

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court  
Regular Session  
February 25, 2008  
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, February 25, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: County Judge Randy Mills, Commissioners Jim Boatwright, Mike Lewis, Jon Bonner and Dickie Clary.

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

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Bonner to approve the minutes of February 11, 2008 and February 22, 2008 with the noted correction on February 11, 2008 of the motion which was seconded by Clary to read seconded by Lewis on Clary's appointment as Hamilton County's Representative to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to approve the budget amendments. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 886)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve \$162,555.26 amount of bills submitted for payment. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 888)

Central Texas Council of Government's Executive Director Jim Reed was present just to make contact with the court and the county. Mr. Reed thanked the court for the forty year partnership Hamilton County and Central Texas Council of Governments has had.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Boatwright to extend the burn ban until March 10, 2008 at noon. Commissioner Boatwright expressed the county's appreciation for Circle T posting the burn ban on their electronic sign. The motion carried unanimously.

Texas Department of Transportation Maintenance supervisor Carroll Starkey gave the court a presentation regarding the signs and displays for use on state maintained highways for county burn ban issues.

Mr. Starkey explained to the court that the sign could be attached to the bottom of each of the route markers entering Hamilton. The signs could be purchased for \$30.00 and would be maintained by county employees. The \$30.00 fee does not include the hardware for the signs but he explained that there was some old hardware available for use.

Judge Mills explained to the court that the prison system makes the signs and sells them for \$29.15 each and that he had the information available for the precincts.

The court took no action at this time on this item.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to approve the appointment of Ms. Debra Adams as Hamilton County Representative for Central Counties Mental Health and Mental Retardation. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Clary had been asked by Bill Lewis of the Resource Conservation Services to renew the court's knowledge of a pre-existing Operation and Maintenance Agreement for Structural Measures which was approved by the court June 27, 1967. This agreement is for the operations and maintenance of the flood control dams located in Hamilton County. Clary and Bonner both stated that there had been minimal

maintenance required at these sites over the past years but the flood control dams were approaching their projected life span.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner acknowledging the existing Operation and Maintenance Agreement for Structural Measures. The court acknowledges that inspection and maintenance of these flood control dams are being conducted periodically. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Lewis requested a copy of these minutes upon approval to reflect this acknowledgement. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 937)

There was no discussion regarding the Hamilton County Courthouse Restoration.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to open bids for road material in Hamilton County Precinct Two. The motion carried unanimously.

A bid was opened which was submitted by Alan Schrank for fifty cents per yard. Commissioner Lewis made a motion which was seconded by Bonner to accept the bid received from Alan Schrank for fifty cents per hard yard. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 905)

The court opened a bid for blasting services for Hamilton County Precinct Two received from William (Billie) Eller, Jr. in the amount of \$1.40 per cubic yard.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to accept the bid received by William (Billie) Eller, Jr. in the amount of \$1.40 per cubic yard. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 907)

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to reject the lease/purchase contract for the purchase of the property known as 101 East Henry Street and 216 North Rice Street formerly occupied by First State Bank of Central Texas subject to the grant award from the Texas Historical Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

The court discussed the purchase of a computer for Commissioner Clary and a laptop computer for Commissioner Bonner with funds relating to FEMA. County Auditor Marliessa Clark stated that was not comfortable as of this date to appropriate those funds for those expenditures that she wanted to research it more thoroughly. The court passed on taking action on considering temporary salary adjustment for County Judge's Assistant as relating to FEMA responsibilities.

County Attorney Andy McMullen asked the court about the Grant of Easement and Resolution which he had received for completion from Texas Historical Commission. Mr. McMullen stated that the county had already done a Grant of Easement and Resolution and needed clarification. Mr. McMullen stated that he would have it prepared for the March 10, 2008 meeting.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Bonner to approve the departmental reports as submitted. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 914)

Financial Advisor for Hamilton County Restoration Project Tom Lawrence presented financial options for the court. After a discussion the court directed Tom Lawrence to prepare paperwork for tax notes for seven years at 3.7 cents in the amount of \$800,000.00. Mr. Lawrence directed that he would have the paperwork ready to present to the court on March 10, 2008. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 26 Page 909)

The court passed and took no action on the resolution authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue Hamilton County, Texas Tax and Revenue Certificate of Obligation.

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

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County Judge

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk