

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court
Regular Session
Monday, September 27, 2010
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, September 27, 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.

David Gustafson voiced his concerns about the issuance of Certificates of Obligations and stated that if the court voted on this item today a petition would be circulated to call for an election.

Marion Striegler requested that the court consider developing a policy to use for salary increases based on the cost of living. At least use the cost of living as a benchmark for elected officials and employee's salary increases.

Mr. Striegler also made an inquiry of the 2009 fuel bill (expenditure for fuel) of \$71,917.00 in Precinct Four. He stated that he knew that there had been some possible theft but of that amount how much was theft and how much was for precinct use?

Damon Chumney questioned if the issuance of \$700,000.00 Certificate of Obligations was a necessary expenditure. He stated that you haven't asked for our input; so don't pass on the bill to us. It seems like we are giving ourselves a blank check.

Texas AgriLife District Extension Administrator, District 8, Mr. Ron Woolley presented to the court Chelsea Ferris, AgriLife Ag Agent for Hamilton County effective October 11, 2010.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Bonner to approve the renewal of contract agreement for services with the Shive Volunteer Fire Department which Hamilton County Commissioner's Court deems to be of interest to the citizens of Hamilton County adding item six (6) to the agreement. Item six states the following: The parties agree that under no circumstances may the above stated compensation be used for the construction, maintenance, or improvement of any structure owned by a private individual or permanently affixed to real property owned by a private individual. The motion carried unanimously.

Tom Lawrence of Lawrence Financial Consulting LLC presented to the court Certificates of Obligation, Series 2010 with the purchase options of \$700,000.00, \$600,000.00 and \$500,000.00 amounts. The court deliberated on this issue discussing the various issues. After a long deliberation the court proceeded with a motion made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to approve an order authorizing the issuance of an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 Hamilton County, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificate of Obligation Series 2010. Mills, Lewis and Bonner voted for the issue; Boatwright and Clary voted against. The motion carried by a majority vote. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 636)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to approve the bond renewal for Hamilton County Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector Anita Mueller. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 629)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to approve the authorization for United Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. dba Century Link proposes

to install buried communications cable upon and along the right of way of county roads in Hamilton County, Texas in Precinct Four. Commissioner Clary stated that they would bore under County Road 518 and County Road 512. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 630)

Judge Mills wanted to inform the court that he sent a notice of intent for Hamilton County to participate in the Texas Department of Agricultural Feral Hog Abatement Technologies Program as the deadline was at the end of this month and he did not want Hamilton County to miss the opportunity to be eligible for the grant awards for the first, second and third places awarded. The amounts of the grant awards are \$25,000.00-1st Place, \$15,000.00-2nd Place and \$10,000.00-3rd Place. Judge Mills stated that he expressed Hamilton County's intent so that he could receive the rules and guidelines when available.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve an Interlocal Agreement for street repair to haul, blade and spread reground asphalt in the City of Evant, within Precinct 4, Hamilton County. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Lewis to approve the budget amendments presented. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 645)

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to approve \$83,535.67 amount of bills submitted for payment. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 697)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Lewis to approve Hamilton County Auditor Marliessa Clark's request to participate in the Texas Comptrollers Leadership Circle Program as it relates to meeting high standards in fiscal responsibilities. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to approve the Hamilton County Holidays for fiscal year 2010-2011 as follows:

Veteran's Day.....November 11, 2010
Thursday

Thanksgiving Day.....November 25, 2010
Thursday

Friday after Thanksgiving.....November 26, 2010

Christmas Eve.....December 23, 2010
Thursday for Friday

Christmas Day.....December 24, 2010
Friday for Saturday

New Years Day.....December 31, 2010
Friday for Saturday

President's Day.....February 21, 2011
Monday

Good Friday.....April 22, 2011

Memorial Day.....May 30, 2011
Monday

Independent Day.....July 4, 2011
Monday

Labor Day.....September 5, 2011
Monday

The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 709)

County Treasurer Debbie Eoff stated that Pitney Bowes will replace the existing postage machine 63 month lease which we are currently paying at \$178 per month (\$2136 per year) with a lease of 48 months at \$144 per month (\$1728.00 per year) for a savings of \$408.00. A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve the lease agreement for the postage machine with Pitney Bowes. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 710)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to approve the appointment of Commissioner Boatwright and Judge Mills to serve on the Hamilton County Law Enforcement Committee, and Commissioner Lewis as the alternate. All four commissioners voted for and Judge Mills abstained. The motion carried by a majority vote. Commissioner Clary stated that the meeting was scheduled for the third Tuesday in October. Judge Mills stated that he was not going to be here for that date.

Judge Mills stated that the NACO participation and Membership Benefits for Hamilton County were reported as a savings of \$132,563.00.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to approve the departmental reports submitted. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 711)

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

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk