

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
October 13, 2014

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session October 13, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the County Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, Texas

Members present: Paul Lovier, County Judge
Danny Chitsey, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Donnie Surratt, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Willie Bane, Lou Antonelli, Diane Newsom, Larkin Jumper, Bill Wilson, Chad Woody, Sandra Dunn, Steve Slaton, Sue Ann Harper, Jim Alford, Bryan Giguere, Ellen Jaggars, Margaret Sears, Tina Phillips, Ricky Jones, and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 REGULAR SESSION, – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2014 regular session, and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve paying the claims against the county excluding one claim from MMI in the amount of \$14,655.00 and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. There were some items that were not completed on the invoice from MMI and Clerk Crane questioned the amount of the counters that MMI had built in her office. The original proposal from MMI (presented at the September 15, 2014 Special Session) included two counters several feet long (total amount \$2,910.00) to go under the both windows in the county clerk's office. She reported discussing this with Tom Woody and requested a small counter at the window where customers would be waited on and a small counter with a money drawer on the clerk's side of the public access window only. She did not want a counter under the other window. See Vol. 1Y Page _____

MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY REPORTS - County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the September monthly reports and the third quarter reports. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the September monthly and the third quarter reports as presented and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CHANGE IN FUNDING REQUEST

FOR WINE IN THE PINES – WILLIE BANE - Mr. Bane explained his request was to change the advertising method and modify the way the funds are going to be spent. He reported they were not requesting more funds. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the modification and method of funding for Wine in the Pines and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1Y Page _____.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING EMPLOYING TODD CONRADSON FOR THE MAINTENANCE POSITION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – EMPLOYMENT TO BEGIN JANUARY 1, 2015

–Treasurer Betty Sue Allen wanted to clarify this maintenance position was for all county buildings, not just the courthouse. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve hiring Todd Conradson for the maintenance position for Franklin County and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE DONATION OF 8 HOURS SICK TIME TO CRISTI GONZALES BY MELISSA MCSWAIN, BECKY JOHNSON AND CANDY ARZOLA – TAX ASSESSOR

– Tax Assessor Sue Ann Harper reported Cristi Gonzales was a new employee and was needing some sick time for some medical issues. She reported Melissa McSwain, Becky Johnson and Candy Arzola has requested to donate eight hours each of their sick time to Cristi. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve Melissa McSwain, Becky Johnson and Candy Arzola to each donate eight hours of sick time to Cristi Gonzales and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESTRIPIING THE PARKING LOT AT THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX WEST – TAX ASSESSOR

- Tax Assessor Sue Ann Harper reported the stripes at Annex West were very faint and people could not see the stripes and there was problems with parking. Sheriff Jones reported he had talked with Anthony Walker and Mr. Walker thought it would be around \$500 to re-stripe the parking lots at Annex West. Commissioner Chistey made a motion to approve re-stripping the parking lot at Annex West if it did not cost over \$500 to do the job. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND DR. JEAN LATORTUE FOR INMAKE MEDICAL CARE AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY JAIL - SHERIFF

– Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the contract between Franklin County and Doctor Jean Latortue for inmate medical care with the total cost for one year being \$15,334.00. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. This fee includes \$1,000 a month to the Physician and \$3,334.00 annual premium for Dr. Latortue's professional liability insurance. See Volume 1Y Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION FOR TEXAS FEEDING TEXANS PROGRAM FY 2015 – 2016 – COUNTY JUDGE

– Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Resolution for Texas Feeding Texans Program FY 2015 – 2016 and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Franklin County's portion of the grant is \$856.50 and will be used between February 1, 2015 and January 31, 2016. See Volume 1Y Page _____

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – Judge Lovier reported the radiator type air

conditions were not keeping the offices cool. Bill Wilson reported there is not a digital thermostat on them and they are getting a programmable digital thermostat for the air conditioners. Mr. Wilson also reported the county will have to pay to have the handrails and end caps installed and try to get a reimbursement from RBR Construction since they did the work.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Willie Bane expressed his appreciation for the road work that had been done on Panther Creek road. Betty Sue Allen reminded everyone about the Open Enrollment for health insurance on Tuesday at 10:00 AM and at 1:00 PM in the District Courtroom. Betty Crane reminded everyone to bring candy or make a donation to her office for Trick or Treat around the Square.

Commissioner Surratt 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 October 13, 2014.

Witnessed and recorded this 13th day of October, 2014.

Betty Crane, County Clerk