

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Budget Workshop Session
July 1, 2013

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in a Budget Workshop Session July 1, 2013 at 8:30 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.

Representatives from the Sports Complex Board and the Sports Complex Manager presented the budget request for the Sports Complex. See Volume 1U Page _____

Vicki Martin from the Gilbreath Memorial Library presented her budget request in the amount of \$2,000.00 (no increase). See Volume 1U 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 1U Page _____

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

Lakes Regional MHMR Center presented their budget request in the amount of \$3,000 (no increase). See Volume 1U 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 requested the funds to come from the Driver Safety Course (DSC) fund. He also requested this raise be above and beyond any blanket raises that are given to the County employees. He reported this would be the only increase in his budget. See Volume 1U Page _____

Tax Assessor / Collector Sue Ann Harper requested \$4,800 to cover 48 hours of IT costs for the tax office. She requested using BIS Consulting and presented a detailed proposal of services. She also requested the 48 hours be deducted from the amount of hours purchased from Network Technologies each year. She reported she had reduced her budget \$950 to offset the difference in the hourly rate charge. Network Technologies charges an hourly rate of \$90 and BIS Consulting charges \$100 per hour which is a \$480 increase over Network Technologies. She stressed she has some processes she wanted to implement in her office as well as mandates she has to comply with. She believed BIS Consulting could help her achieve this. See Volume 1U Page _____

County Clerk Betty Crane requested raises for three employees. She requested being able to give the raises at her discretion. She reported she had decreased her budget \$870 to help offset some of the cost of the raises. She had reduced her supplies and per diem by \$250 each and reduced the Vital Statistic Preservation fund by \$370. In the Election Budget she requested raises for the election workers. She believed the election workers have received \$8.00 an hour for many years and they would appreciate any amount of raise they were given. See Volume 1U Page _____

District Clerk Ellen Jagers reported the only change she was requesting was 50 cents per hour raise for each employee. She also reported E-filing in all courts in counties with a population less than 20,000 will be mandatory in civil cases by July 1, 2016. See Volume 1U Page _____

The Franklin County Extension Office requested an increase of \$500 in supplies due to increased costs. They also reported needing an updated computer for the Ag Agent and new laptops for both agents in the near future. They also asked for an increase of \$10 per week (\$960) in travel due to increased fuel costs. See Volume 1U Page _____

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 July 2, 2013.

Witnessed and recorded this 1st day of July, 2013.

Betty Crane, County Clerk