

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

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in a Budget Workshop Session June 23, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Annex East located at 502 East Main Street, 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 Sue Allen, County Treasurer
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Lisa Lawrence, Steve Slaton, Jim Alford, and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lovier called the meeting to order.

Items discussed were Texas County and District Retirement System, airport, Sports Complex, non-departmental, other contracts, courts, data processing, courthouse maintenance and utilities, septic inspection, waste management, Bruce Endowment and reviewed the departments original budget request from June 16 and 17 budget workshops.

Texas County and District Retirement System – leave the county's matching contribution in the amount of 12% to the retirement plan

Airport – Terminal / Runway – repairs - \$114,500

Recreation Facility / Sports Complex – Items discussed were using \$105,000 for poles and lights, \$20,000 to install poles and lights, \$10,000 to run electricity to the lights, \$12,500 for fencing for the softball field, \$10,000 for dugout for softball field, and \$2,100 for a back stop for the softball field, \$12,000 for eight sets of bleachers for the east side, \$15,000 for a canopy leaving \$13,400 rounded up for possible cost increases. Discussed taking \$170,000 from the General Fund (will not increase taxes for tax payers) and \$30,000 from the Sports Complex fund balance for all of these projects.

Non-Departmental – Some increases discussed

Memberships and dues – increased by \$1,000 (total \$5,000 in the 2015 Budget)
Franklin County Child Welfare Board - \$2,500 (has not received funding in the past)
Franklin County Historical Society – increased by \$1,000 (total \$6,000 in the 2015 Budget)
Courts – increased court appointed attorney fees by \$10,000 (total \$40,000 in the 2015 Budget)

Some reductions discussed –

Other trial expenses – County Court – reduced \$2,500 (total \$7,500 in the 2015 Budget)
Other expenses – District Court – reduced \$2,035 (total \$15,000 in the 2015 Budget)

Data Processing – Discussed Tech Support and going to check with Tyler Technologies to see if any of the Support and Maintenance fees are going up.

Courthouse maintenance / utilities – Discussed hiring a full time maintenance / janitor with a salary of \$32,000 and removing \$25,000 for the relocation expense since everyone will be moving back into the courthouse this year. They also discussed the job description of the maintenance person / janitor and needing the person to be a certified jailer so they could use inmates to help with the maintenance of all the county buildings. This person will need to report to the County Judge.

Septic Inspection – Discussed making this its own department. Discussed moving all the expenses to this department and away from Emergency Management.

Review Departments requests from original budget request workshop

Commissioner Young would like to wait as long as possible to get the Judge's Edition software and maintenance, two attorney computers and a computer at the judge's bench for District Court since e-filing is not mandatory at this time. Also discussed getting a large screen TV with a stand for the district courtroom.

The court requested setting up a meeting with Brinson to discuss county insurance.

Bruce Endowment Fund (Library) – The Court discussed the \$4000 budget from the Bruce Endowment for the Franklin County Library which is to be used to provide additional acquisitions and supplies to the Franklin County Library.

Commissioner Carr 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 23, 2014.

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

Betty Crane, County Clerk