

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
May 23, 2011

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session May 23, 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: Lewis Turner, Steve Boorman, Neil Franklin, Lewis Turner, Melissa McSwain, Bert Edmondson, Clint Hopkins, Richard Hamrick, , D. K. " Mike" Michaelson, Ellen Jagers, Bryan Giguere, Jerry Cooper, Jim Alford, Gerry Allen, Paul Fletcher, Martin Braddy and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lovier called the meeting to order and Commissioner Young offered prayer.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 9, 2011 REGULAR SESSION – COUNTY CLERK** Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2011 regular meeting and Commissioner Chitsey 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 including three additional claims which are from Tyler Truck Center for \$121.77, Waste Connection of Northeast Texas for \$350.00, and \$96.00 for Mr. Henry on contract labor for Precinct 4. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion and the motion carried. See Vol. 1Q Page \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCUSS AND APPROVE AUTHORIZING GERRY ALLEN TO REQUEST MODIFICATION OF USE OF A PORTION OF FY 2010 HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDS FOR BACK-UP EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AT ANNEX EAST – GERRY ALLEN** Mr. Allen explained the application to COG for the 2010 Homeland Security Fund that had been approved is basically null and void since it will not allow us to pay for the video cameras for the sheriff's office out of this fund. He reported the funds will have to be used to purchase radio equipment. He also reported the funds can be used for a back-up radio and antenna at the Annex East and will help wire the emergency generator. Mr. Allen requested approval to modify the 2010 Homeland Security application to include getting an antenna and back-up radio for the Courthouse Annex East and wiring the existing emergency generator at the Courthouse Annex East. Commissioner Young made the motion to approve modifying the 2010 Homeland Security application to include the antenna, back up radio and wiring the emergency generator at the Courthouse Annex East and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Q Page \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCUSS AND APPROVE PURCHASE OF VERIZON MOBILE WIFI DEVICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – APPROXIMATELY \$269.00 – GERRY ALLEN -**

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the purchase of the Verizon Mobile WIFI device for emergency management in the amount of \$269.99 and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Q Page \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Allen requested to set an Emergency Management Workshop for June 13<sup>th</sup> after the Regular Commissioner Court meeting.

**COURTHOUSE RESTORATION- COUNTY JUDGE** – Judge Lovier reported it looks good for Franklin County to get an interior grant for courthouse restoration although there is not a vote yet. Everyone seems to think funds will be allocated to get us the interior grant.

Commissioner Chitsey requested letting Lewis Turner make a presentation before opening the bids. Mr. Turner presented the court a \$52.00 donation from funds made at a benefit for the Sports Complex held at the Tiger's Den miniature golf. He reported he was very disappointed with the turn-out especially since the benefit had been promoted through ads in the newspaper. He apologized with only being able to donate \$52. Judge Lovier commended him for holding the benefit and let him know how much it was appreciated.

**OPEN AND AWARD BIDS FOR ROAD MATERIALS, CULVERTS AND FUEL FOR PRECINCTS 1 – 4** – Commissioner Carr opened the bids and read them aloud.

Commissioner Young made a motion to accept all the bids for road materials, culverts and fuel and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried. See Volume 1Q Page \_\_\_\_\_ to view all the bids that were accepted.

**DISCUSS AND APPROVE RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH NETWORK TECHNOLOGIES – COUNTY ATTORNEY** – County Attorney Will Ramsay requested

to table this item until the next meeting because of a procedural issue that needs to be taken care of. This expenditure was approved at the last meeting but the budget has not been amended to reflect that. He requested to amend the budget and then ratify the contract with Network Technologies regarding the purchase of the servers. Commissioner Carr made a motion to table the ratification of the contract with Network Technologies until the next meeting and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Allen requested guidance on what to do about the installation fee of the video cameras for the Sheriff's office. She asked since we are talking about amending the budget should we go ahead and amend the budget to include this fee also (\$250 per vehicle). The County Auditor Mike Michaelson reported the funds would come out of the surplus of the general fund for the servers and installation of video cameras.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Commissioner Chitsey presented notes of appreciation to the elected officials for their support from Jesse James for the purchase of his poultry and from the Mount Vernon-Salttillo Young Farmers Chapter. Commissioner Chitsey reported being approached by Mr. Rains from the school about some assistance with road maintenance on the south side of the school.

Commissioner Carr reported needing assistance with mowing and weed eating at the sports complex and fertilizer needed to be put out. Commissioner Chitsey stated he would fertilize the soccer fields next week.

Commissioner Chitsey suggested putting sports complex issues on the workshop agenda on the June 13, 2011 meeting. He also reported Tom Shiels is planning a big fund raiser for the Sports Complex in the fall.

Treasurer Betty Sue Allen requested all the department heads have their time sheets in by 8AM on Wednesday morning because of the cut off time for direct deposit. She also reported receiving a notice from Verizon that states our three year contract had expired. The notice had mistakenly gone to the City a couple of months ago and we just got notice. She reported she would be checking with Suddenlink to see what they could offer the county. She also reported having 27 indigent health care clients and she will be attending an indigent health care training in July to learn of some changes in the laws.

Neil Franklin introduced himself to the court and reported he works for ETMC EMS and would be available if needed to assist with problems.

Steve Boorman presented quotes for new servers for Odyssey because the hardware is aging and dying. Treasurer Allen reported this information could be used during budget time.

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 Regular meeting on May 23, 2011.

Witnessed and recorded this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2011.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk