

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court
Regular Session
Monday, March 22, 2010
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, March 22, 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 Judge Mills opened with prayer.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to approve the minutes of March 8, 2010 and March 10, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve the budget amendments. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 35 Page 564)

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Lewis to approve \$120,404.37 amount of bills submitted for payment. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 35 Page 574)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to extend the contract between Hamilton County and Graves Humphries Stahl, LTD for court fees and fines collection services for Justice of the Peace Precincts. Clary and Bonner both withdrew their motion and second removing the action. A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to extend the contract between Hamilton County and Graves Humphries Stahl, LTD for court fees and fines collection services for the Justice of the Peace Precincts striking the automatic renewals and leaving the thirty day out notice. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to approve the deputation and bond for Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff Richard Garner. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 35 Page 593)

Judge Mills reported on the Hamilton County Courthouse Restoration that the electrical was down off the building and that the cupola was lighted up at night. Judge Mills met with District Judge-Elect Phil Robertson about the courtroom and allowed him to voice his concerns with lighting, acoustics (did not want to hear heels walking across the floor), and conference areas for attorneys and defendants. The changes to the district courtroom that Texas Historical Commission Bess Graham sent were approved by Mr. Robertson. Judge Mills also met with District Clerk Leoma Larance and she asked that there be a door between her and her assistant.

County Clerk Debbie Rudolph also gave a copy of the drawings for her office to the court and stated that Option 3 was her choice of the options given but if THC had a problem with it Option 2 would be her next alternative. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 35 Page 597)

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to select RBR Construction as the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Phase II of the Hamilton County Courthouse Restoration. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Bewley stated that the issue today regarding the budget amendments was one example of the relationship between his office and the county auditor. He summarized his statements that he was not comfortable taking advice from the county auditor and that it remains a trust issue.

Commissioner Clary stated that he is continuing to address the issue of the ORCA funds. It is basically "*the check is in the mail*". He will continue to monitor the funds daily until the county has received the money.

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 35 Page 603)

The court recessed until 11:00 A.M.

The court reconvened to here a presentation from Central Texas Council of Governments Staff Jim Reed on the county's emergency communications more specifically the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP'S). Mr. Reed informed the court that changes were forthcoming which would impact the emergency communication systems and that it would probably require consolidating some of the counties within the region to defray the cost of the new data lines for the Generation 9-1-1.

Mr. Reed is meeting with the counties involved to make them aware of the situation and allow them time to think about how each county might want to approach this problem. There will be another meeting in April to discuss this issue further.

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

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk