

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
May 27, 2014

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session May 27, 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: Chuck Mericle, Jennifer Jordan, Lou Antonelli, Bert Edmondson, Betty Sue Allen, Gene Stump, Steve Slaton, Jim Alford, Bryan Giguere, Ellen Jagers, Margaret Sears, Tina Phillips, Ricky Jones, Lisa Lawrence, and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 12, 2014 REGULAR SESSION - COUNTY CLERK –**

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2014 regular session and Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the 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 as presented and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADVERTISING FOR PROPOSALS ON PHONE SYSTEM FOR THE COURTHOUSE – TREASURER -**

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve advertising for proposals on a phone system for the courthouse and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADVERTISING FOR PROPOSALS ON PULLING DATA AND/OR PHONE CABLING FOR THE COURTHOUSE- TREASURER –**

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve advertising for proposals on pulling data and/or phone cabling for the courthouse and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING ADVERTISING FOR PROPOSALS ON ALARM SYSTEMS FOR THE COURTHOUSE – TREASURER -**

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve advertising for proposals on the alarm systems for the courthouse and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECORD COMPLETION OF 20 HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR TREASURER BETTY SUE ALLEN – TREASURER -**

Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented her 20 hours of Continuing Education Certificate of Attendance to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar to be put on record in the minutes. See Volume 1W Page \_\_\_\_\_

**COURTHOUSE RESTORATION** – Judge Lovier announced the courthouse rededication has been scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2014. He reported he had asked Ralph Hall to attend. Auditor Tina Phillips requested names and addresses of people to mail out official invitations.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Auditor Tina Phillips reported the Paris District office had reported they had mailed everything to Austin on May 2, 2014. She also reported she would be attending a webinar at 1:00 today concerning billing. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported someone had given estimates of the overhangs on the doors at the airport. Commissioner Young reported the leak at the “Old Jail” had been repaired.

Chuck Mericle requested putting a large donation jar at the library to collect funds to build a new library. He would like to see a genealogy section added to the library. He suggested purchasing the building next door or build a new library. Librarian Lisa Lawrence stated she appreciates Mr. Mericle’s interest and effort. She reported she could not collect any funds without Commissioners’ Court approval. Mrs. Lawrence did express some concerns about security issues of the collection jar. She reported the Daingerfield Library had been robbed at gunpoint for their donation jar. She also reported the funds must be designated for a specific project. Auditor Tina Phillips requested dates, time and the place to hold budget hearings. The hearings were suggested to be held on June 16 beginning at 9AM and June 17 beginning at 2:00 and go until about 6:30. This would give the volunteer fire departments and other entities a time to meet with Commissioners Court to make their requests.

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to adjourn the meeting 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 Regular meeting on May 27, 2014.

Witnessed and recorded this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk