

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court  
Regular Session  
Monday, April 26, 2010  
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, April 26, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: County Judge Randy Mills, Commissioner Mike Lewis, Jon Bonner and Dickie Clary. Commissioner Jim Boatwright was absent.

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

There were no public comments.

Local dairyman David Dejong was present at the meeting along with Edward Herman of Cenergy, USA seeking county approval that would assist Mr. Dejong in receiving grants to implement a Biogas Anerobic Manure Digester on this dairy which would allow him the ability to generate power from dairy waste.

Over a twenty-one day period the digester converts manure to power and produces pathogen free fiber than can be used as bedding for cows. It also produces bio-digested liquid that can be used as fertilizer without an environmental effect. Approximately 85% of the wastes produced on the dairy will travel through the bio-digester, which should reduce the smell of the dairy substantially.

It is necessary for the court to endorse the project allowing grants such as these to pass through a public entity.

Judge Mills stated that he should receive more information at an upcoming meeting in Austin about this issue. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 35 Page 788)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve the minutes of April 12, 2010 and April 21, 2010 Commissioner's Court meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Clary to approve the budget amendments. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 35 page 757)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Lewis to approve \$101,051.14 amount of bills submitted for payment. RBR Construction Inc. had \$41,177.48 amount of bills included in the total amount. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 35 Page 763)

County Clerk Debbie Rudolph presented to the court that she had been reviewing her current copy prices (which expires in July 2011) for the upcoming budget process. In doing so Ms. Rudolph contacted Ikon Sales Representative Sara Boen for information regarding her current machine and what a change might entail. Ms. Boen presented two proposals: the first proposal was for a Ricoh Aficio MP5001SP which would cost \$300.00 per month for sixty (60) months with a reduction in copies to 10,000. The second proposal was for a Ricoh Aficio MP 6001SP which would cost \$339.00 per month for sixty (60) months with a reduction in copies to 10,000. Ms. Rudolph explained that since there might be other options for the county she was not ready to ask the court to make a decision today.

Ms. Boen explained to the court that she could do an analysis of the existing copy machines in the courthouse and give the court a cost spreadsheet to see what areas could save money and where the areas of impact are. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 35 Page 772)

Commissioner Clary reported that the consolidated 9-1-1 dispatching funding had been estimated at \$50,000.00 for Hamilton County's portion.

Judge Mills reported as part of Hamilton County Courthouse Restoration that should our cost exceed the Guaranteed Maximum Price that a scope of work would be cut out to meet our Guaranteed Maximum Price.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to approve the departmental reports. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 35 Page 805)

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

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County Judge

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