

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
February 9, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session February 9, 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: Steve Slaton, Margaret Sears, Melinda Smith, George Theilen, Jan Theilen, Kevin Spence, Bryan Giguere, Jim Alford, Linda Conarroe, Jenny Dennis, Joe Jancosek, Cathy Jumper, Elizabeth Ezelle, Jerry Ezelle, V. J. Rhoades, James Sewell, Tina Phillips, Ellen Jagers, Betty Sue Allen, Todd Conradson, Zach Jagers, Ricky Jones, Marie Latortue, Jeff Briscoe, and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lee called the meeting to order and Commissioner Young offered prayer. Judge Lee invited comments from the public and there were none.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 26, 2015 REGULAR SESSION, JANUARY 26, 2015 WORKSHOP SESSION, FEBRUARY 2, 2015 SPECIAL SESSION- COUNTY CLERK -

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from the January 26 regular session, January 26 workshop session, and the February 2 special session and Commissioner Jumper 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 to the Texas Workforce Commission in the amount of \$1,032.64 and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____

MONTHLY REPORTS - County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the January 2015 monthly

report. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the monthly reports as presented and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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FIRST READING REPLAT OF CADDO POINT TRAILS SUBDIVISION LOTS 5, 6, 7, AND 8 - GERALD EZELLE - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the first reading of Caddo

Point Trails Subdivision Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST 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 -

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the first reading of Kings Country Subdivision Lots L162R, L163, L164R, Section 2 and Lots 4A-R and 4B-R, Block 59 of Section 4 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING REPLAT EAGLE POINT SUBDIVISION LOT 37-R PHASE I – DANNY SEWELL FOR JOHN S. AND VICKI S. HOLLABAUGH – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of Eagle Point Subdivision, Lot 37-R, Phase I and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING REPLAT TALL TREE SUBDIVISION LOT 48R BLOCK 13 SECTION 3 – GEORGE THEILEN, GEORGE B. THEILEN GENERATION SKIPPING TRUST – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the second reading of the replat of Tall Tree Subdivision, Lot 48R, Block 13 of Section 3 and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Plat Cabinet 291B

PRESENT 2014 CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE COMPLETION OF 20 HOURS FOR BETTY CRANE – COUNTY CLERK – County Clerk Betty Crane presented her 2014 Continuing Education Certificate showing the completion of 20 continuing education hours and requested it be put on record in the minutes. See Volume 1Y Page _____

PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT AND TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT TRAINING FOR BETTY CRANE – County Clerk Betty Crane presented her certificates of completion of the Public Information Act and the Texas Open Meetings Act training and requested them to be put on record in the minutes. See Volume 1Y Page _____

PRESENT 2014 CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE COMPLETION OF 20 HOURS FOR ELLEN JAGGERS – DISTRICT CLERK – District Clerk Ellen Jagers presented her 2014 Continuing Education Certificate showing the completion of 20 continuing education hours and requested it be put on record in the minutes. See Volume 1Y Page _____

PRESENT 2015 CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE COMPLETION OF 30 HOURS OF JUDICIAL EDUCATION CREDIT FOR SCOTT LEE – COUNTY JUDGE – County Judge Scott Lee presented his 2015 Continuing Education Certificate showing the completion of 30 hours of Judicial Education credit and requested it be put on record in the minutes. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SCOTT LEE BEING APPOINTED FRANKLIN COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR ON THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing Scott Lee being appointed Franklin County's representative to serve as a Director on the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Board of Directors and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING SIGNING EASEMENT BY KCVT NURSING CENTERS, INC. TO FRANKLIN COUNTY GRANTING WATER LINE ACCESS FOR HOSPITAL – COUNTY JUDGE - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve signing the easement by KCVT Nursing Centers, Inc. to Franklin County granting water line access for the hospital building and Commissioner Jumper second the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Easement recorded in Official Public Records in Volume 305 Page 860. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (TXCDBG) ON BEHALF OF CYPRESS SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT AND DESIGNATING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ACT AS THE COUNTY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION – MELINDA SMITH, AMAZING GRANTS, INC. -

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the Commissioner's Court of Franklin County to submit an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for funding in the amount of \$275,000 through the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program on behalf of Cypress Springs Special Utility District and designate the County Judge to act as the County's Executive Office and authorized representative for Franklin County in all matters pertaining to the application. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CYPRESS SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND DEFINING TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT SHOULD THE COUNTY BE AWARDED SUCH FUNDING ON BEHALF OF THE SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT – MELINDA SMITH, AMAZING GRANTS, INC. -

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve entering into an Agreement with Cypress Springs Special Utility District regarding the application for grant funds through the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program and defining the terms of the Agreement should the County be awarded such funding on behalf of the Special Utility District. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____.

PRESENT 2014 FRANKLIN COUNTY PARTIAL EXEMPTION RACIAL PROFILING REPORT – SHERIFF - Sheriff Jones presented the 2014 Franklin County Partial Exemption Racial Profiling report and requested it be put on record in the minutes. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE SPORTS COMPLEX BALL FIELD FENCING – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve advertising for bids for the Sports Complex Ball field fencing and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SPORTS COMPLEX DUGOUT CONSTRUCTION – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve advertising for bids for the Sports Complex dugout construction and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR SPORTS COMPLEX IRRIGATION SYSTEM – COUNTY AUDITOR - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve advertising for bids for the Sports Complex irrigation system and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE –

Auditor Tina Phillips reported making progress on the hand rail project. She reported the quotes for the hand rails will be separated into two quotes. The quotes will be for manufacturing of the hand rails which the County will pay and the installation of the hand rails which will be paid by MMI. She also reported the electrician is working on the specs for the generator for the courthouse. She also reported the problem of water in the mechanical room seems to be fixed. Judge Lee reported talking

with the Texas Historical Commission about the handicap parking sign that needed to be placed in front of the courthouse. He reported they said it was fine (since it is state law) as long as it was not huge. He also reported THC said it would be okay to hang items on the walls but use small nails or use stick on material.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Commissioner Jumper notified the court he intends to purchase a used steel drum packer. He reported it is budgeted and will be about \$40,000. Judge assured the Commissioners he will mail a letter to TXDOT in Paris letting them know Franklin County wanted the road material. Todd Conradson reported the buildings behind the hospital are worse than they first thought. Commissioner Young reminded everyone to write letters on the Rail Road Tiger Grant.

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 9, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 9th day of February, 2015.

Betty Crane, County Clerk