

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
October 24, 2011

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session October 24 , 2011 at 9:00 AM at the City Hall locate at 109 N. Kaufman, Mount Vernon, Texas.

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: Mike Michaelson, Gerry Allen, Jim Alford, Willie Bane, Richard Zachary, Mary Kay Thomas, Lisa Lawrence, Sandra Dunn, Bryan Giguere, Ellen Jaggars, 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 OCTOBER 11, 2011 REGULAR SESSION- COUNTY CLERK – County Clerk Betty Crane reported the minutes were not completed at this time. Commissioner Carr made a motion to table this item and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT – TREASURER - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion and the motion carried. See Vol. 1Q Page _____

CONSIDER AND APPROVE DEDUCTING TAXES FROM THE SHERIFF'S SUPPLEMENT FROM THE CITY OF MT.VERNON FOR FY 2011-TREASURER- Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve deducting \$940.50 from the Sheriff's supplement salary from the City of Mount Vernon for FY 2011. Commissioner Chitsey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON DESIGNATING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY AS PRECINCT 201 VOTING LOCATION BEGINNING WITH THE 2012 ELECTIONS-COUNTY CLERK- Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve designating the Franklin County library as Precinct 201 voting location beginning with the 2012 elections. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON FIRE INSPECTOR ISSUE- GERRY ALLEN-

Gerry Allen reported there are new state requirements that a Fire Safety Inspector has to be certified with the Texas Commission of Fire Protection but it is not required to be a Fire Marshall. He gave the Commissioners two options which are he could take the training to get certified or have a Certified Fire Safety Inspector come from somewhere else to do the Fire Safety Inspections. Mr. Allen reported there are not many Fire Safety Inspections that have to be done and didn't believe it would be cost effective to become certified. Mr. Allen's recommendation was the people could get in touch with someone that is certified. No action taken.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON FUNDING RELATED TO FY 2010 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT EQUIPMENT PURCHASE- GERRY ALLEN -

Gerry Allen reported the State had changed the rules on reimbursement. In the past, once the equipment was ordered and we received a copy of the invoice we could ask the State to reimburse the County. Now the equipment has to be delivered and they want a copy of the packing slip. We need to pay the bill and submit the bill and the County gets reimbursed within two to four weeks. Mr. Allen requested authorizing the Treasurer to pay up to \$93,814.04 towards 2010 Homeland Security purchases and labor. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve authorizing the treasurer to pay up to \$93,814.04 for the FY 2010 Homeland Security Grant equipment and labor and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING A SELECTION OF A CPA FIRM FOR THE 12/31/2011 AUDIT- AUDITOR-

County Auditor D. K. Michaelson gave an overview and compared each of the proposals received from Pattillo, Brown and Hill LLP and Conway Company CPA's. After much discussion, Commissioner Surratt made a motion to approve Conway Company CPAs, PC firm for the 12/31/2011 audit Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING A "COMPREHENSIVE FUND BALANCE POLICY" FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY TO COMPLY WITH GASB 54 REQUIREMENTS - AUDITOR-

Auditor D. K. Michaelson explained to the Court this is a new requirement and went over what was needed to do to be complaint. He did report we needed to have this done by the first of the year. Commissioner Young made a motion to table approving the "Comprehensive Fund Balance Policy" at this time and Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON FRANKLIN COUNTY HOTEL/MOTEL TAX BOARD'S ACTION ON PASSING 1% SERVICE OR ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR LODGING - WILLIE BANE-

Commissioner Young made a motion to approve Franklin County Hotel/Motel Tax Board's action on passing 1% service or administrative fees for lodging to become effective January 1, 2012. Commissioner Carr seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON FRANKLIN COUNTY HOTEL/MOTEL TAX BOARD'S DECISION TO GRANT FUNDING REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 TO SCARE ON THE SQUARE PRESENTED BY NETWORK TECHNOLOGIES - WILLIE BANE-

Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve Franklin County Hotel/Motel Tax Board's decision to grant funding request in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Scare On The Square presented by Network Technologies. Commissioner Young seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN FRANKLIN COUNTY AND CYPRESS SPRINGS SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT REGARDING THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM - CONTRACT # 711200- MARY KAY THOMAS OF AMAZING GRANTS, INC. AND RICHARD ZACHARY OF CYPRESS SPRINGS SUD- Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Agreement between Franklin County and Cypress Springs Special Utility District regarding the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion and the motion carried. See Volume 1Q Page _____

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON FARMER'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC'S REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT ELECTRICAL POWER DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES ACROSS AND ALONG CR NW 1040- COUNTY JUDGE- Commissioner Chitsey reported the road number is not correct. This item was tabled until a later date.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$856.50 TO N.E.T.O. FOR 2012 MEALS-ON-WHEELS PROGRAM - COUNTY JUDGE- Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing County Grant in the amount of \$856.50 to N.E.T.O. for the 2012 Meals- On-Wheels Program. Commissioner Surratt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

DISCUSSION: Items discussed were drug testing, airport culverts, mow the airport or bail hay, reported the sports complex fundraiser raised over \$20,000, appreciation to Lillie Bush and the Interact Club for their assistance with the fundraiser.

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 Commissioner's Court Regular meeting on October 24, 2011.

Witnessed and recorded this 24th day of October, 2011.

Betty Crane, County Clerk