

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
September 14, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session September 14, 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: Bryan Giguere, Sue Ann Harper, Cathy Jumper, Lisa Lawrence, Julie Baxter, Lindsey Yeager, Brian Ball, Ricky Jones, Jerry Cooper, Jim Alford, Bill Travis, Ellen Jagers, Betty Sue Allen, Tina Phillips, Margaret Sears, Darrek Ferrell, Steve Boorman, Terri Siddens, Jim Alford, and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lee called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and Commissioner Young offered prayer.

Public Comments: Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent Lindsey Yeager and Extension Agent Brian Ball reported on recent events and activities they had attended as well as informed the court about future events and activities coming up.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 24, 2015 REGULAR SESSION, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 SPECIAL SESSION, AND TWO SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 SPECIAL SESSIONS – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2015 Regular Session, September 3 Special Session, and two Special Sessions on September 8, 2015 and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.
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AUGUST MONTHLY REPORTS - County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the August monthly reports. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the monthly reports as presented and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.
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FIRST READING PLAT LOTS 1 – 7 PURLEY FARMS SUBDIVISION – TERRY NEELD – County Clerk Betty Crane reported she believed this had accidentally gotten on the agenda. She indicated the first reading will be on the September 28th agenda.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 4H'S REQUEST TO PLANT ONE TREE AND MULTIPLE SEEDLINGS AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX – LINDSEY YEAGER

Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve 4 H's request to plant one tree and multiple seedlings at the Franklin County Sports Complex and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. The tree and seedlings will be planted on October 13, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the Sports Complex.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE –

Maintenance Manager Todd Conradson reported several holes had been drilled into the side of the stairs in the basement to see if venting will help dry out the humidity that is causing problems with the paint. He reported the air conditioning on the top floor still is not working. He reported that Central North Construction is not responding to phone calls.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REMOVAL OF DUMPSTER FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY AIPORT – PRECINCT 1

Commissioner Chitsey reported that people are considering the dumpster at the airport as a community dumpster. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported the airport had been rented and brought in \$1,200 but the county had paid out \$1,647.00 for the dumpster to be emptied. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the removal of the dumpster from the Franklin County Airport and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. The renters of the Airport Community Center will be required to take their trash with them.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE SUDDENLINK SERVICE ORDER & AGREEMENT FOR 36 MONTHS AND THE PURCHASE OF A DOCSIS 3.0 CABLE MODEM FOR CABLE INTERNET ACCESS AT THE FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY – COUNTY JUDGE

Library Director, Lisa Lawrence reported the internet service at the library was non-existent. She reported the library does not have enough bandwidth and she was having to work from home to be able to get work done. She also reported the staff is having to use data on their personal cell phones to check books in and out for patrons. She reported they had never had any internet problems until they got off the Optic internet. Assistant Librarian Julie Baxter questioned if the contract could be re-done after 12 months to increase the bandwidth if needed. Commissioner Young questioned if the library had to provide everyone with free internet. Mrs. Lawrence responded the library is required to have free internet access to the public. Steve Boorman with Network Technologies and the county's contract IT company reported by purchasing a DOCSIS 3.0 Cable modem for the cable internet access for the public will help solve the problem. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the purchase of a DOCSIS 3.0 cable modem for cable internet service at the library and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. The fee is \$960 a year with the first year to come out of the library fund balance.

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CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REQUEST TO HIRE TWO FULL-TIME JAILER POSITIONS FOR CERTIFIED JAILERS AT \$12.00 PER HOUR AND RAISE ONE POSITION TO \$12.00 PER HOUR TO BE PAID OUT OF INMATE HOUSING FUND – SHERIFF

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve Sheriff Jones request to hire two full time jailer positions for certified jailers at \$12.00 per hour and raise one position to \$12.00 per hour to be paid out of inmate housing fund and Commissioner Chistey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING SAVNS MAINTENANCE GRANT CONTRACT NUMBER 1659697 BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the SAVNS Maintenance Grant Contract Number 1659697 between the Office of the Attorney General and Franklin County and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 53 Page _____ This is an annual contract for the VINE system.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING APPRISS R-12 SERVICE AGREEMENT RENEWAL FOR THE VINE PROGRAM FOR 2015-2016 PAID THROUGH THE OAG SAVNS GRANT PROGRAM – COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve APPRISS R-12 Service Agreement renewal for the VINE Program for 2015 – 2016 to be paid through the OAG SAVNS Grant Program and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 53 Page _____ This is a maintenance agreement for the VINE Program.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING STATUS OF BURN BAN FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE – Commissioner Carr made a motion to remove the burn ban for Franklin County and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING MANDATORY BACKGROUND CHECKS ON POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES – TREASURER – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve mandatory background checks on all potential employees and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON RENEWAL OF DISTRICT CLERK’S ARCHIVE PLAN AS PER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC.51.305- 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – DISTRICT CLERK - Judge Lee convened the public hearing at 10:11 AM to discuss the renewal of the District Clerks Archive Plan. District Clerk Ellen Jagers presented the District Clerk’s Archive Plan. No one indicated they would like to address this agenda item. Commissioner Carr made a motion to adjourn the public hearing and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. The public hearing was adjourned at 10:13 A.M.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING DISTRICT CLERK’S SEVENTH ANNUAL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION RECORDS PLAN – DISTRICT CLERK - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the district clerk’s preservation and restoration records plan and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 53 Page _____ to review the plan.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON RENEWAL OF COUNTY CLERK’S ARCHIVE PLAN AS PER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 118.025 – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – COUNTY CLERK - Judge Lee convened the public hearing at 10:14 AM to discuss the renewal of the County Clerk’s Archive Plan. County Clerk Betty Crane presented the County Clerk 2016 Archive Plan. No one indicated they would like to address this agenda item. Commissioner Carr made a motion to adjourn the public hearing and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. The public hearing was adjourned at 10:16 A.M.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING COUNTY CLERK'S ARCHIVAL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION RECORD PLAN – COUNTY CLERK -

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the county clerk's archival preservation and restoration records plan and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 53 Page _____ to review the plan.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADOPTING FRANKLIN COUNTY'S 2016 FINAL BUDGET – COUNTY JUDGE –

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve adopting Franklin County's 2016 final budget as presented and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners Chitsey, Jumper, Carr, Young and County Judge Scott Lee all voting in favor of adopting the 2016 Final Budget. See Volume 53 Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADOPTING FRANKLIN COUNTY'S 2016 TAX RATE – COUNTY JUDGE –

Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve adopting Franklin County's 2016 tax rate of .499657 and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners Chitsey, Jumper, Carr, Young and County Judge Scott Lee all voting in favor of adopting the 2016 Tax Rate. The Total Tax Rate will effectively be raised by 6.18 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations and debt service on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$29.69. See Volume 53 Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX PHONE –

TREASURER – Mr. Travis requested having a cell phone with a public phone number to be used to conduct business of the Franklin County Sports Complex. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve entering into an Agreement with Verizon for a phone to be used to conduct business for the Sports Complex and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. No exhibit presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Mr. Travis reported he would be changing the locks at the Sports Complex and will be marking the soccer fields. Library Director Lisa Lawrence expressed her appreciation to the Court for listening to her complaints about the internet at the library.

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 AM 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 September 14, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 14th day of September, 2015.

Betty Crane, County Clerk