

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

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in a Workshop Session July 27, 2015 at 2:00 PM at Franklin County Courthouse County Courtroom located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas

Members present: Scott Lee, County Judge  
Danny Chitsey, Commissioner, Precinct 1  
Larkin Jumper, Commissioner, Precinct 2  
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3  
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Julie Baxter, Lisa Lawrence, Tina Phillips, V. J. Rhoades, Ellen Jagers, Daniel Gary, Andrew Emery, Diego Mendez, Cassie Mendez, Bill Travis, Patrick Barron, Jim Alford, Ricky Jones, and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM

Judge Lee announced Zack Jagers had resigned as the Sports Complex Manager and asked the court for input on how to move forward with the Sports Complex. He reported he had asked Patrick Barron to address the court with some ideas about the Sports Complex. Mr. Barron stated would like to see the Sports Complex be used year round if possible. He reported the concession stand is where money is made and discussed several ways to utilize the fields all season. The Commissioners agreed they would need a Sports Complex Manager. Commissioner Carr also reported the fields must be maintained now and requested the use of inmates to assist in the clean-up.

Judge Alford and County Clerk Betty Crane reported their voicemail was not working. Library Director, Lisa Lawrence reported the library was having internet problems. She reported state guidelines and regulations for the library states they should have 15 megabytes per second. They have been doing speed test and are only receiving 2.5 or lower megabytes per second. Several people in the courthouse also reported the internet being slow and they could not do their work. Mrs. Lawrence reported talking with Peoples Telephone and she could get service from them with 20 megabytes per second for \$350 a month. Auditor Tina Phillips reported the county was sharing 10 megabytes per second and was in a five year contract with Suddenlink. Auditor Phillips said she would schedule a meeting with Suddenlink to discuss these problems. Auditor Phillips reported talking with the City Manager and reported he has some roads that needed to be worked on. Commissioner Carr reported he had been doing some ditch and brush work on Franklin and Miller Streets.

Daniel Gary from the Purley Volunteer Fire Department reported hearing that the county-wide fire department budget had been cut \$50,000 in 2016 and asked when would they start the fund back? His concern was Purley had applied for two Forestry Service Grants and would need matching funds if they were awarded the grants. Auditor Tina Phillips reported the county had lost \$125,000 in Revenue and appraisals have gone down. Commissioner Carr stated he thought all the fire departments had good equipment and was concerned there was not enough volunteers to run the equipment the departments had.

Judge Lee reported he would work on revising the job description and duties of the Sports Complex Manager and will open up applications for the position. Sheriff Jones reported his policy was no inmates will be able to be used at the Sports Complex when the public is there.

Commissioner Carr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:38 PM and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I, Betty Crane, County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of Commissioner's Court Workshop meeting on July 27, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 27th day of July, 2015.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk