

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
March 23, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session March 23, 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: Annetta Hamilton, Genea Burnaman, Jim Alford, Brad Sears, Willie Bane, V. J. Rhoades, Lindsey Yeager, Margaret Sears, Sue Ann Harper, Ricky Jones, Joe Jancosek, Jenny Dennis, Tina Phillips, Gene Stump, Bryan Giguere, Ellen Jaggars, Cathy Jumper, Jim Kober, Rogelio Martinez, Betty Sue Allen, and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lee called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

Judge Lee asked for Public Comments and the Franklin County Consumer Science Agent, Lindsay Yeager reported receiving a certificate for the highest participation winner for their level at the Professional Development Summit.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 9, 2015 REGULAR SESSION, – COUNTY CLERK –

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2015 regular session and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve all the claims against the county including one additional claim from Staples in the amount of \$1,128.11 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Vol. 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DATA USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND THE TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ENTERPRISES – COUNTY CLERK -

County Clerk, Betty Crane reported this is a Federally mandated agreement for HIPPA purposes that needs to be approved to be able to do remote birth certificates. It is an addendum to the contract she already has with vital statistics. Tyler Technologies is reviewing the subcontractor section of the agreement. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Data Use Agreement between Franklin County and The Texas Health and Human Services Enterprises. Motion died for a lack of a second. Commissioner Young made a motion to table this agenda item until the Commissioners could review the agreement and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ONE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF TALCO –

Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve a one-year lease agreement of election equipment between Franklin County and the City of Talco and Commissioner Young seconded the motion.

Motion carried. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MOU BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND WOOD COUNTY FOR INMATE HOUSING – SHERIFF

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Inter-local Cooperation Agreement between Franklin County and Wood County for inmate housing and Commissioner Young seconded. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FUNDING REQUEST FROM INMATE REVENUE FUND - SHERIFF

- Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the funding request from the Inmate Revenue Fund for painting areas of the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$7,740 from Keys Contractors, LLC. Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Commissioner Jumper stated he would like Sheriff Jones to get more bids from other paint contractors. Motion carried with Commissioners Chitsey, Carr and Young voting in favor and Commissioner Jumper voting against the motion. Sheriff Jones reported he would check with other paint contractors and go with the cheapest bid. Motion carried. See Volume 1Y Page _____

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE –

Auditor Tina Phillips reported the ordered materials for the handrails have been received and the handrails that can be reused have been picked up in preparation for installation. Todd Conradson reported Chad Woody will begin work to fix the leak in the mechanical room as soon as the ground dries up.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ONGOING CONTRACT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND AUCTIONEER EXPRESS - TREASURER

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the ongoing contract between Franklin County and Auctioneer Express and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DEPOSITORY BID PROCESS FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY – TREASURER-

Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported this is our fourth year with Guaranty Bank and Trust for depository services. She reported every four years we go out for bids or we can extend two more years with Guaranty Bank and Trust. She reported we will negotiate new rates if we extend depository services with Guaranty Bank and Trust. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve extending two more years' depository services with Guaranty Bank and Trust and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S 2015 – 2016 ADOPTED BUDGET – GENE BURNAMAN, CHIEF APPRAISER –

Judge Lee expressed his concern with what is going on with the legislature. He stated he was not sure if we can give county employees raises next year. Chief Appraiser Genea Burnaman reported two employees had received merit raises in a prior year. She reported one employee has retired and she lost one employee to another appraisal district. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Franklin County Appraisal District 2015 – 2016 adopted budget. Commissioner Carr's motion died for a lack of a second. No action taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Brad Sears representing the Rotary Club reminded the court about the upcoming Tour de Cypress bike race. He requested the Commissioners make sure sand and gravel be removed from the roadways. Commissioner Jumper reported County Road 2200 is closed due to the heavy rain and a culvert is out. He reported a culvert has been ordered and will repair it as soon as it comes in.

ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR COINSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THREATENED OR PENDING LITIGATION – COUNTY JUDGE –

Commissioners' Court recessed into Executive Session at 9:52 AM to consult with the County Attorney to consider and take action on threatened or pending litigation. The Executive Session adjourned at 10:36AM.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioners' Court reconvened back into Regular Session at 10:36 AM.

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 March 23, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 23rd day of March, 2015.

Betty Crane, County Clerk