

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
June 8, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session June 8, 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
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Sue Ann Harper, Betty Sue Allen, Ellen Jaggars, Tina Phillips, Cathy Jumper, Vivian Rhoades, Margaret Sears, Lindsey Yeager, Jim Alford, Lillie Bush-Reves, Bryan Giguere, Tina Phillips, 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.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 26, 2015 REGULAR SESSION, MAY 26, 2015 WORKSHOP SESSION, JUNE 1, 2015 BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION, JUNE 2, 2015 BUDGET WORKSHOP SESSION AND JUNE 2, 2015 SPECIAL SESSION- COUNTY CLERK -

Commissioner Jumper gave the County Clerk two names that were omitted from the minutes that spoke during Public Comments at the June 2, 2015 Special Session. Clerk Crane reported she would add those names into the minutes. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2015 regular session, May 26, 2015 workshop session, June 1, 2015 budget workshop session, June 2, 2015 budget workshop session and the June 2, 2015 special session after the addition of the two names into the special session minutes and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT - TREASURER -

Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported three additional claims needed to be added to be approved. The additional claims were for utility bills, Winkle Oil and to Tyler Technologies. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve all the claims against the county including the three additional claims and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Vol. 1Z Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING SULPHUR RIVER COWBOY CHURCH'S REQUEST TO USE THE COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY NORTH OF THE COURTHOUSE - MELINDA ASPEN FISHER -

Judge Lee addressed the court about the Sulphur River Cowboy Church request to use the county-owned property north of the courthouse since Melinda Aspen Fisher was not in attendance. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the use of the county-owned property north of the courthouse by Sulphur River Cowboy Church and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASE AND FINANCE OPTIONS OF ETNYRE SELF PROPELLED CHIP SPREADER AND DISTRIBUTION TRUCK FOR ALL PRECINCTS – PRECINCT 4 – Commissioner Young was not present to address the court but the other Commissioners had knowledge of the equipment. They explained they would trade in the equipment they had. Auditor Tina Phillips reported she would get some quotes from banks and interest rates and would report back at the next meeting. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve authorizing the purchase with finance options of Etnyre Self Propelled Chip Spreader and Distribution Truck to be used by all precincts and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE – Auditor Tina Phillips reported most of the items on the list of problems had been taken care of. She did report the paint on the wall on the stairwell across the hall from the Justice of the Peace office was still bubbling up even though it had been worked on to try to fix it.

OPEN AND AWARD BIDS FOR CULVERTS - TREASURER – Judge Lee opened and reviewed bids from Burgin Pipe and Supply from Sulphur Springs, Holmes Concrete and Pipe from Gilmer, Wilson Culverts, Inc. from Elkhart, and Contech Construction Products, Inc. from Irving. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to accept all the bids received and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Z Page _____ to review the bids.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REMOVING NET OPPORTUNITIES, INC. FROM THE JUROR PAY DONATION FORMS FOR ALL COURTS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY JUDGE - Commissioner Jumper made a motion to remove NET Opportunities, Inc. (NETO) from the juror pay donation forms for all Franklin County Courts and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH WORKINTEXS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH LABOR COSTS FOR A PERIOD OF TIME - TREASURER – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen requested entering into a contract with WorkinTexs to provide assistance with labor cost in her office. She reported it will pay 50% of the person's salary for up to 480 hours. She requested moving forward with this and when she receives the contract she will have the County Attorney review it and get his approval. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve entering into a contract with WorkinTexs after the County Attorney reviews and gives his approval of the contract. Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion and the motion carried. See Volume 1Z Page _____ to review the on-the-job training program detail sheet. The contract was not presented in court because the terms and duration of the training contract are negotiated with a workforce center representative and completed before the employee's first day of work.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Judge Lee reported he will be working on getting information for a generator for the courthouse. He also reported Todd Conradson is getting estimates to repair the brick wall at the airport that has been braced to keep it from falling. Sheriff Ricky Jones reported he was working to try to replace Hopkins County prisoners after the Hopkins County Jail opens. Sheriff Jones also reported he was having air conditioner unit problems. He indicated he will try to get a list of equipment that shows what is new, old and what is under warranty. Judge Lee reported Gary VanDeaver will be at Rotary on Friday. Auditor Tina Phillips reported the roll back caps did not pass in the legislature but they did pass the Homestead Exemption for schools to increase the exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and there would not be a Special Election. She also requested scheduling a Budget Workshop for non-departmental funds. Tax Assessor Collector Sue Ann Harper reported she had records that needed to be destroyed and Sheriff Jones reported the Sheriff's Office has an incinerator but the upper blower needs repaired.

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Carr 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 8, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 8th day of June, 2015.

Betty Crane, County Clerk