

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
July 27, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session July 27, 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: Charlie Emerson, Bryan Giguere, Pepper Puryear, Jill Lowry, Tina Phillips, V. J. Rhoades, Cathy Jumper, Lindsey Yeager, Ellen Jaggars, Brian Ball, James D. Sewell, Bert Edmondson, Trey Newsome, Bill Travis, Betty Sue Allen, Jim Alford, Ricky Jones, Gene Stump, and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and Brother Pepper Puryear offered prayer.

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 13, 2015 REGULAR SESSION AND JULY 15, 2015 WORKSHOP SESSION – COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2015 Regular Session and July 15, 2015 Workshop Session and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried

**AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER -** Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve paying all the claims against the county as presented and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
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**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADDING MT. VERNON CARES TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY JUROR PAY DONATION FORM – PEPPER PURYEAR**

Brother Pepper reported Mt. Vernon Cares is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization formed by members of the community. The goal is to place in the hands of each at-risk student (as identified by Communities in Schools) a \$50 Brookshire's food card each month to help assure no student will go hungry. They are targeting junior high and high school students. A mentor from the community will be matched with a student to help achieve the utmost opportunity for their personal success. He also reported a person could sponsor a child for \$50 a month for nine months or give a donation. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve adding Mt. Vernon Cares to the Franklin County Juror Pay donation forms and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent Lindsey Yeager reported on recent events and activities she had attended as well as informed the court about future events and activities she will be involved with. Ag Agent Brian Ball reported committees were being formed and a program will be presented on Ferrell hog control.

**FIRST READING REPLAT LOT L164R-2 SECTION 2, KINGS COUNTRY SUBDIVISION – DANNY SEWELL FOR KEVIN AND CRISTI RYAN** – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of Kings Country subdivision, lot 164R-2 of Section 2 and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING VOTING LOCATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2015 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION – COUNTY CLERK** – County Clerk Betty Crane requested using the Annex East building for Early Voting as well as combining voting precincts 101, 201, 202, and 301 on Election Day to be held at the Annex East building. She planned on leaving precinct 102 at the Hagansport Community Center and 302 at the Franklin County Building in Winnsboro. She requested combining voting precinct 401 with 402 to be held at South Franklin Community Center. These locations will be for the November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election only. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the voting locations as presented for the November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Z Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING NUMBER OF ELECTION WORKERS FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION – COUNTY CLERK** - County Clerk Betty Crane requested four election workers for Early Voting and three election workers at Annex East, Hagansport, Winnsboro, and South Franklin voting locations on Election Day. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the request and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Z Page \_\_\_\_\_.

**COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE** – Judge Lee reported the air conditioning is still not working in the district clerk’s office and district courtroom. He reported two pumps were burned out. Two window units were installed in the district clerk’s office but nothing has been done to the district courtroom. He did reported receiving notice that frosting the windows on the doors had been approved by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. See Volume 1Z Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING, UNDER FRANKLIN COUNTY’S “COMPREHENSIVE FUND BALANCE POLICY”, TO CLASSIFY AND ASSIGN \$545,000 OF “COMMITTED FUND BALANCE” TO THE CATEGORY OF “UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE” – COUNTY AUDITOR** – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve classifying and assigning \$545,000 of the Committed Fund Balance under Franklin County’s “Comprehensive Fund Balance Policy” to the category of Unassigned Fund Balance and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (ATCOG) FOR E9-1-1 SERVICE AND PSAP EQUIPMENT – ROBERT ZINN & COUNTY JUDGE** – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Franklin County and Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) for E9-1-1 Service and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) equipment and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Z Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF LEEANN SPARKS TO THE MHMR BOARD AS FRANKLIN COUNTY’S REPRESENTATIVE – COUNTY JUDGE** – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the appointment of LeeAnn Sparks to the MHMR Board as Franklin County’s Representative and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING USE OF GENERATOR INSTALLED BEHIND ANNEX EAST BUILDING – COUNTY JUDGE - Judge**

Lee reported receiving a letter from Mary Beth Rudel, the Public Safety Manager from ATCOG and reported the generator was not purchased with Homeland Security funds. It is a county-owned generator and the county is free to do whatever it would like with the generator. He reported the Homeland Security Grant funds were used to move and reinstall the generator at the courthouse annex to temporarily support emergency operations. See Volume 1Z Page \_\_\_\_\_.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported receiving good news about a decrease in the rate for the county's health insurance. Originally the increase was 4.81% and has decreased to 3.5%. She also reported Open Enrollment with Capps Insurance will be in October. Auditor Tina Phillips reported she would be filing a DRAFT budget on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> and there would not be budget workshops held this week.

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 AM and Commissioner Chitsey 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 July 27, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk