

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
September 28, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session September 28, 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: Ricky Jones, Tina Phillips, Bryan Giguere, Cathy Jumper, Betty Sue Allen, Robert Zinn, Terry Neeld, B. F. Hicks, Jim Alford, Jerry Cooper, Ellen Jagers, Bill Travis and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

**Public Comments:** None

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK** – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2015 Regular Session and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried

**AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER** - Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. **See Exhibit 9/28/2015 - A**

**FIRST READING; REPLAT LOT 10R EL DORORADO BEACH SUBDIVISION – B F HICKS FOR MICHAEL AND ANNE SIMMS** - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of lot 10R in the El Dorado Beach subdivision and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried

**FIRST READING; PLAT LOTS 1 – 7 PURLEY FARMS SUBDIVISION – TERRY NEEDL** - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the first reading of a new plat for Purley Farms subdivision, lots 1 – 7 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON ARROVING RENEWAL OF FRAKLIN COUNTY JAIL PHYSICIAN'S AGREEMENT – SHERIFF** – Sheriff Jones requested making the renewal of a Physician's Agreement with Dr. Jean Latortue for two years instead of a one year agreement. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve a two year physician agreement with Dr. Jean Latortue and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 9/28/2015 - B**



**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PURCHASE OF A GENERATOR FOR THE COURTHOUSE – COUNTY JUDGE** -

Judge Lee reported finding a 1995 175 KW generator with 606 hours for sale through the Fort Worth Yard. Auditor Tina Phillips said Mr. Robert Lopez, the assistant manager reported the generator has not been brought to the yard as of yet. It is located in the metro-plex area. Mr. Lopez reported if the generator is picked up from the location the fee will be \$17,500 but if it is moved to the Fort Worth Yard first it will cost \$20,000. She reported it comes with a protective housing that will help sound proof the generator. Judge Lee suggested taking an electrician to look to see if the generator will work for us. Commissioner Young made a motion to put a hold on the generator and have someone go look to see if this is what we want and if it is, go ahead and purchase it. Commissioner Carr seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE** –

Judge Lee reported CNC worked on the air conditioners Saturday but TCR did not show up to work. CNC did what the engineer suggested. Auditor Tina Phillips reported most of the ADA requirements have been completed.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING STATUS OF CURRENT BURN BAN – COUNTY JUDGE** -

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve Franklin County to have a burn ban and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING SIGNING GLOBALSTAR USA SERVICE ACTIVATION AND CREDIT APPLICATION FORM – ROBERT ZINN** -

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve Sheriff Jones to contact Peoples Telephone to see about getting fiber at the Sheriff's office and also signing the Globalstar USA Service Activation and Credit Application form for satellite phones and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 9/28/2015 – C** The funds to pay for this (\$40 a month) will come out of the Emergency Management / Fire Marshall fund.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PAYMENT OF \$4,000.00 TO ALAMO MISSION MUSEUM FROM THE 2016 HOTEL / MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX COMMITTEE'S BUDGETED EXPENSES AND THAT ALAMO MISSION MUSEUM MUST APPLY FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING THROUGH THE HOTEL / MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX COMMITTEE – COUNTY JUDGE** –

Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve a \$4,000 payment to Alamo Mission Museum from the 2016 Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Committee's budgeted expenses and Alamo Mission Museum must apply for additional funding through the Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Committee. Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion and the motion carried. They also discussed informing Ms. Bateman during the 2017 budget hearing process she would have to request all funding through the Committee in the future.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADVERTISING FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR EXTERNAL PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES – COUNTY AUDITOR** –

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve advertising for request for proposals for external professional auditing services and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried.



**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2015 BUDGET AMENDMENTS – COUNTY AUDITOR** – Auditor Tina Phillips requested to table the Judge fund 010 since she had only included the fee through September. Commissioner Young made a motion to table the Judge fund 010 but to approve the loan proceeds for the new equipment fund 042. Also to approve Fund 082 and Fund 010 to add two full time jailer positions and raising one current full time jailers wage through the end of the year. Commissioner Carr seconded the motion and the motion carried. **See Exhibit 9/28/2015 - D**

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING NOMINEE TO REPRESENT FRANKLIN COUNTY ON THE FRANKLIN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2016 – 2017 – COUNTY JUDGE -** Commissioner Young made a motion to approve Larkin Jumper to represent Franklin County on the Franklin County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2016 – 2017 and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. **See Exhibit 9/28/2015 – E**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Judge Lee reported Betty Sue Allen and Robert Zinn are the only one's trained to update the website and others need to be trained. There are items that are required to be on the website. District Clerk Ellen Jagers reported TDR is scheduled to be here on Wednesday. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reminded everyone about insurance sign-up on Tuesday and Wednesday. She also told the commissioners she had new updated material that needed to be posted in their precincts. Sheriff Jones reminded everyone about the up-coming auction. Bill Travis reported there are four projects he is working on at the Sports Complex.

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

I, Betty Crane, County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of Commissioner's Court Regular meeting on September 28, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk