

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
May 9, 2011

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session May 9, 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 ABSENT
Betty Sue Allen, County Treasurer
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Paul Fletcher, Jim Alford, Everett Walter, Jerry Cooper, Stephen Boorman, Chuck Armstrong, Sue Ann Harper, Willie Bane, Bert Edmondson, Robert Rosales, Adam Hammonds, Brian McGrath, Mike Michaelson, Bryan Gigurer, Ellen Jagers, V. J. Rhoades, Lillie Bush Reves

Judge Lovier called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 25, 2011 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2011 regular meeting and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER - Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve all the claims against the county but requested holding the \$10,243.00 check to Lowes until they have made some corrections and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion and the motion carried. See Vol. 1P Page _____

COURTHOUSE RESTORATION- COUNTY JUDGE – Judge Lovier reported the State budget as it has been written has passed and it now has to go to hearing and if the Governor doesn't veto or do any cutting we will be in good shape. It was reported the restoration of the courthouse was ahead of schedule.

MONTHLY REPORTS County Treasurer Betty Sue Allen presented the April, 2011 monthly reports. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the monthly reports and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1P Page _____

APPROVE BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT WITH GUARANTY BOND BANK – TREASURER – Treasurer Allen reported Guaranty Bond bank stated the bid they had presented to Commissioners' Court was considered the contract. Treasurer Allen stated she has written Guaranty Bond Bank a letter of acceptance.

AUTHORIZE GETTING QUOTES FROM TAC FOR FLEET, LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE – TREASURER – Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve getting a quote from Texas Association of Counties for fleet, liability and property insurance and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2011 BUDGET AMENDMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,150.00 FOR PURCHASE OF NEW VIDEO CAMERAS FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – TREASURER – Sheriff Fletcher reported there will also be an installation cost not included with this price. The fee to install the new cameras will be \$250 per camera per vehicle. Commissioner Carr asked if he could absorb the \$2500 fee for awhile and this could be amended at the end of the year. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the 2011 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$32,150.00 for the purchase of new video cameras for the Franklin County Sheriff's office and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried.
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CONSIDER AND APPROVE SUBMITTING APPLICATION FOR FY2011 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDING – GERRY ALLEN – Mr. Allen stated it is time for us to notify COG and the State to let them know if we plan on applying for the 2011 Homeland Security Grant. Mr. Allen recommended the Court approving the Judge to complete any application forms that might be required to notify COG and the State that we intend to apply. Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to submit the applications for the 2011 Homeland Security Grant and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Allen also suggested setting up an Emergency Management workshop so all the elected officials would understand their rolls in the event that we have some sort of major incident.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE SERVER OPTIONS FOR TAX OFFICE – BRIAN MCGRATH OF TYLER TECHNOLOGIES AND STEVE BOORMAN OF NETWORK TECHNOLOGIES – Mr. McGrath of Tyler Technologies and Mr. Boorman from Network Technologies gave information about what their companies had to offer the County. After much discussion, Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve purchasing the new servers for Orion from Network Technologies in the amount of \$47,851.00 and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried.
See Volume 1P Page _____ to view the Network Technologies quote.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF LOCAL MATCH FUND PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT ON FEDERAL OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGE PROGRAM (PCT 3) - Commissioner Carr made a motion to request a waiver for the local match fund participation requirement on the Federal Off-System Bridge Program and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.
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CONSIDER AND APPROVE PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,559.40 FOR ASTRAY AND DANGEROUS ANIMAL ISSUE – DONKEYS – SHERIFF
Sheriff Fletcher reported eighteen donkeys had been dropped out on a road and stated he thought this was going to become more of a problem. He reported the funds were coming out of his supplies to pay for astrays and he could not afford for this much to come from his supplies and thought in the future we needed to create another line item. Commissioner Chitsey reported he had talked with Stone and he was told that Titus and Red River Counties had the same problem. Stone suggested the counties go in together and purchase panels and put them in at his facility then he would not charge

yardage. They also discussed building pens at the jail. Sheriff Fletcher stated he was just looking for guidance and ideas in case this happens again. Commissioner Chitsey stated he thought going in with Stone would be the best way and Sheriff Fletcher stated he would discuss this with Stone.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE GIVING FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF PERMISSION TO ENTER INTO A PROFITABLE MOU, UNDER \$40.00 PER DAY, WITH OTHER COUNTIES IN ORDER TO ATTRACT OUT OF COUNTY INMATES TO BE HOUSED IN FRANKLIN COUNTY JAIL – SHERIFF

Sheriff Fletcher reported he thought Franklin County needed to be more innovated, have more flexibility, be competitive and be able to negotiate with other counties to attract out of county inmates. He stated if he was given approval to do this it would not be a losing proposition and thought he could get out of county prisoners if he was given the authority to do this. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve giving the Franklin County Sheriff permission to negotiate the price as long as it is not a losing proposition and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2011 AS ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH – AMY PEACOCK, ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the proclamation declaring May 2011 as Elder Abuse Prevention month and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1P Page _____

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Commissioner Chitsey stated some work still needed to be done at the Sports Complex. Judge Lovier reported he had received a list from COG that showed a timeline and we are not in an emergency situation where the timeline is concerned. The Commissioners expressed an interest in getting the numbers and possibly doing it themselves.

Commissioner Surratt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Carr seconded. Motion carried.

I, Betty Crane, County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of Commissioner's Court Regular meeting on May 9, 2011.

Witnessed and recorded this 9th day of May, 2011.

Betty Crane, County Clerk