

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court
Regular Session
Monday, May 24, 2010
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, May 24, 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.

Mark Tafel began a statement about the biogas anerobic manure digester that was discussed a couple of meetings ago and Judge Mills stopped the comment stating that the issue would be taking a different path and would not be going through the county.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Bonner to approve the minutes of May 10, 2010 Commissioner's Court. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Lewis to approve the budget amendments submitted. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 36 Page 1)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to approve \$46,567.66 amount of bills submitted for payment. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 36 Page 9)

Ikon Account Executive Sara Boen presented to the court the two options available to consolidate the copier agreements and billing for Hamilton County Courthouse Offices. Ms. Boen currently recommended Option One which replaces the copiers in the county clerk's office and the county judge's office. Option Two was not recommended at this time because the other office contracts were not up for renewal and the buy out would be too costly. County Clerk Rudolph and County Judge Mills stated that they were ready to proceed with Option One for a cost savings to the county. Option One is a term of sixty (60) months, includes 10,000 copies and is a monthly payment of \$350.00. There was no motion on this issue. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 36 Page 20)

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Lewis to approve the bond renewal for Hamilton County Deputy Justice of the Peace, Precinct One, Joy Stevens. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 36 Page 25)

Hamilton County Courthouse Restoration will proceed this week with the removal of the asphalt in the driveway area awaiting the arrival of the geo-thermal company to give more specific instructions concerning the asphalt removal. Commissioner Lewis stated that his precinct would begin that process.

It was also mentioned that there was a bulge in a wall in the courthouse that was approximately eight to ten foot long and three to four foot thick that would be investigated.

The fence is also up around the perimeter of the courthouse for safety measures. The fence will be removed temporarily when the excavation work begins and then returned to the perimeter.

County Auditor Marliessa Clark stated that the outside auditors had intended to give their report today but had postponed it to a later date.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Lewis to approve the departmental reports. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 36 Page 29)

The court recessed at 9:25 A.M. for a ten minute break reconvened into a budget workshop. Commissioner Bonner recessed for Judge Mills to have a hearing. Commissioner Bonner reconvened the budget workshop upon the return of Judge Mills to the courtroom. The court recessed at 11:47 for a lunch break until 1:00 P.M. The court reconvened at 1:00 and continued in budget workshop until approximately 3:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Boatwright to recess until May 25, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. to continue the budget workshop. The motion carried unanimously.

Hamilton County Budget Workshop
Tuesday, May 25, 2010
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court reconvened in Budget Workshop on Tuesday, May 25, 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.

Texas Jail Standards Commission Assistant Director Shannon Herklotz met with the court to share the agency's recommendation for the jail after a staffing analysis had been completed. Those recommendations were:

1. Inmate Service Officer – shall be responsible for overseeing the operations of the kitchen, laundry, and recreational activities, as well as assist in the movement of inmates throughout the facility for visitation, medical

appointments and other activities deemed necessary. The Inmate Services Officer shall also be responsible for the booking and release of inmates as well as assuring the proper classification and housing of the inmates upon completion of the booking process.

2. Transport Officer – will be responsible for all out-of-county, out-of-state, medical and dental transports and any transport of inmates outside the secured perimeter of the jail. In our opinion, the Transport Officer shall be assigned to the jail due to the fact that a floor officer is forced to transport inmates when a Transport Deputy is not available. This practice is putting a strain on the jail staff to maintain (1) officer to 48 inmate's ration at all times. When not transporting inmates, the Transport Officer would be required to assist all jail staff in carrying out their assigned duties.

The court discussed with Mr. Herklotz at length and asked questions regarding his recommendations. Although Mr. Herklotz admitted that it was the agency's recommendation and not a mandate.

Century Link Representative Patty Harper presented to the court telephone system options for the courthouse. The two different options were:

1. Digital -\$20,905.00 (Basic Equipment Pricing) with a Maintenance Fee for 12 Months of \$1,836.60 or 24 Months \$3,673.20
2. IP-\$23,429.00 (Basic Equipment Pricing) with a Maintenance Fee for 12 Months of \$2,087.88 or 24 Months \$4,175.76

These are the two options for consideration with additional cost for long distance and DSL.

The court recessed at 11:08 for a five minute break and reconvened at 11:12 A.M.

Judge Mills presented to the court for their review a bill for an appreciation luncheon related to telecommunications which had individuals from Central Texas Council of Governments, employees from the sheriff's office, but because of other events being held that day there was a poor attendance. The food left over was fed to the prisoners for two meals.

Sheriff Bewley was not aware of a problem with the bill. Jail Administrator Alan Armstrong said that it was customary to have this appreciation luncheon and that the food was usually bought through the normal food supplier. Purchasing the food from Wal-Mart red flagged the item and when explained what the purchase was used for County Treasurer Debbie Eoff did not know how to pay for the purchase.

Upon review of the bill the court advised County Auditor Marliessa Clark to research the statutes and report back to the court. There was no action regarding the payment of this bill.

The court proceeded to discussing the Sheriff's budget to allow the committee members to have a feeling of what the court would support. After a long discussion the court was in a non binding agreement to support certificate pay (\$6,500.00), training academy and the drug dog. There was a difference in opinion on the purchase of vehicles and the overtime line items.

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

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk