

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
June 23, 2014

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session June 23, 2014 at 9:00 AM at City Hall located at 109 North Kaufman Street

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: Kathy Mordue, Tim Bender, Susan Reeves, Gerry Allen, Jeromy Cullen, Sue Ann Harper, David Brezette, Brad East, Wayne Lyon, Bryan Giguere, Jim Alford, Gene Stump, Sandra Dunn, Stephen Boorman, Bert Edmondson, Vivian Rhoades, Danny L. Weems, Zach Jagers, Tina Phillips, Lou Antonelli, Steve Slaton, Neil Conway

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 9, 2014 REGULAR SESSION AND JUNE 16, 2014 AND JUNE 17, 2014 WORKSHOPS – COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 9 regular session and June 16th and June 17th workshops and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion and the motion carried.
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PRESENT 2013 AUDIT REPORT – CONWAY COMPANY
Neil Conway from Conway Company CPA's discussed the 2013 Annual Audited Financial Reports and the 2013 Single Audit Report. He reported Franklin County has a clean and qualified opinion and in a good financial position.
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APRIL AND MAY 2014 MONTHLY REPORTS - TREASURER
Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the April and May 2014 monthly reports. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the April and May 2014 monthly reports and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
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CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PHONE SYSTEM, PULLING DATA CABLE AND ALARM SYSTEM FOR THE COURTHOUSE – VENDORS PRESENT - TREASURER

Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported Danny Weems from Cross Country Communications, Kathy Mordue from Raving Fan Technologies, Jeromy Cullen from 359 Solutions and David Brezette from Cisco were available to present their proposals for phone systems, pulling data cable and an alarm system for the courthouse. See Volume 1X Page _____ to view their proposals. Commissioner Young made a motion to table this agenda item until they could review the proposals and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Commissioner Carr voted against tabling the agenda item. He expressed concerns about having to wait three weeks until the next Commissioner Court meeting. Motion carried 4 to 1. A Special meeting was scheduled for Friday, June 27th to make a decision on the phone system, pulling data cable and an alarm system for the courthouse.

PRESENT TREASURER'S REPORT ON ISSUES WITH TAX WITHHOLDINGS AND INSURANCE DEDUCTIONS - TREASURER

Treasurer Betty Sue Allen read a statement explaining issues she has had in her office concerning tax withholdings and insurance deductions. See Volume 1X Page _____ to read her statement.

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – STANDING AGENDA ITEM – COUNTY JUDGE

Judge Lovier reported the fence has been removed from around the courthouse. He reported the air conditioning and the geothermal system is working. He also reported the project is ahead of schedule.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CLEAN WATER ACT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY TEXAS FARM BUREAU – COUNTY JUDGE

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the Clean Water Act Resolution that was submitted by the Texas Farm Bureau and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1X Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PLAN RESOLUTION FOR FIVE (5) YEAR UPDATE SUBMITTED BY ATCOG – COUNTY JUDGE

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Grant Plan Resolution for a five year update submitted by Ark-Tex Council of Government (ATCOG). Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. See Volume 1X Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING PURCHASE OF PAVILLION CANOPY / SHADE FOR SPORTS COMPLEX – STEVE SLATON AND ZACH JAGGERS

Steve Slaton asked if the County was going to purchase a canopy for the Sports Complex. He reported when the Baseball Association agreed to purchase the one that is at the Sports Complex now the County said they would provide the other canopy. Commissioner Young made a motion to table this agenda item and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING SUBMITTED QUOTE FOR STRIPING SPORTS COMPLEX PARKING LOT – STEVE SLATON AND ZACH JAGGERS

Steve Slaton reported he had a verbal quote in the amount of \$5,000 to stripe the parking lot at the Sports Complex. He reported there would be 360 ten foot parking spaces and five handicap parking spaces. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$5,000 to stripe the Sports Complex parking lot and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION BY THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION – COUNTY JUDGE

Judge Lovier reported the Franklin County Historical Association had received a service award from the Texas Historical Commission.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Commissioner Chitsey reported he had received the plaque for Marcus Slddens for the FFA Project Show. He reported the elected officials had purchased his chickens at the show and Marcus had sent personalized thank you notes to all the officials for purchasing his chickens. Commissioner Chitsey suggested giving Marcus the plaque since the County did not have a place to hang the plaque. Auditor Tina Phillips reported the county had received the final payment for the exterior courthouse grant. Judge Lovier reported Jerry Hubbell is working on the sprinkler system at the courthouse.

Commissioner Young 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 June 23, 2014.

Witnessed and recorded this 23rd day of June, 2014.

Betty Crane, County Clerk