

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
September 22, 2014

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session September 22, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the District Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex located at 208 Highway 37, 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: Brian Naiser, Sue Ann Harper, Sandra Dunn, Bryan Giguere, Skip Roark, Demetra Bell Runnels, Tina Phillips, Ellen Jagers, Larkin Jumper, Keith Medders, Ricky Jones, Gene Stump, and Lillie Bush Reves

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

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 REGULAR SESSION, AND SEPTEMBER 15, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION- COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2014 regular session and September 15, 2014 Special session and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER** - Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve all the claims against the county including additional claims from Network Technologies, Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Frame Up. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously. See Vol. 1X Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REQUEST FOR SIX ELECTION WORKERS FOR EARLY VOTING, THREE ELECTION WORKERS FOR PRECINCTS 101, 102, 301, 302, 401 AND 402, FOUR ELECTION WORKERS FOR PRECINCTS 201 AND 202, AND THE EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD ON ELECTION DAY – COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve six election workers for Early Voting, three election workers for voting precincts 101, 102, 301, 302, 401, 402, four election workers for precincts 201 and 201 and the Early Voting Ballot Board on Election Day. Commissioner Carr seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENT 27 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR 2014 FOR SUE ANN HARPER – TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR** – County Clerk Betty Crane reported she had received the Tax Assessor Collector, Sue Ann Harper's Continuing Education Certificate for 27 hours of CE for 2014 and she would put them on record in the minutes.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING TERMINATION OF MASTER CONTRACT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND EAST TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER, DBA EAST TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ON DECEMBER 31, 2014 – COUNTY JUDGE**

- Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Termination of Master Contract between Franklin County and East Texas Medical Center, DBA East Texas Medical Center Emergency Medical Services on December 31, 2014 and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1X Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING QUOTE FROM COMMERCIAL ELECTRONICS TO REPLACE THE 9-1-1 RECORDER FOR THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - SHERIFF**

- Sheriff Jones reported the analogue phones will not work with the 911 recorder and wanted to upgrade to a new system. He reported he had been working with Sandi from ATCOG. He reported Franklin County is on the list for replacement this year. Once it is approved and installed I can send her an invoice and ATCOG will refund \$15,000 back to the county. He reported this would allow them to finish installing the new Avaya phones at the Sheriff's office.

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the quote from Commercial Electronics in the amount of \$15,105.00 to replace the 911 recorder in dispatch. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION ONE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FOR STATE HIGHWAY FUND – COUNTY JUDGE**

- Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support for Proposition One Constitutional Amendment for State Highway Fund and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Sheriff Jones reported his office had a dispatch issue on Friday night September 21<sup>st</sup> around 9:30 PM. He reported the phone number to the Sheriff's Office (the 4539 number) did not work because there was a fiber problem which affected three cell phone towers. He reported a lot of people call the 4539 phone number instead of 911. He suggested getting a direct land line phone. He did report the system was back up and running by 9:15 on Saturday morning.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2015 HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN – BRINSON BENEFITS**

- After much discussion, Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve Option 3 for the 2015 Health Benefit Plan and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1X Page \_\_\_\_\_

A few of the changes in Option 3 are

- Increase the deductible from \$2,000 to \$2,500 with the County paying up to \$2000 of the deductible after \$500 has been paid by the insured
- Decrease doctor office visit co-pay from \$35.00 to \$25.00
- Decrease Emergency Room Co-Pay or Deductible from \$150 to \$100
- Increase Urgent Care visits from \$35.00 to \$50.00
- Prescription co-pays will be \$10, \$40 and \$60

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 September 22, 2014.

Witnessed and recorded this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2014.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk