

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court
Regular Session
Monday, July 12, 2010
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, July 12, 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.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Boatwright to approve the minutes of June 28, 2010 Commissioner's Court Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to approve the budget amendments. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 36 Page 462)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve the payment of \$248,448.34 amount of bills submitted for payment. The total amount is composed of \$143,649.15 for courthouse preservation and \$104,799.99 for regular bills. The motion carried. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 36 Page 498)

The court opened the following qualification statements from the independent certified public accounting firms to provide professional audit services:

1.) Condley and Company, L.L.P.

2010-\$35,378.00 2011-\$37,045.00 2012-\$38,801.00

2.) Null Lairson, P.C.

2010-\$19,720.00 2011-\$20,312.00 2012-\$20,921.00

3.) Patillo, Brown & Hill, L.L.P.

2010-\$27,300.00 2011-\$27,300.00 2012-\$28,100.00

4.) Squyres, Johnson, Squyres

2010-\$27,800 plus \$1300.00 out of pocket expenses

5.) Rutledge Crain & Company, PC

2010-\$24,000.00 2011-\$24,800.00 2012-\$25,600.00

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Boatwright recommending that the court interview Null Lairson, P.C. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 36 Page 512)

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to approve the Hamilton County Staff Contribution Contract with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 36 Page 684)

There was no action regarding the Hamilton County Burn Ban.

Judge Mills had visited other counties to see about the security systems being used.

Commissioner Lewis stated that the paring lot had been marked off in preparation for the geothermal system.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Boatwright to order Hamilton County Clerk to conduct the November 2, 2010 General Election. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 36 Page 689)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to appoint Debbie Rudolph, Central Count Manager, Kiesha Bagwell, Tabulation Supervisor and Shawna Galindo Assistant Tabulation Supervisor for the November 2, 2010 General Election, The motion carried unanimously.

Amended 8-9-2010: Added this item that was previously omitted from the minutes:

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve the bond for Hamilton County Extension Agent Secretary Susan Hemphill. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 36 Page 691)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Lewis to ratify the Commissioner's Annual Road Report. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 36 Page 693)

Judge Mills informed the court that the county was still paying more than surrounding counties for indigent burials. Mills asked the court to be thinking about changing the indigent burial policy to not only include burial but to also include cremation. Currently Hamilton County is paying approximately \$2,200.00 whereas Stephenville Funeral Home charges approximately \$600.00-\$700.00. Judge Mills also asked the court to consider implementing a contract for these services.

Judge Mills would be sending letters to area funeral homes inquiring about the indigent burials/cremations.

The City of Hico had not to date signed the Hamilton County Law Enforcement Contract. There were some questions regarding office space rental fees for county elected officials and also questions regarding the swing shift reporting done by law enforcement.

The City of Hico would be having there City Council Meeting Monday night to discuss these issues.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Boatwright to approve the departmental reports. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 1)

The court recessed at 10:30 A.M. and reconvened at 10:45 A.M. for budget workshop. The court continued reviewing and preparing the 2010-2011 budget. The court recessed at 12:00 noon for lunch. The court reconvened at 1:00 P.M. to continue budget preparation.

The court discussed helping the County Treasurer Debbie Eoff by hiring a temporary full time employee to allow for help while she is out for her illness and to help her assistant with office duties. The court authorized \$2500.00 in overtime for Dicie Moyers to work ten to twelve hours per week if required. The court also placed \$15,000.00 in a line item to fund the hiring of a temporary full time employee.

Judge Mills suggested for County Auditor Marliessa Clark to keep up with her hours involved in the bank reconciliation.

After a long afternoon of budget review a motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Lewis to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk