

Franklin County Commissioners' Court  
Commissioner Court Minutes  
Regular Session  
September 26, 2011

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session September 26, 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: Willie Bane, Sandra Dunn, Sue Ann Harper, Steve Austin, Lisa Lawrence, Margaret Sears, Chris Mars, Everett Walter, D. K. Michaelson, Ellen Jagers, Bryan Giguere, Jerry Cooper, Jim Alford, Gerry Allen, Paul Fletcher, and Lillie Bush-Reves

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

**APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 REGULAR SESSION AND SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 SPECIAL SESSION – COUNTY CLERK** - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the minutes from September 12, 2011 Regular Session and September 15, 2011 Special Session and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER** - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve all the claims against the county including two additional claims from Michael Bohler in the amount of \$21.00 and \$336.00 for Grand Jury and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion and the motion carried. See Vol. 1P Page \_\_\_\_\_ Betty Sue Allen recognized donations from the Franklin County Water District in the amount of \$400.00 and the Rotary Club in the amount of \$275.00 which will be divided equally among the fire departments.

**APPROVE FRANKLIN COUNTY HOTEL / MOTEL TAX BOARD'S FUNDING FOR PROMOTION AND ADVERTISING THE DAVE HICKERSON DISK GOLF TOURNAMENT AT SELAH RANCH IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER – WILLIE BANE** – Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Franklin County's Hotel and Motel Tax Board's funding for the promotion and advertising of the Dave Hickerson Disc Golf Tournament at Selah Ranch which is to be held in late September or early October. See Volume 1Q Page \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVE FRANKLIN COUNTY HOTEL/MOTEL TAX BOARD'S FUNDING FOR COUNTYFEST PROMOTION AND ADVERTISING BY THE KEY CLUB – WILLIE BANE** – Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve the Franklin County's Hotel and Motel Tax Boards funding for Countryfest promotion and advertising by the Key Club and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REGARDING 2012 TAX LEVY – COUNTY JUDGE**

Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Resolution regarding the 2012 Tax Levy and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
See Volume 1Q Page \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING THE NUMBER OF ELECTION WORKERS AND ELECTION PAY FOR 2011 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**ELECTION – COUNTY CLERK** – County Clerk requested a total of three workers at each voting precinct and paying \$8.00 an hour if they attend election training otherwise they would receive minimum wage. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve a total of three election workers at each voting precinct and paying \$8.00 per hour if they attend election training. Commissioner Carr seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER'S REQUEST TO PURCHASE BOOKS TO BE DONATED TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY, MOUNT VERNON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, MISSION MANOR NURSING HOME AND ONE TO BE DETERMINED – TOTAL \$114.14 – STEVE**

**AUSTIN, CVSO** – Mr. Austin explained what the books were about and requested funds for four books. Commissioner Carr made a motion to pay for eight books and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF THE CURRENT AMENDED BURN BAN – GERRY ALLEN**

– Mr. Allen presented a new Commissioners' Court Order Prohibition of Outdoor Burning and requirements for outdoor welding and food grilling. Mr. Allen explained the County does not regulate rules for the City of Mount Vernon. After much discussion a few revisions were handwritten on the Order. See Volume 1Q Page \_\_\_\_\_ to see the Order with revisions. The Order was revised by adding "no exceptions to this order are allowed without prior approval of the Court" and "any individual starting any fire may be liable for criminal and civil penalties." Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the modification of the current amended burn ban with the added revisions and extending the burn ban for ninety days and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Allen presented information from the Texas Forest Service and requested it be put on record in the Commissioner Court Minutes. See Volume 1Q Page \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Items discussed were the possible purchase of a bucket truck, the Sports Complex Fundraiser to be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Franklin County Airport, work that needs to be done at the Sports Complex, how to use the funds from the Comptroller for economic development, reported the radio paper work has been approved on the Homeland Security Grant and will be able to order radios and get the generator hooked up, and having a United Way luncheon.

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 Commissioners' Court Regular meeting on September 26, 2011.

Witnessed and recorded this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

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Betty Crane, County Clerk