

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
May 11, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session May 11, 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: Willie Bane, Richard Lee, Trish Kuhl, Cathy Jumper, Lindsey Yeager, Sue Ann Harper, Margaret Sears, Donna McFarland, Jim Alford, Bryan Giguere, Tina Phillips, Ellen Jagers, B. F. Hicks, V. J. Rhoades, and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

Lindsey Yeager reported she will be visiting the Federal Reserve Bank and a food truck park. She also reported there will be a meet and greet for our new Extension Agent Brian Ball at the 4-H meeting tomorrow evening at 6PM at the airport

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 27, 2015 REGULAR SESSION AND MAY 4, 2015 WORKSHOP SESSION- COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2015 regular session and the May 4, 2015 Workshop Session. Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion and the 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 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.
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FIRST READING REPLAT LOTS 342R AND 344A-R PHASE 3 SNUG HARBOR ESTATES – B F HICKS FOR JOANN JOST AND OTHAL AND VIRGINIA SPENCER
Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of Snug Harbor Estates, lots 342R and 344A-R of Phase 3 and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SECOND READING REPLAT OF EL DORADO BEACH SUBDIVISION LOTS 52R AND 54R SECTION 2 - FCWD- Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the second reading of El Dorado Beach Subdivision Lot 52R and 54R of Section 2 and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Plat Cabinet #295A

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF 2015 – 2016 PROPERTY INSURANCE THROUGH TAC – TREASURER – Questions arose about insurance on the hospital. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported she had received a Certificate of Insurance showing Dr. Latortue has \$250,000 in insurance for contents he has purchased and the County has insured the building. She reported a lot of equipment was left by ETMC that is not insured. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the renewal of 2015 – 2016 property insurance in the amount of \$29,504.00 with a limit of \$500,000.00 through Texas Association of Counties and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING GETTING ESTIMATE ON AUTO/LIABILITY INSURANCE FROM TAC – TREASURER – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve getting an estimate on auto/liability insurance from Texas Association of Counties and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING GUIDELINES ON ADDING PHYSICAL DAMAGE INSURANCE TO VEHICLES OF A CERTAIN AGE AND OR VALUE - TREASURER - County Treasurer, Betty Sue Allen requested getting an estimate from TAC on physical damage insurance on some of the newer and higher priced vehicles of a certain age and value and is paid for in full. Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve guidelines on adding physical damage insurance to vehicles of a certain age and or value and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DISTRIBUTION OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CAPITAL CREDITS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,615.53 RECEIVED FROM THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS - AUDITOR - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the distribution of unclaimed property capital credits in the amount of \$3,615.53 to the Children's Advocacy Center to be paid in December of 2015 and applied to their 2016 budget. This will reduce the county's liability for the 2016 budget. Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion and the motion carried.

RECORD CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION FOR THE COMPLETION OF 12 HOURS OF EDUCATIONAL TRAINING FOR SAM YOUNG – PRECINCT 4 – Commissioner Young presented his Certificate of Participation for successfully completing twelve hours of education training at the School for County Commissioners Courts to be put on record in the minutes. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FRANKLIN COUNTY'S COURTHOUSE RENTAL AND SPECIAL EVENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – COUNTY JUDGE - Judge Lee presented the Rental and Special Event Policies and Procedures he had prepared for inspection. He went over the document and reported these were just suggestions he had gotten from other courthouse policies and procedures and could be changed by adding or deleting items. Concerns were presented about the security of the expensive computers and electronic equipment in the District Courtroom. Also it was expressed that County business comes before entertainment. After much discussion, Commissioner Jumper made a motion to accept Franklin County's Courthouse Rental and Special Event Policies and Procedures with the modification of the removal of allowing alcoholic beverages and with the understanding that the security be done in such a manner that the district clerk and any other areas will have the protection that is needed. Commissioner Carr seconded the motion and the motion carried with Judge Lee voting in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Chitsey and Young voted against the motion.

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CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING BRIAN BALL AS FRANKLIN COUNTY'S TX A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION AG AGENT – HURLEY MILLER

It was noted this agenda item had been approved in an earlier meeting. No action needed.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ON-LOCATION FILMING IN FRANKLIN COUNTY BY TEXAS FILM COMMISSION – WILLIE BANE –

Judge Lee presented information from the Texas Film Commission about on-location filming, Guidelines for Filming in Franklin County as well as an Application for Commercial Filming. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve on-location filming in Franklin County by the Texas Film Commission and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REQUEST TO USE COURTHOUSE FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION'S FUNDRAISER DINNER – DONNA MCFARLAND AND ELAINE MCFEELY-

Mrs. McFarland stated the Franklin County Historical Association would like to rescind their request to have a fundraiser dinner in the courthouse but still would like to have an after-hours historical walking tour of the courthouse. She said they will re-group and reserve future opportunities. No action taken. See Volume 1Y Page _____ to see the proposed fundraiser dinner plans that was presented.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REQUEST TO USE DISTRICT COURTROOM FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE PROGRAM – COUNTY JUDGE –

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Franklin County Arts Alliance request to have a program in the District Courtroom and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE –

Judge Lee presented a letter he had received from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation stating the Interior Courthouse Restoration project had been approved. See Volume 1Y Page _____ to see a copy of the letter.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING FILING AN APPEAL OF THE REMOVAL OF TAX EXEMPTION AND OR APPRAISED VALUE OF COUNTY HOSPITAL PROPERTY – COUNTY JUDGE –

Judge Lee reported receiving a letter from the Franklin County Appraisal District stating the exemption had been removed from the property located at 500 S SH-37 (hospital). The appraised value of the property is \$3,001,970.00 and the estimate of property's total taxes is \$70,530.91. Judge Lee reported requesting an opinion from James Allison from Allison, Bass and Magee, LLP and his response was for the county to file an appeal for the removal of the exemption and also the appraised value. Judge Lee reported he had the paperwork and would be working on getting that done. See Volume 1Y Page _____

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Judge Lee reported the Newton County Judge was killed in an accident. He also reported there had been a homicide and Sheriff Jones needs more crime scene equipment. He reported emailing Beverly Logan from NETO and was wanting to discuss with her the new by-laws that had removed commissioners and county judges from the Board. Auditor Tina Phillips reported she would be sending out

the budget hearing schedule to all the department heads soon.

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 May 11, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 11th day of May, 2015.

Betty Crane, County Clerk