY, TEXAS – COUNTY JUDGE** – No action taken since this had been approved during the September 15, 2014 Special Session. See Volume 1X Page 920 – 925 to see the Interlocal Agreement.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TITUS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AND FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE** - Commissioner Young made a motion to table this agenda item until December 22, 2014 to give the Commissioners time to look over the Ambulance Service Agreement between Titus Regional Medical Center and Franklin County. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. This item was tabled until the December 22, 2014 meeting.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Sheriff Jones reported having a meeting with the new ambulance service to discuss procedures. He reported they will have another meeting after a couple of incidents to see if the procedures will work and to change procedures if needed. Commissioner Young encouraged everyone to remind their representatives they do not have anything to do with property taxes because the legislature is already discussing appraisal caps. District Attorney Will Ramsay extended an invitation to everyone to come to the Open House at his office on Friday from 2 to 5. County Clerk Betty Crane requested setting a time for the swearing in of the elected officials. The swearing in time was set for Thursday, January 1, 2015 at 10:00AM in the District Courtroom.

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 December 8, 2014.

Witnessed and recorded this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk