

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court
Regular Session
Monday, January 14, 2008
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: County Judge Randy Mills, Commissioners Jim Boatwright, Mike Lewis and Dickie Clary. Commissioner Jon Bonner was absent.

The meeting was called to order and Judge Mills opened with prayer.

Charles Rader was present requesting the court to consider a donation and/or funding for the Hamilton County Genealogy Society. The organization was in need of funding or they would lose their facility.

Damon Chumney stated that he would like for the court to consider a town hall meeting allowing the public to have more information regarding the county's option in the purchase of the bank building. Secondly he encourages a public hearing regarding the proposed loop that is being discussed by Texas Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Lewis to approve the minutes of December 28, 2007 with a correcting purchase the bank building to make an offer for the bank building. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Lewis to approve the budget amendments presented. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 399)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Lewis to approve \$260,665.75 amount of bills submitted for payment. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 410)

Tom Lawrence of Lawrence Financial Consulting, LLC made his presentation regarding the courthouse renovation project. His presentation was on Certificates of Obligation, Series 2008 which included a Sample Payment Schedule, I & S Tax Rate Analysis and Sample Schedule of Events. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 420)

Mr. Lawrence explained that his base fee for the project was \$10,000.00 plus \$2.50 per \$1000 which at \$1,500,000.00 would be 15 thousands for an additional fee of \$3,750.00. He also explained that in the event of refinancing it would cost the county additional fees.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Lewis to approve the engagement letter from Tom Lawrence of Lawrence Financial Consulting LLC to serve as Independent Financial Advisor for Hamilton County during the courthouse renovation project. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 424)

Agenda Item Six-Accept and/or approve the purchase price for First State Bank building or property commonly known as 101 East Henry and 216 North Rice, Hamilton, Texas. The offer has been accepted. No further action required.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Lewis to authorize Hamilton County Attorney Andy McMullen to facilitate the preparation of the contract for purchase of property known as 101 East Henry and 216 North Rice formerly occupied by First State Bank of Central Texas, subject to the grant award from the Texas State Historical Commission with Tom Pollan's assistance not to exceed an expenditure of \$2,500.00. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 427)

Item Eight-Authorize Hamilton County Attorney to confer with Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LLP Bond Counsel for Hamilton County as related to purchase contract-This approved with Item Seven of the agenda.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Mills to authorize County Attorney Andy McMullen to file a county suit to file a temporary injunction (against David Hopper) regarding the gates on County Road 634. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Lewis to rescinding the action of October 22, 2007 of the Hamilton County Commissioner's Court which approved a contract with Hamer Enterprises for credit card payments for fines and/or fees which did not include the thirty day termination notice. The motion carried unanimously.

Cross Timbers Burn Association Representative Jim Kenton made a presentation regarding prescribed burn procedures. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 433)

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Clary to approve a burn ban for Hamilton County until noon on January 28, 2008 with an exception for household garbage generated from one to three families with the requirement for the burn to take place in a covered container with one-inch screen. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 435)

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Boatwright to approve the appointment of David Lane, Hico Volunteer Fire Department Chief as Hamilton County Emergency Management Fire Coordinator. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Clary to ratify the appointment of Rex A. Plumlee, Community Supervision Officer for the 220th Community Supervision and Corrections Department. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 436)

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Boatwright to approve the December's enrollment and sick leave pool contribution hours as submitted by the Hamilton County Sick Leave Pool Committee. Sick Leave Pool Administrator Debbie Eoff reported that 496 hours had been contributed with 372 hours carried over for a total of 868 hours. 2008 has twenty seven participants and 2007 had twenty eight participants. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 437)

Hamilton County Auditor Marliessa Clark reported to the court that she had heard from Kennemier, Masters, Lunsford LLC, Patillo, Brown & Hill, LLP and one more independent certified public accounting firms which could provide professional auditing services. Ms. Clark also reported that she was waiting for a management letter from Rutledge, Crain.

There was no further business regarding the Hamilton County Courthouse Restoration Program.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to approve the Minutes of County Finances Treasurer's Report which states that Hamilton County has total cash and other assets on hand as \$5,618,451.54. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Lewis to approve the departmental reports which were submitted. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 439)

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Lewis to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.