

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court
Regular Session
Monday, February 08, 2010
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's met in Regular Session on Monday, February 8, 2010 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 Commissioner Clary opened with prayer.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Bonner to approve the minutes of January 25, 2010 Commissioner's Court. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Bonner to approve the budget amendments submitted. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 35 Page 353)

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Lewis to approve \$256,211.96 amount of bills submitted for payment. The following is a breakdown of the disbursements:

General Fund	\$ 31,982.06
Road & Bridge 1	\$ 6,656.62
Road & Bridge 2	\$ 4,430.81
Road & Bridge 3	\$ 3,231.55
Road & Bridge 4	\$ 29,389.63
Justice Court Technology	\$ 170.00
Debt Service	\$140,147.50
Tax Note Series	\$ 40,203.73

The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 35 Page 361)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Boatwright to approve the appointment of Debbie Rudolph, Central Count Manager, Kiesha Bagwell, Tabulation Supervisor and Charlene Stockton, Assistant Tabulation Supervisor for the March 2, 2010 Primary Elections. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Boatwright to grant Komatsu Architecture approval to issue the Request for Proposals for Phase II of the Hamilton County Courthouse Restoration. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 35 Page 374)

Judge Mills received a letter from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs regarding the Single Audit conducted by Patillo, Brown and Hill, LLP Certified Public Accountants for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2008. The following TDRA contract was included in the review - Community Develop Block Grant Contract Number 727257 (Interim) Contract Period 12/02/2007 – 12/01/2009. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 35 Page 385)

As a result of this review the county must meet some requirements before the audit will be accepted.

Commissioner Clary announced that the Texas Department of Transportation will let a contract in June of 2010 on the bridge and the approach at Spring Branch on County Road 602. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 35 Page 387)

Commissioner Boatwright received a copy of a letter which was addressed to Sheriff Gregg Bewley from the Jail Commission on Jail Standards regarding the submission of Commissary and Annual Audits. The Commission stated that they had not received from the county auditor the yearly audit on the jails' commissary fund as well as the annual financial audits of the general operations of the jails. Commissioner Boatwright continued stating that the commission had not received the reports since 2002 and that this could result in the jail being de-certified and placed in a non compliance status. County Auditor Marliessa Clark responded that she had done the audits and that she would send those reports to the commission. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 35 Page 424)

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 35 Page 389)

The court recessed at 9:25 and reconvened at 9:38 A.M. for a Water Quality Issues Workshop. Commissioner Clary wanted the court to give him some feedback to enable him to help write a grant to fund the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Pilot Program which could perhaps help Hamilton County address failing septic systems which fall in the Leon River Watershed.

Clary stated that the scope of work needed is larger than a bare bones program. The watershed protection plan would entail at least three major components: (1) education for the public (2) identifying failed systems and (3) prioritization of the failed systems for repair.

Clary wanted an opinion from the court on what they would like to see implemented in the grant. After a long discussion the opinion of the court preferred hiring of a part-time employee and \$500,000.00 grant to begin the pilot program.

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

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk