

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Special Session
September 15, 2014

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Special Session September 15, 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: Willie Bane, Keith Medders, Betty Sue Allen, Sue Ann Harper, Jim Alford, Bryan Giguere, Ellen Jagers, Tina Phillips, Bill Wilson, Larkin Jumper, Bert Edmondson, Steve Slaton, Zack Jagers, Jack Stoffregen, Smiley Garcia, and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON RENEWAL OF DISTRICT CLERK'S ARCHIVE PLAN AS PER GOVERNMENT CODE SEC.51.305 – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – DISTRICT CLERK

Judge Lovier convened the public hearing at 9:00 AM to discuss the renewal of the District Clerks Archive Plan. District Clerk Ellen Jagers presented the District Clerk's Archive Plan. No one indicated they would like to address this agenda item and Judge Lovier adjourned the public hearing at 9:05 A.M.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE DISTRICT CLERK'S SIXTH ANNUAL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION RECORDS PLAN – DISTRICT CLERK

- Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the district clerk's preservation and restoration records plan and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1X Page _____ to review the plan.

PUBLIC HEARING ON RENEWAL OF COUNTY CLERK'S ARCHIVE PLAN AS PER GOVERNMENT CODE SEC118.025– 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – COUNTY CLERK

Judge Lovier convened the public hearing at 9:06 AM to discuss the renewal of the County Clerk's Archive Plan. County Clerk Betty Crane presented the County Clerk 2015 Archive Plan. No one indicated they would like to address this agenda item and Judge Lovier adjourned the public hearing at 9:12 A.M.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE COUNTY CLERK'S ARCHIVAL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION RECORD PLAN – COUNTY CLERK

- Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the county clerk's archival preservation and restoration records plan and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1X Page _____ to review the plan.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY MMI GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE INTERIOR RESTORATION – COUNTY JUDGE – Bill Wilson from MMI General

Contractors, Inc. presented a proposal in the amount of \$19,125.00 for several items needed for offices to be able to function in the Courthouse. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen felt a better route for her would be to purchase new manufactured desks for her staff office instead of the built-in proposal as indicated on item #6 in the amount of \$7,575.00. County Clerk Betty Crane stated she would like to see a drawing of exactly what the counters (item 4 & 5 on the proposal) will look like to make sure it is what her office needs. She understood the counter will be free-standing and not attached to anything. She would like to have the option to leave the funds in the proposal just in case the counters will work in the office. Mr. Wilson told Clerk Crane he would get with her today to show her the drawings of the counters. Commissioner Young reported the Commissioners will be responsible for painting the flag pole. Mr. Wilson reported the paint will be \$95 a gallon. Mr. Wilson reported the proposal was for labor as well as paint for the flag pole. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve MMI General Contractors, Inc. proposal up to the amount of \$19,125.00 contingent upon changes (reductions) to item numbers 4, 5, 6 and 9. Commissioner Young seconded the motion carried. Commissioner Chitsey voted against the motion. Motion carried 4 to 1.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTING THE FINAL 2015 PROPOSED BUDGET – COUNTY JUDGE -. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve adopting the final 2015 Proposed Budget and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1X Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON ADOPTING 2015 TAX RATE – COUNTY JUDGE- Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve adopting the 2015 tax rate in the amount of .471015 and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1X Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON REVIEWING 2015 HEALTH INSURANCE BIDS – TREASURER - Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported Demetra Bell Runnells could not attend the meeting because she is a witness in a trial and she does not have all the information that is needed at this time. Treasurer Allen reported she has requested Mrs. Runnells to attend the September 22nd meeting. Commissioner Young made a motion to table this agenda item until a later date and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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 – JACK STOFFREGEN, REGIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER’S OFFICE - Mr. Stoffregen from the Regional Public Defender’s Office reported two attorneys, one investigator and one person for mitigation is required for the defendant on a Capital Murder Defense Team. It is considered an insurance risk pool and the cost is divided up with other Counties in the Region. The fee is based on population and the amount of capital murder cases. He reported Lubbock County is the fiscal agent for the grant. He reported the membership fee for Franklin County in FY 2014 would be \$8,139.00, FY 2015 \$10,852.00, FY 2016 16,277.00, FY 2017 \$21,703.00, and FY 2018 \$27,129.00 Also, the County would still be responsible for paying for the cost of the appeal and for expert witnesses.

Commissioner Young made a motion to sign an Interlocal Agreement with Lubbock County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas acting through the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1X Page _____

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

I, Betty Crane, County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of Commissioner's Court Special meeting on September 15, 2014.

Witnessed and recorded this 15th day of September, 2014.

Betty Crane, County Clerk