

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
March 9, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session March 9, 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

VISITORS: Brook Bussell, Margaret Sears, Bob McFarland, Cathy Jumper, Lindsey Yeager, V. J. Rhoades, Jim Alford, Bryan Giguere, Linda Conarroe, Tina Phillips, Betty Sue Allen, Lillie Bush-Reves, and Ricky Jones

Judge Lee called the meeting to order and Commissioner Young offered prayer.

Judge Lee asked if anyone had any public comments and Lindsay Yeager reported she was officially put in charge of the District 4H contest and it went off without a hitch. She reported she has been selected for the State Committee to represent Franklin County. She also reported there are two potential candidates for the Ag Extension Agent. She reported a face to face meeting was held with one and a video conference was with the other since he was from Colorado. A decision has been made and Mr. Hurley has been informed of the decision. Hopefully this person will be approved in Commissioners' Court on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and start the first week of April.

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 23, 2015 REGULAR SESSION, AND THE FEBRUARY 27, 2015 SPECIAL SESSION- COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2015 regular session and the February 27, 2015 Special Session. Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER -** Commissioner Young made a motion to approve all the claims against the county including one additional claim to one employee for HRA Reimbursement in the amount of \$500 and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Vol. 1Y Page \_\_\_\_\_

**MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY REPORTS -** County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the February monthly reports. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the monthly reports as presented and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENT 2014 COMMISSIONERS' CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATE FOR SAM YOUNG – PRECINCT 4**– Commissioner Young presented his 2014 Continuing Education Certificate showing he had successfully completed the continuing education provisions of Article 81.0025 of the Texas Local Government Code and requested it be put on record in the minutes. See Volume 1Y Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APROVING SIGNING AMENDMENT FOR E-VERIFY CONTRACT #23939182 SUBMITTED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES – COUNTY JUDGE** – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve signing the Amendment for E-Verify Contract #23939182 submitted by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION APPOINTING SCOTT LEE AS FRANKLIN COUNTY’S REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE AS A DIRECTOR ON THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS – COUNTY JUDGE** - Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the Resolution appointing Scott Lee as Franklin County’s Representative to serve as a Director on the Ark-Tex Council of Government’s Board of Directors and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page \_\_\_\_\_

**COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE** – Auditor Tina Phillips reported the hand rails will be installed at the south and west entrances. The water leakage in the mechanical room needs to be addressed and we are in the process of getting specs for generator. They are going to check on the existing generator at the hospital to see if Dr. Latortue will be using it.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Judge Lee reported he had contacted Wood County Electric about possible help with light poles at the Sports Complex. Judge Lee encouraged every to visit Congressman Ratcliffe’s website ([ratcliffe.house.gov](http://ratcliffe.house.gov)) because he has a picture of the top of the courthouse. Judge Lee also mentioned possible legislative changes in the tax rate. Auditor Tina Phillips encouraged writing state representatives and senators about rollback changes and homestead tax changes. She reported if everything passes, it will have a huge negative impact on the county.

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 9, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk