

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

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in a Workshop Session August 25, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Franklin County Courthouse East Annex located at 502 East Main Street, Mount Vernon, Texas

Members present: Paul Lovier, County Judge
Danny Chitsey, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Donnie Surratt, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Bill Norwood, Brian Naiser, Lisa McCaig, Gene Stump, Jim Alford, Ricky Jones, Tina Phillips, Ellen Jagers and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lovier called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Chitsey expressed his concern about the Ball Park since there is only about \$5,000 left in the budget for the rest year. Commissioner Carr reported water had been left running over the weekend and he had discussed this with Steve Slaton. The Commissioners' also discussed there has been no fundraising and no tournaments. Auditor Tina Phillips reported there is about \$5,800 left for utilities and supplies for the year. She reported the income for concession sales are down from last year.

Judge Lovier reported the leak at the courthouse had been found and it was not under the concrete in the parking lot. He reported they were working to fix the leak now.

Bill Norwood from Texas Association of Counties in Austin cautioned the Court about the bidding process that was done by Brinson for the county's health insurance. He highly recommended not being a self-funded county. He reported scenarios from other small counties that was self-funded that was very harmful to the county. Mr. Norwood reported Brinson released some diagnosis information in the packet that was given to the county and that should have not been released because of the Federal HIPPA law. He reported TAC has sent Brinson a letter informing them there will be a Business Associate Agreement and pledge non-disclosure or they will not get any more information from TAC. Mr. Norwood reported they have agreed to sign the agreement.

The question came up as to where security cameras are to be installed in the courthouse. Judge Alford requested the camera in his office be removed and it could be used in the Probation Office in the Courthouse. Sheriff Jones also reported the District Judges do not want a camera in the Judge's chambers. District Clerk Jagers requested only having a camera in the main office with her deputies.

Sheriff Jones reported the gas hot water heater blower had gone out.

Judge Lovier reported the First Physician Clinic will remain open and he was talking with others and working towards getting another hospital in Franklin County since East Texas Medical Center will be closing in December of this year. He reported we also need to find an ambulance service.

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 Workshop meeting on August 25, 2014.

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

Betty Crane, County Clerk