

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
February 23, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session February 23, 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
Danny Chitsey, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Larkin Jumper, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Tina Phillips, Gerald Ezelle, Jim Alford, Steve Slaton, Bryan Giguere, Ron Howard, Lillie Bush Reves, Zach Jagers, Betty Sue Allen, and Ricky Jones

Judge Lee called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 9, 2015 REGULAR SESSION, – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2015 regular session and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Vol. 1Y Page _____

SECOND READING REPLAT OF CADDO POINT TRAILS SUBDIVISION LOTS 5, 6, 7, AND 8 - GERALD EZELLE - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the second reading of Caddo Point Trails Subdivision Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Plat Cabinet #293A

SECOND READING REPLAT KINGS COUNTRY SUBDIVISION LOTS L162R, L163 L164R, SECTION 2 AND LOTS 4A-R AND 4B-R BLOCK 59 SECTION 4 – DANNY SEWELL FOR KEVIN AND CRISTI RYAN – Ron Howard was the representative to present the replat. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the second reading of Kings Country Subdivision Lots L162R, L163, L164R, Section 2 and Lots 4A-R and 4B-R, Block 59 of Section 4 pending Tax Certificates and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Plat Cabinet # 292A

SECOND READING REPLAT EAGLE POINT SUBDIVISION LOT 37-R PHASE I – DANNY SEWELL FOR JOHN S. AND VICKI S. HOLLABAUGH – Ron Howard was the representative to present the replat. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the second reading of the replat of Eagle Point Subdivision, Lot 37-R, Phase I pending Tax Certificates and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Plat Cabinet # 292B

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ONE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENTS OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND MT VERNON ISD, CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, FRANKLIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AND RIVERCREST ISD, RESPECTIVELY – COUNTY CLERK –

Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve one year lease agreements of election equipment between Franklin County and Mount Vernon ISD, City of Mount Vernon, Franklin County Water District and Rivercrest ISD and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____

PRESENT LIST OF 2015 FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS – LISA LAWRENCE – Library Director Lisa Lawrence was not present due to inclement weather and this item was tabled until the next meeting.

PRESENT EDGE INITIATIVE GRANT AWARDED TO FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY – LISA LAWRENCE - Library Director Lisa Lawrence was not present due to inclement weather and this item was tabled until the next meeting.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROCEEDING WITH HANDRAIL PROJECT AND APPROVE THE BID FROM MMI – COUNTY AUDITOR -

Auditor Tina Phillips presented a quote from Warhogg Customs / Keith Ashmore from Cumby, Texas for the completion of the bronze handrails at the Courthouse with a total build cost in the amount of \$7,789.20. Auditor Phillips also presented a separate installation quote in the amount of \$3,650.00 for the handrail project. She reported MMI has indicated they will pay the installation costs. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the bid from Warhogg Customs in the amount of \$7,789.20 build cost and \$3,650.00 for the installation cost for the handrail project with the understanding that MMI is responsible for the installation cost and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. The Court also indicated they will attempt to get the funds from RBR Construction since they were responsible for the handrail project in the exterior restoration project. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MARCH 16 – 22, 2015 AS POISON PREVENTION WEEK – COUNTY JUDGE

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Proclamation designating the week of March 16 – 22, 2015 as poison prevention week and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REQUEST TO ALLOCATE A PORTION OF THE UNCLAIMED CREDITS RECEIVED FROM ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES BACK TO FRANKLIN COUNTY FROM TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS – COUNTY JUDGE

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve accepting a portion of the unclaimed credits received from electric cooperatives back to Franklin County from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____

PRESENT CERTIFICATION OF ABATEMENT CLEARANCE FOR HOSPITAL BUILDING BY FARMER ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC – COUNTY JUDGE

Judge Lee presented the Certification of Abatement Clearance for the hospital building by Farmer Environmental Group, LLC and requested it be put on record in the minutes. See 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING HOSPITAL PARKING LOT

REPAIR – PRECINCT 4 – After much discussion, Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the repair of the clinic parking lot (aka hospital parking lot) with funds not to exceed \$10,000 and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Commissioners Chitsey and Jumper opposed the motion. Judge Lee opposed the motion and the motion failed. Judge Lee felt seal coating and striping the parking lot would be sufficient. Judge Lee reported he would put this back on the Special Session Agenda on Friday, February 27th to possibly to come up with a solution the court could agree on and pass.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2014 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – COUNTY AUDITOR

– Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the 2014 budget amendments and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____

RECORD 2014 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE FOR PUBLIC FUNDS

INVESTMENT ACT FOR BETTY SUE ALLEN – TREASURER – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented her 2014 Certificate of Compliance for Public Funds Investment Act to be put on record in the minutes. See Volume 1Y Page _____

RECORD 2014 CERTIFIED COUNTY TREASURER CERTIFICATE FOR BETTY SUE ALLEN – TREASURER

- Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented her 2014 Certified County Treasurer Certificate to be put on record in the minutes. See Volume 1Y Page _____

OPEN AND AWARD BIDS FOR SPORTS COMPLEX IRRIGATION SYSTEM –

STEVE SLATON – Commissioner Young made a motion to table awarding the bid for the Sports Complex Irrigation System until the Special Session scheduled for Friday, February 27, 2015 and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously to table this agenda item until Friday, February 27th Special Session.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE

Commissioner Jumper questioned if the detailed invoice from MMI for Treasurer Betty Sue Allen's desks that were built had been received and Auditor Phillips reported they hadn't.

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THREATENED OR PENDING LITIGATION – COUNTY JUDGE-

Commissioners Court convened into Executive Session at 10:03 AM pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code for consultation with the County Attorney to consider and take action on threatened or pending litigation.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE

– Commissioners Court reconvened back into Open Meeting at 10:23 AM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Commissioner Young reported 225 million dollars had been set aside for CTERS and the legislature argued that only 21 million has been used. He was worried they may not fund CTERS again since some counties didn't utilize it. Judge Lee reported that U S Representative for District 4, John Ratcliffe had stopped by.

Commissioner Jumper 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 February 23, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 23rd day of February, 2015.

Betty Crane, County Clerk