

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
March 28, 2011

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session March 28, 2011 at 9:00 AM in the District Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex located at 208 Highway 37

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
Will Ramsay, County Attorney
Betty Sue Allen, County Treasurer
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Richard Hamrick, Willie Bane, Tab Beall, Riley Spraggins, B. F. Hicks, Bert Edmondson, Chuck Armstrong, D. K. Michaelson, Ellen Jaggars, V. J. Rhoades, Bryan Giguere, Jerry Cooper, Jim Alford, Gerry Allen, Paul Fletcher, and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lovier called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 14, 2011 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2011 regular meeting and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 Chitsey seconded the motion and the motion carried. See Vol. 1P Page _____

FIRST READING REPLAT COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES, LOT 4 – B F HICKS FOR THOMAS BREEDING- Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of Country Club Estates, lot 4 and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SECOND READING REPLAT HICKORY HILLS DEVELOPMENT, LOT 94 – B F HICKS FOR RILEY SPRAGGINS – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the second reading of the replat of Hickory Hills Development, lot 94 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Plat Cabinet # 275B

AUTHORIZE INTERFUND TRANSFERS – TREASURER – Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the interfund transfers and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1P Page _____

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION – COUNTY JUDGE - Judge Lovier reported meeting with Susan Gammage from The Historical Commission and Charlie Wilson with RBR construction and at this time the project is a little a head of schedule. Judge Lovier also reported the old glove factory next door to the courthouse has been rented to give the people a place to work on the windows. Judge Lovier reported a senator has entered a motion to put twenty million dollars to help fund the courthouse restoration projects that have already been started.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT REQUIREMENTS REGARDING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS – GERRY ALLEN – Mr. Allen reported the county needs to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the four fire departments to meet requirements for the Homeland Security grant per an Information Bulletin he had received from the Texas Department of Public Safety. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve authorizing the county judge to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the four fire departments to meet the grant requirements and Commissioner Surratt second the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1P Page _____

DOCUMENT REQUIRED 2010 CONTINUING EDUCATION CERTIFICATES – PRECINCT 1 & 4 – Commissioners Chitsey and Young presented their Certificates of Completion for their 2010 continuing education hours. See Volume 1P Page _____

APPROVE REMOTE BIRTH CERTIFICATE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 THROUGH AUGUST 21, 2012 BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS) AND FRANKLIN COUNTY – COUNTY CLERK Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the remote birth certificate services contract from September 1, 2010 through August 21, 2012 between the Department of State Health Services and Franklin County. Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion and the motion carried. See Volume 1P Page _____

DISCUSS AND APPROVE PURCHASE OF VIDEO EQUIPMENT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE - SHERIFF - Sheriff Fletcher gave an update on the purchase of the video equipment and reported the maximum installation fee would be \$250 per unit according to Craig Deaton. He reported Digital Ally would instruct us on how to install the equipment ourselves and hopefully we will be able to do that and save the installation fee. The sheriff requested changing all ten units because what he had now was failing. Auditor Mike Michaelson recommended making one payment instead of paying monthly, semi annually or annually and save the 5% interest. Treasurer Allen reported a budget amendment would need to be done to take it out of the general fund since this has not been budgeted. Auditor Michaelson stated he would consider this to be urgent since it was for the safety of the county and the citizens as well as it being an unforeseen expense. Sheriff Fletcher reminded everyone the video equipment was planned to be purchased with the grant money but the grant would not fund them. Sheriff Fletcher stated if we paid it all in full it would be around \$31,950.00 plus the installation cost. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve purchasing ten units and amend the budget in the amount of \$32,000.00. Treasurer Allen asked if the county attorney had looked over the contract and Mr. Ramsay stated he had and was going to iron out a few minor details. He reported the basic terms, percentages and the amount of money was fine. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried. County Attorney Will Ramsay recommended putting a specific item on an agenda to amend the budget since this is based on an emergency. Commissioner Carr requested removing the verbiage "amend the budget in the amount of \$32,000" from his

motion and put it on the next agenda for approval to amend the budget. Judge Lovier verified with the other commissioners that it was passed to approve the purchase of the video cameras.

CONSIDER BID FOR RE-SALE OF STRUCK-OFF PROPERTY TO PUT BACK ON TAX ROLLS: 0.331 ACRES IN THE STEPHEN KEITH SURVEY, ABSTRACT #268 – BID \$1,000.00 BY MARVIN F. HALL – TAB BEALL

- Mr. Beall explained Marvin F. Hall was in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Palestine but this did not exempt him from bidding on this property which is located at 925 Dunlap Street. Commissioner Carr made a motion to accept Marvin F. Hall's bid in the amount of \$1,000.00 for 0.331 acres in the Stephen Keith survey, abstract 268 and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Beall was alerted to the fact that Marvin F. Hall actually owed the county funds for unpaid court fees and was appointed a court appointed attorney because he was indigent. Commissioner Carr requested to rescind his motion accepting Marvin F. Hall's bid and Commissioner Surratt rescinded his second to Carr's motion. Mr. Hall's bid was not approved for the purchase of 0.331 acres in the Stephen Keith survey Abstract #268.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Judge Lovier reported he should hear from the Council of Government as soon as they find out something about redistricting. According to COG there is not an April deadline to do the redistricting.

Treasurer Allen reminded everyone about the upcoming employee luncheon this month.

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to adjourn 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 March 28, 2011.

Witnessed and recorded this 28th day of March, 2011.

Betty Crane, County Clerk