

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
August 25, 2014

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session August 25, 2014 at 9:00 AM at 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: Lou Anotnelli, Bryan Giguere, Vivian Rhoades, Sandra Dunn, Leon Pless, Everett Walter, Tommy Grimes, Margaret Sears, Ricky Jones, Jim Alford, Bill Norwood, Lisa McCaig, Brian Naiser, Tina Phillips, Ellen Jagggers, Gene Stump, Libby Aden, Pam Jones, Janet Middleton, Betty Sue Allen, and Lillie Bush Reves

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 11, 2014 REGULAR SESSION- COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2014 regular session and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

FIRST READING: REPLAT LOTS 7R AND 8R MARINA POINT SUBDIVISION – TOMMY GRIMES FOR STRAWBERRY DEVELOPMENTS, INC AND ARLISS TREDWAY – Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of lots 7R and 8R in the Marina Point subdivision and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING EXTRA SECURITY CAMERAS IN JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICES – TREASURER – Justice of the Peace Judge Alford reported he had not asked for extra security cameras in his office. District Clerk Ellen Jagggers reported she had requested a camera in the public area in her office but not specifically in her office. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen stated she would ask Jeromy to come to the Workshop this afternoon to get more information. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to table this agenda item and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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 Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Vol. 1W Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CONTRACT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC FOR SESSIONWORKS JUDGE EDITION FOR THE DISTRICT COURTS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY – DISTRICT CLERK – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc in the amount of \$10,620 to be paid out of the 2014 General Fund for SessionWorks Judges Edition to be used by the District Courts. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1W Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING INSTALLATION OF OVERHEAD FUEL TANK FOR ANNEX EAST GENERATOR TO REPLACE BUILT-IN FUEL TANK CURRENTLY IN USE – COUNTY JUDGE -Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Commissioners replacing the built-in fuel tank currently in use and installing an overhead fuel tank for the Annex East generator and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN AND AWARD BIDS SUBMITTED FOR WORK AT THE AIRPORT TO REPLACE DOORS, CEILINGS TILES AND TINTING WINDOWS - Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported there is not enough money in the budget to do this at this time since repairs had to be made on the roof of the Airport. No Action taken.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE APPROVED 2014 BUDGET ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 26, 2013 – COUNTY AUDITOR– Commissioner Surratt asked a few questions about the amendments concerning park expense. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Amendments to the approved 2014 budget that was adopted on September 26, 2013 and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1W Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING SAVNS MAINTENANCE GRANT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY AUDITOR - Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the SAVNS Maintenance Grant contract between the Office of the Attorney General and Franklin County and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The term of the contract is September 1, 2014 and shall terminate August 31, 2015. See Volume 1W Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PAYMENT OF FY 2014 MEMBERSHIP FEES AND ENTERING INTO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR CAPITAL CASES AND FRANKLIN COUNTY FOR DEFRAYING CAPITAL MURDER CASE COSTS – COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lovier reported receiving a letter from the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases that encouraged Franklin County to participate in the RPDO program which provides the core defense team for indigent defendants charged with capital murder facing the death penalty. He wanted to give Franklin County a final opportunity to join the program by signing an InterLocal Agreement and paying the membership fee for FY 2014. The letter also stated that if Franklin County did not submit a signed Interlocal Agreement and membership fee by September 30, 2014 the county will not be eligible to participate in the program until October 1, 2016. Judge Lovier reported he would try to get someone here from the RPDO program to discuss the pros and cons of doing this.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION –Commissioner Young questioned if anyone had tried to find the leak at the courthouse and reported he would get with the City Manager to try and find and fix the leak.

DISCUSS AND CONDUCT FIRST PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSAL TO INCREASE TOTAL TAX REVENUE – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – COUNTY JUDGE

Judge Lovier convened the public hearing at 9:42 AM and gave everyone an opportunity to make comments. No comments were made. Judge Lovier adjourned the public hearing at 9:43 AM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Sheriff Ricky Jones reported the drain pipe got clogged in the air conditioner unit that sits above the Dispatch area and some things got wet. The 911 System and the telephone system was not damaged. He did report the battery back-up will need to be replaced with the cost of about \$600. He reported he wanted to get an emergency cut off or a water detection alarm. He stated he was working with C&S Service to fix the problem. He also reported the good news that the jail bond is paid off and should have Hopkins County inmates for about 18 more months.

Justice of the Peace, Jim Alford reported receiving a letter from the IRS that stated that in 2012 no Social Security & IRS funds were reported to them and he owed \$10,400 and \$500 of that was a penalty owed to the IRS because of it. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported she had received notification in March 2014 that the IRS had not received the 2012 W2s for County employees. She reported they have been sent now. Mrs. Allen stated if a County employee receives a letter from the IRS they need to take it to Auditor Tina Phillips. County Judge Paul Lovier also reported receiving a letter from the IRS.

OPEN BIDS FOR 2015 HEALTH INSURANCE – TREASURER – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported receiving one sealed bid from Texas Association of Counties. Demetra Bell Runnells from Brinson Benefits reported receiving bids on re-insurance. The Court had several questions about the legality of the bidding process that was done. Demetra Bell Runnells explained that Brinson Benefits is the Agent Broker and they would take the bids back and do an analysis of self-insured verses fully insured. Mrs. Runnells will return in about ten days with the analysis report. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to accept the bids and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1W Page _____

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Carr 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 August 25, 2014.

Witnessed and recorded this 25th day of August, 2014.

Betty Crane, County Clerk