

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Budget Workshop Session
June 16, 2014

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in a Budget Workshop Session June 16, 2014 at 8:45 AM at the Franklin County Airport located at 501 County Road NW 1030, 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
Tina Phillips, County Auditor
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Elected Officials and Representatives from each entity requesting budget requests.

Judge Lovier called the meeting to order.

District Attorney Will Ramsay requested another attorney in his office. No paper work was presented.

Kelly Cole from Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center Inc. presented their budget request in the amount of \$4,500.00 (no increase). See Volume 1W Page _____

Lisa Lawrence from the Franklin County Library requested an increase of \$250 for the Summer Reading Program teacher. She reported it had been at least eight years since there had been an increase. In all, she requested \$1000 more than 2014 budget. See Volume 1W Page _____

Jacque Bateman from The Alamo Mission Museum of Franklin County presented a budget request in the amount of \$4,000 from the Hotel / Motel Occupancy Tax Fund. See Volume 1W Page _____

County Judge Paul Lovier reported no increase in the 2015 budget. They discussed moving \$2000 from longevity pay to the per diem line item. The first year of office for the new county judge will be more training than any other year in office. This would not be a permanent thing and the per diem will go down after the first year. See Volume 1W Page _____

County Attorney Gene Stump requested a \$1 an hour merit raise for his administrative assistant. See Volume 1W Page _____

Auditor Tina Phillips reported no change in her budget. See Volume 1W Page _____

District Clerk Ellen Jagers requested a .50 per hour increase for employees and a \$500 increase in per diem. She reported she needed to replace two computers in her office since they are XP systems. She requested three laptops and one computer for use in the courtroom as well as requested funds for the Judge's Edition software and maintenance for efilng. See Volume 1W Page _____

Sergeant Reece from Department of Public Safety requested \$4,100 in supplies and \$1,200 for a phone. See Volume 1W Page _____

Constable Randy Green reported no changes in his budget.

Treasurer Betty Sue Allen requested making a part time position a full time position and increase longevity \$100.

Beverly Logan from North East Texas Opportunities (NETO) requested \$7,500 to assist with utilities. This is the same amount requested in 2014. See Volume 1W Page _____

Justice of the Peace Jim Alford presented his budget request. He requested \$1.00 an hour increase in salary for each of his clerks. He reported both clerks had received their Level 1 Certification as well as their Master Certifications. He reported the clerks had paid for the test themselves. He also requested \$50 more a month for travel. See Volume 1W Page _____

Extension Agent Lindsey Yeager reported no changes in the budget. The Commissioners' asked if she had any information about the new full time extension agent and she reported she didn't have any news.

John Delaney from Lakes Regional MHMR presented the budget request in the amount of \$3000 (no increase). See Volume 1W Page _____

Dianne Newsome presented her budget request in the amount of \$4,000 (no increase) for the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. These funds are to pay for utilities (gas, electric, phone) throughout the year. See Volume 1W Page _____

County Clerk Betty Crane requested .50 per hour raises for three employees or what all other county employees receive. She also requested a .50 per hour increase for election workers in the election budget. She requested using \$50,000 from her record retention fund and \$15,000 from the Archival Fund to work on several projects concerning Commissioner Court Minutes, Criminal, Civil, and Probate records and also to replace a laser printer that prints on letter, legal and also duplexes just in case the one she has that is several years old stops working. She also requested using some of these funds to purchase one public access computer and a replacement computer monitor for one of the public access computers she has now. She requested \$600 in her Vital Statistic Preservation Fund to purchase birth and death record paper. She reported the money in the record retention fund, archival fund and vital statistic fund is collected in her office and the record retention fund has over \$100,000 for her to use towards these projects. See Volume 1W Page _____

David Chaney from the Franklin County Community Food Bank requested \$2500 to provide food for families experiencing difficult economic hardships at no cost. This is limited to residents to Franklin County. The Franklin County Community Food Bank has never requested funds from the County before.

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 Budget Workshop meeting on June 16, 2014.

Witnessed and recorded this 16th day of June, 2014.

Betty Crane, County Clerk