

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court
Regular Session
Monday, October 12, 2009
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, October 12, 2009 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 Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve the minutes of September 28, 2009 and September 30, 2009 Commissioner's Court Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to approve the budget amendments. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 34 Page 448)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to approve \$470,738.62 amount of bills submitted for payment. Of the total amount \$136,085.37 was Courthouse restoration expenses, \$150,000.00 payment on the courthouse annex debt, remaining balance of \$184,653.25 (which includes the annual payments to the volunteer fire departments and other organizations which receive annual payments from the county). The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 34 Page 452)

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Bonner to table the approval and discussion of the Administration contract for the Disaster Relief Grant. The motion carried by majority vote. (Commissioner Lewis stepped out of the room to take a telephone call and did not vote on this action)

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to approve the 2010 Hamilton County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 34 Page 463)

Judge Mills stated that he had received a call from the architects regarding the support of the cupola and that they were looking at an alternative method which would cost approximately \$15,000.00 as opposed to \$115,000.00. They were working on the concrete sidewalks. Boatwright asked if the engineers had any liability if what they approved failed. County Attorney Mark Henkes stated that it would depend on the contract and that he did not have it before him to allow him to answer that question.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Lewis to approve the appointment of Commissioner Clary and Commissioner Bonner to serve on the Hamilton County Law Enforcement Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Boatwright to approve the bond renewals for Hamilton County Constable Precinct Three Peggy Parks and Hamilton County Deputy County Clerk Kiesha Bagwell. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 34 Page 464)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Boatwright to approve the Embarq/United Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. to bury communications cable upon and along the right-of-way of county road (s) (Precinct 3) in Hamilton County. The motion carried unanimously. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 34 Page 468)

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Lewis to approve deleting No. 5 of Section 2.04 Page 1 of 2 amending the Hamilton County Employee Personnel Manuel. The motion carried unanimously. The court will be scheduling a workshop to discuss other issues related to the personnel manual/employees. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 34 Page 471)

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner nominating John Galindo to serve as Hamilton County's representative on the Hamilton County Appraisal District Board. The motion carried unanimously.

County Judge Mills informed the court of an Energy Efficient Block Grant used for basic energy upgrades with the county's portion being \$35,000.00. There is not match required just participation. This grant could possibly be used on the geo-thermal installation at the courthouse, replacement of high voltage lights at the courthouse annex for more efficient fixtures.

Once again Judge Mills mentioned to the court the letter he had received regarding sponsorship for an aerobic digester system to be used on a dairy.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Boatwright to approve the departmental reports as submitted. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 34 Page 472)

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

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk