

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court
Regular Session
Monday, December 14, 2009
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, December 14, 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.

Democratic Party Chair Michael Langford was present and stated that he was in support of item nine on the agenda which was to approve or reject 2010 Primary Election Services Contracts with the County Elections Officer.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to approve the minutes of November 23, 2009. The motion carried unanimously.

1-11-2010 Amended: (Omitted approval of budget amendments when minutes were previously submitted) A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to approve the budget amendments submitted. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 34 Page 753)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve \$326,548.34 amount of bills submitted for payment. Of that total amount \$176,800.00 was the cost of the 2010 670G John Deere Motor Grader purchased by Precinct Two. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 34 Page 768)

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to approve the purchase of a 670G John Deere Motor Grader through Buy Board for Precinct Two. Commissioner Lewis stated that he paid \$176,800.00 was the purchase price for the 2010 model. Precinct Two is debt free and currently owes no money; the purchase was made with cash. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to approve the Resolution casting 850 votes for John Galindo and 579 votes for David Lengefeld both county candidate nominees to serve on the Hamilton County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2010/2011. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 34 Page 782)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to approve the appointment of Misty Boatwright Election Judge for Precinct One. The motion carried by majority vote with all members voting for except for Commissioner Boatwright abstaining.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to approve the deputation of Hamilton County Sheriff Deputy Ryan Craig Isham. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 34 Page 786)

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to approve the bonds for Hamilton County Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector Claire Hanson and Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff Ryan Craig Isham. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 34 Page 787)

County Clerk Debbie Rudolph stated that the contract being presented was the standard contract furnished by the Secretary of State's Office. The changes in the contract were reflections to

keep the duties as they have historically been. Ms. Rudolph stated that she had talked with both the Republican Party Chair Catherine Link and Democratic Party Chair Michael Langford regarding the agreements. Both party's executive committees were also consulted; both of whom had given their blessings to go forward with the contracts. County Clerk Rudolph recommended that we try the contracts for one election cycle and review the results to make a determination if we would proceed in the future with using the contractual agreements. A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Boatwright to approve the 2010 Primary Election Services Contracts (for both Republican and Democratic Parties) with the County Elections Officer (Hamilton County Clerk). The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 34 Page 793)

Judge Mills stated that he placed item ten on the agenda for the court's information to allow them time to think of the 2011 redistricting.

Judge Mills briefed the court regarding the Resolution Supporting the Coryell County Off-Channel Reservoir Project to be included in the Brazos G Water Planning Group 2011 Regional Water Plan. The court did not take any action because they felt like they did not have enough information regarding the issue.

The courthouse restoration is continuing and the cupola is expected to arrive approximately on January 18th or 20th, 2010. The walls of the utility area are being erected in the northeast corner of the parking lot.

County Auditor Marliessa Clark stated that for clarity Commissioner Lewis did not use FEMA funds but because of the FEMA funds we had an accumulation of precinct funds which allowed for the purchase of the motor grader.

County Clerk Rudolph presented the county with an Exemplary Five Star award which she received from the Texas Department of State Health Services-Bureau of Vital Statistics 55th Annual Conference, December 9-11, 2009 in Austin.

Judge Mills told the court that he would be asking the court for permission to accept a cost for kilowatt hour number for electricity to lock in a contractual agreement and asked the court to ratify at a later date.

Commissioner Lewis requested an end of the year report from the County Auditor.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Bonner to approve the departmental reports submitted. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 34 Page 821)

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

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk

