

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Workshop Session  
February 22, 2011

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Workshop Session February 22, 2011 at 8:00 AM at the Franklin County Courthouse Annex East located at 502 East Main 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  
Will Ramsay, County Attorney  
Betty Sue Allen, County Treasurer  
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Charlie Wilson, Jerry Cooper, Don Bohlken, Jim Alford, Gerry Allen, and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lovier called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

**DISCUSS COURTHOUSE RESTORATION** - Charlie Wilson reported Susan Gamage will be here on Monday. She stated Ms Gamage had requested budgets on how much it will take to finish all the counties they have in progress which includes Franklin Counties second phase. We provided the information to The Historical Commission and estimated it will take about 3.8 million to finish the interior of the courthouse. Judge Lovier asked if she thought this will weigh heavy since we are already in progress and she assured him if any funds were allotted Franklin County would probably get funded for the interior project. Ms Wilson stated that THC will require new drawings of the interior before they will do the project. Ms Wilson reported RBR is onsite and the air conditioners have been removed from the building and the mill work people are preparing mock ups on a window and on the stone. Susan Gamage will have to approve the mock ups before they can proceed.

**DISCUSS RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR SPORTS COMPLEX**

Commissioner Chitsey stated ball could begin to be played at the sports complex in about a month and stressed rules and procedures needed to be made. After much discussion, several items were discussed such as insurance, maintenance, clean up after the games, mowing, umpires, preparation of the fields, chalking the fields before the games, concession stand, storage building, parking lot security fence and a park manager.

**DISCUSS HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FOR 2010**

Gerry Allen reported a few months ago the state changed the rules so they stopped the grant process and it has been on hold. He reported attending a committee meeting last week and they discussed reapplying. The committee agreed the funding that COG has would be split up among the 15 jurisdictions that had applied for grants which would be approximately \$88,000 each. This has to be approved by the COG Board in March. We are not going to be able to purchase the laptop computers and video cameras with

these funds. The funds are going to have to be used to purchase radio equipment. The main issue is we need new video cameras in the cars. We need these cameras for racial profiling. If we don't get the cameras, we will not get grant money in the future. He suggested purchasing a couple a year and we have about ten cars that need them. Commissioner Chitsey suggested getting the funds out of the fund balance and amend the budget. Commissioner Young suggested partnering with the Sheriff and work something out. This item will be put on the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss this with the Sheriff.

Commissioner Surratt 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 Workshop meeting on February 22, 2011.

Witnessed and recorded this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2011.

  
Betty Crane, County Clerk

