

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
July 28, 2014

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session July 28, 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: Tom Ramsay, Bryan Giguere, Saundra Dunn, Betty Sue Allen, Mary Lou Mowery, Jean Pamplin, Zach Jagers, Eleese Hubbell, Bill Wilson, Sue Ann Harper, B. F. Hicks, Gene Stump, Willie Bane, Vivian Rhoades, Lou Antonelli, and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 14, 2014 REGULAR SESSION, JULY 14, 2014 WORKSHOP SESSION, AND THE JULY 18, 2014 SPECIAL SESSION- COUNTY CLERK -**

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2014 regular session, July 14, 2014 workshop session, and the July 18, 2014 Special session. Commissioner Carr seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT - TREASURER -**

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Vol. 1X Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING 2 YEAR TERM FOR ELECTION JUDGES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2014 - JULY 31, 2016 - COUNTY CLERK -**

County Clerk Betty Crane presented a list of election judges and alternate judges for two year terms effective August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2016. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the election judges and alternate judges as presented and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1X Page \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENT 2013 COUNTY JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR DERYL CARR - PRECINCT 3**

County Clerk reported she had received Commissioner Carr's 2013 County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas Certificate of Completion and would put it on record in the Commissioner Court minutes.

**PRESENT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION BY THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION - COUNTY JUDGE.**

Judge Lovier presented the Distinguished Service Award to representatives from the Franklin County Historical Association by the Texas Historical Commission. Members present to receive the award were Eleese Hubbell, Mary Lou Mowery, B. F. Hicks and Lillie Bush-Reves

**PRESENT COMPLETION OF WALK ACROSS TEXAS PROGRAM – LINDSEY YEAGER, FRANKLIN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE –**

Lindsey Yeager reported two teams that consisted of twelve members participated in the Walk Across Texas Program. She reported Annex West team had four members and they walked 1,181.47 miles and Annex East team had eight members walked 2,046.34 miles. She reported she took the number of miles and divided it by the number of members of each team and the Annex West team earned the day off. See Volume 1X Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REPAIRS AT NETO BUILDING – BOB**

**STINSON** - Bob Stinson was not available for discussion and this item was tabled. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to table approving the repairs at the NETO building until Mr. Stinson could attend the meeting and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING BID SUBMITTED BY WHITAKER CONSTRUCTION FOR WORK AT THE AIRPORT TO REPLACE THE DOORS, CEILING TILES**

**AND TINTING THE WINDOWS - TREASURER** – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported she had checked the airport community hall since the rain and reported several ceiling tiles in the ceiling were wet and sagging down. She suggested tabling this agenda item since it looks like the roof could possibly need fixing before these repairs are done. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to table this agenda item until the roof could be checked and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously to table this agenda item. See Volume 1X Page \_\_\_\_\_ to review the bid proposal that was submitted.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE 2015 HOLIDAY CALENDAR FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY - TREASURER**

Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented a 2015 calendar for the Commissioners to look over. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve January 1, 19, February 16, April 3, May 25, July 3, September 7, October 12, November 11, 26, 27 and December 24 and 25. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion and the motion carried. See Volume 1X Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF NEW PHONES FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER FROM CROSS COUNTRY COMMUNICATIONS IN THE AMOUNT**

**OF \$1,802.50 - TREASURER** – Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported Cross Country Communications said they can accept all the old phones as trade-ins from the Law Enforcement Center which will reduce the price of new phones. They will put new phones in the Law Enforcement Center for \$1,802.50. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve purchasing new phones for the Law Enforcement Center from Cross Country in the amount of \$1,802.50 and trade in the old phones and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE –**

Bill Wilson from MMI reported all the exterior doors are hung and will be painted this week. He also reported all interior doors were hung. He reported he will be getting three pews from the District Courtroom and repair them. Carpet will be going in and all the wood floors are completed. He reported all the air is working in the building. Judge Lovier reported Terry Black Construction did the fire extinguishers and water sixteen months ago. Judge Lovier reported we are not even sure if Mr. Black ever tested the lines when he completed his work. He reported MMI had tested the water lines about three weeks ago and reported is a leak had been found. Mr. Black refuses to come find and repair the leak because he says the warranty is out since the work was done sixteen months ago. Judge Lovier reported MMI or the County will try to find the leak and if it is Mr. Black's fault the county will take up the issue with Mr. Black.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF RENTAL FEE OF AIRPORT COMMUNITY ROOM ON AUGUST 23, 2014 FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE RODEO QUEEN'S DANCE – KEN LESTER, SHERIFF POSSE** – Mr. Lester was not available but Commissioner Young made a motion to approve waiving the rental fee of the Airport Community Room on August 23, 2014 for the Franklin County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Queen's Dance and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CHANGING THE POSITION OF COUNTY FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE AGENT TO A FULL TIME POSITION RATHER THAN SHARING THE AGENT WITH SURROUNDING COUNTIES – COUNTY JUDGE** – Auditor Tina Phillips reported there will be an increase of \$17,700 in the budget to make both the Extension Agent and the Family Consumer Science Agent full-time positions. Commissioner Young made a motion to table this agenda item until they could get more information and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously to table this agenda item.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RENEWAL OF BRUCE ENDOWMENT CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK AT 1.5% RATE FOR TWO YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 2, 2014 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2, 2016** – Auditor Tina Phillips reported this is the best rate she could find for the renewal of the Bruce Endowment Certificate of Deposit. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve renewing the Bruce Endowment Certificate of Deposit at First National Bank at 1.5% rate for two years, beginning November 2, 2014 through November 2, 2016. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Tom Ramsay reported he was okay with the parking situation behind the courthouse. Jean Pamplin presented a waiver "Get into Jail Free" card for the FCAA Old Jail Art Museum which states the person understands the Old Jail Art Museum is neither handicapped nor public facility friendly and would be available by appointment. Mrs. Pamplin offered a \$100 for a ten year lease since the FCAA was to pay \$10 a year for ten years.

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 July 28, 2014.

Witnessed and recorded this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk