

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
June 22, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session June 22, 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: Sue Ann Harper, Ellen Jaggars, Tina Phillips, Cathy Jumper, Vivian Rhoades, Margaret Sears, Jerry Cooper, B. F. Hicks, Pat Hudson, Kay Howell, Nathan Reves, Gene Stump, Lindsey Yeager, Lillie Bush-Reves, Bryan Giguere, and Ricky Jones

Judge Lee called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

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. She also presented an Agricultural Report that was prepared by Ag Agent Brian Ball.
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APPROVE MINUTES FROM JUNE 8, 2015 REGULAR SESSION, AND JUNE 15, 2015 WORKSHOP SESSION – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2015 regular session and June 15, 2015 workshop session and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve all the claims against the county including three additional claims that were presented and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.
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MONTHLY REPORTS - County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen was not present at the meeting and this item was skipped.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DISSOLVING CONTRACT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND BRINSON BENEFITS - TREASURER – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen was not present at the meeting and this item was skipped.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING NAMING CAPPS INSURANCE AS INSURANCE AGENT OF RECORD FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY- TREASURER – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen was not present at the meeting and this item was skipped.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE –

Judge Lee reported he was working on getting a generator using the Buy Board. Auditor Tina Phillips reported the paint on the wall outside the Justice of the Peace office had been worked on again. Judge Lee reported there was a small leak in the mechanical room since all the rain.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASE OF COMPUTER FOR BRIAN BALL – COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT –

Lindsey Yeager presented a computer package in the amount of \$850 for new Ag Agent Brian Ball. She said it could be purchased through the Agrilife Cost Share Program. She requested using salary funds for the purchase since there was extra funds available in the salary line item. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve using \$850 out of salaries for the purchase of a computer for Brian Ball and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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PRESENT TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION – COUNTY JUDGE -

Judge Lee presented the Franklin County Historical Commission the Distinguished Service Award received from the Texas Historical Commission. The award was presented to B. F. Hicks and other members of the Franklin County Historical Commission. A copy was not given to the County Clerk to be put on record. See Volume 1Z Page _____ to see the Press Release.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DONATION OF SICK TIME TO JACQUELYN MENDEZ – SHERIFF -

Sheriff Ricky Jones reported Jacquelyn Mendez will be off work for about six weeks on FMLA and numerous members of his staff as well as the Tax Assessor's staff have offered their sick time hours since she does not have enough sick time. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve numerous county employees to donate six weeks of sick time hours to Jacquelyn Mendez and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RECORD 20 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR JIM ALFORD – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

– County Clerk Betty Crane reported receiving Justice of the Peace, Jim Alford's continuing education certificate to be put on record showing he had successfully completed 20 hours of Justice of the Peace training received from Texas State University, Justice Court Training Center Seminar. See Volume 1Z Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MOU BETWEEN EAST TEXAS COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE (ETCADA) AND FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE -

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the MOU between East Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ETCADA) and Franklin County and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AWARDED INTEREST RATE PROPOSAL FOR OIL DISTRIBUTOR TRUCK AND CHIP SEALER – COUNTY AUDITOR

– Auditor Tina Phillips presented information to the court about interest rates proposed by the banks for the equipment purchase loan in the amount of \$273,041. See Volume 1Z Page _____. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve using

Texas American Bank with an interest rate of 1.60 % for a three year loan with no pre-payment penalties and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENT LETTER REGARDING EQUIVALENT MATCH FUNDS FROM HOPKINS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT TO FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT – COUNTY JUDGE - Judge Lee presented an appreciation letter regarding equivalent match funds from Hopkins County Commissioners' Court to Franklin County Commissioners' Court. See Volume 1Z Page _____

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Sheriff Jones reported receiving more Hopkins County inmates. Auditor Tina Phillips reminded everyone about the 1:30 meeting on Thursday to work on the budget. She also reported someone would be here to present information on drug testing. She reported we should receive a quote from TAC for health insurance the first part of July. District Clerk Ellen Jagers reported it had been one year since starting e-filing for civil and family records and her office would be doing criminal e-filing in the future. Commissioner Chitsey brought up the destruction of records and was told the Commissioners would need to pick up the records since trucks would be needed.

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 June 22, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 22nd day of June, 2015.

Betty Crane, County Clerk