

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Special Session
September 8, 2015

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Special Session September 8, 2015 at 5:00 PM 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: Lisa Lawrence, Sue Ann Harper, Jerry Cooper, Cathy Jumper, Dorothy Young, Tina Phillips, Lillie Bush-Reves, Michele Chitsey, Bill Travis, Patrick Barron, and Ricky Jones

Judge Lee called the meeting to order 5:00 PM and Commissioner Young offered prayer.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING STATUS OF CURRENT BURN BAN FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY - STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE –
After discussion no action was taken at this time.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROPOSED 2016 HOLIDAY CALENDAR – TREASURER – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the proposed 2016 holiday calendar and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 53 Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REMOVING SCOTT LEE AS MEMBER FROM AND ADDING LARKIN JUMPER AS MEMBER TO FRANKLIN COUNTY HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX BOARD – COUNTY JUDGE –
Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve removing Scott Lee as a member of the Franklin County Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Board and adding Larkin Jumper to the board in Judge Lee's place. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENEWAL OF THE TWO –YEAR CONTRACT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES AND FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR ACCESS TO THE TEXAS ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION REMOTE SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF ISSUING INDIVIDUAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the renewal of a two year contract between the Department of State Health Services and Franklin County for Access to the Texas Electronic Registration Remote System for the purpose of issuing Individual Birth Certificates and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 53 Page _____

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

– After questions arose Commissioner Young made a motion to table the Suddenlink Service Order and Agreement for 36 months and the purchase of a Docsis 3.0 cable modem for cable internet access at the Franklin County Library until more research is done to see if this will fix the problem. Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried to table this agenda item.

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COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE

Judge Lee reported the work that was to be done on the air conditioners Saturday was not done because the people did not show up. He also reported the new locks for the Multi-Purpose Center has been delivered and will be replaced.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENTS –

COUNTY AUDITOR – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments which includes a \$0.50 raise per hour per budgeted position in each department. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING LISTING THE PREGNANCY CENTER AS A DONATION RECIPIENT ON THE FRANKLIN COUNTY JUROR DONATION FORM – CATHY JUMPER

– Cathy Jumper, Director of the Tri-Lakes Pregnancy Center requested listing the Center as a donation recipient on the Franklin County juror donation form. She reported this organization is a non-profit and is pro-life. They offer free services and offer emotional support along with accurate and financially unbiased information. They provide pregnancy testing, educational materials, sonograms, adoption materials and referrals and post-abortion support groups. They serve Franklin County as well as surrounding counties. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve adding the Tri-Lakes Pregnancy Center to the Franklin County juror donation form and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried with Commissioners Chitsey, Carr and Young all voting in favor. Commissioner Jumper abstained from voting.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS PER GOVERNMENT CODE SEC.551.047(A)(1) TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE – COUNTY JUDGE

– Judge Lee requested everyone at the meeting to be excused into the hallway. He called the Executive Session to order at 5:43 PM with Commissioner Chitsey, Jumper, Carr and Young and County Clerk Crane in attendance.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN MEETING – COUNTY JUDGE

– Judge Lee reconvened the Special meeting at 6:04 PM.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING EMPLOYMENT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY MAINTENANCE AND PARKS & RECREATION EMPLOYEE – COUNTY JUDGE

– Commissioner Young made a motion to approve Bill Travis as the County Maintenance and Parks and Recreation employee and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 PM 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 Special meeting on September 8, 2015.

Witnessed and recorded this 8th day of September, 2015.

Betty Crane, County Clerk