

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court  
Regular Session  
Monday, October 11, 2010  
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, October 11, 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.

Mike Bosse expressed an interest in finding where a transport load of fuel had gone. Mr. Bosse also stated that he was interested in seeing that the courthouse project moved forward.

Hamilton County 4-H Vice Chairman Brice Boyd made a statement regarding local 4-H activities in Hamilton County and presented to the court a basket of cookies in honor of National 4-H Week.

Damon Chumney addressed the court stating that he was addressing Mills, Lewis and Bonner that they were making a mockery of the budget, when on September 27, 2010 the court would not hear of spending unencumbered funds and then on September 29, 2010 they chose to spend the unencumbered funds. Mr. Chumney stated that it was a self serving move for Mr. Lewis campaign.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to approve the minutes of September 27, 2010 and September 29, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve the one budget amendment. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 795)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to approve \$311,541.24 amount of bills submitted for payment. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 798)

Commissioner Bonner suggested that a list of the agencies that Hamilton County supports be submitted to the newspaper. Judge Mills intends to publish this information after the election and added that at budget time he wants to review each contract and/or agency that Hamilton County supports to make a determination if the budgeted amount is still a required amount.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Lewis to approve a Proclamation declaring November 2010 Home Care and Hospice Month. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 809)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Lewis to approve the appointment of Marjorie Jordan, Alternate Election Judge for Hamilton Precinct 22 for the November 2, 2010 General Election only. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Lewis to approve the appointment of Bonnie Chism, Alternate Election Judge for Shive, Precinct 9 for the November 2, 2010 General Election only. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Lewis to approve the appointment of Douglas Moon Alternate Election Judge for Hico, Precinct 7 for the November 2, 2010 General Election. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Lewis to approve the bond for Hamilton County Assistant Treasurer Dicie Moyers. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 530)

Sheriff Bewley, Chief Deputy Lynn Pierce and Jail Administrator Alan Armstrong gave a report to the Court regarding the Texas Commission on Jail Standards Inspection Report. Sheriff Bewley stated that he welcomes scrutiny at the jail and although he was not happy that the jail failed the surprise inspection, he was very pleased with the progress made at the jail since. Sheriff Bewley stated that the jail was a safe and clean facility.

Jail Administrator Alan Armstrong advised the Court the areas of repairs was related to two issues: (1) electrical- having to do with the non correctional lighting that was installed when the facility was built; this remains to be an ongoing issue and (2) plumbing which there was a toilet and a sink in disrepair. Armstrong advised the court that both the electrician and plumber had been contacted prior to the surprise inspection to be addressed and corrected. Timing was the problem.

Chief Deputy Lynn Pierce stated that Sheriff Bewley's policy since he had taken office was to do more with less. He continued saying that the jail inspections used to last two hours and this jail inspection lasted from 8:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. State Jail Inspector Fred Munoz is holding our feet to the fire; holding to the letter of the law.

Chief Pierce stated that there were problems in finding the parts to repair the problems and that the solution would be to invest in the tamper proof lighting. Although this product is a costly investment in the long term due to the constant breaking of these fixtures this would be a better approach.

Mr. Munoz verbalized that the department had the best paperwork he had seen all year.

Judge Mills cautioned the department to develop a plan, a long range plan; don't shy away from the project because it cost money. The court realizes that there is a cost to proper maintenance develop the plan.

Sheriff Bewley and Chief Deputy Pierce both verbalized that the department had thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the commission.

Commissioner Clary asked if the bank reconciliations had been done through the end of the year.

County Auditor Marliessa Clark responded that she had reconciled the bank statement through July. Ms. Clark was waiting for the information required to reconcile through the end of the year.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to approve the written departmental reports as submitted. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 814)

Commissioner Clary gave his response to the Precinct Four (4) fuel issues that had been questioned by Mr. Marion Striegler and Mr. Mike Bosse.

Commissioner Clary stated that he would like to set the record straight. That there was some small amounts stolen over the year and he has addressed this by installing surveillance equipment. He continued that in 2009 other precincts were through with FEMA and worked for the first three months of 2009, Precinct Four worked for five months continuing FEMA. In addition to that the southern half of the county was hit with another flood event and therefore Precinct Four went back to work preparing flood damage which resulted in Precinct Four working 10 of 12 months on flood repair (FEMA). Therefore, there was a much greater fuel usage in this precinct as opposed to the other precincts.

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

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County Judge

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

