

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court
Regular Session
Monday, October 25, 2010
9:00 A.M.

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

The meeting was called to order and Commissioner Clary opened with prayer.

Damon Chumney stated that he was concerned with the county's spending the last three or four years. Mr. Chumney also stated that he was concerned about the additional \$8,000.00 that the County Auditor had been paid to do her job.

Judge Mills allowed the court to respond to the public comments. The court made no response.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to approve the minutes of October 11, 2010. The motion carried unanimously. The court skipped approval of the minutes of October 21, 2010 as the County Clerk was waiting for a list of the contractors who had submitted their bids so that the names and spelling of those names would be accurate.

Texas New Mexico City Smart Program Grace Hsieh presented to the court an overview of the no-cost energy efficiency program. Ms. Hsieh stated that there were five components to the program: (1) energy Performance Benchmarking, (2) Energy master Planning Workshop, (3) Technical Assistance and Review, (4) Financial Incentives and (5) Public Recognition.

Ms. Hsieh stated that Hamilton County would receive an estimated \$700.00 with a savings of 4 KW for the geo thermal and \$2,873.50 16.42 KW savings for the 2011 lighting for the geo thermal.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Lewis to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Texas New Mexico City Smart Program. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 872)

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Lewis to approve the bonds for Hamilton County Deputy County Clerk Kiesha Bagwell and Hamilton County Constable, Precinct Three Peggy Parks. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 13 Page 534)

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to approve the request for Hamilton Chamber of Commerce Manager Steve Almquist to use the back parking lot of the Hamilton County Courthouse Annex Saturday November 6, 2010 beginning at 9:00 A.M. for the Annual Deer Hunters Bar-B-Q. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to approve the continued participation in the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Boatwright to approve the budget amendment presented. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 887)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve \$117,294.57 amount of bills presented for payment. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 37 Page 888)

Commissioner Bonner made a presentation of the year end cash fund balances in the precincts, the general fund and other budget related issues which was prepared by County Treasurer Debbie Eoff. A 2010 Salary Survey was also distributed.

The court recessed at 10:45 A.M. and reconvened at 11:00 A.M.

The court reconvened into a workshop for the Hamilton County Restoration Project. RBR Construction was not quite ready with their numbers so the court recessed until 1:00 P.M.

Reconvening at 1:15 P.M. the court heard from RBR Construction that the bids come in and we were over budget. The next approach would be to meet with Komatsu Architecture and Bess Graham Texas Historical Commission to review and determine the areas that would need to be addressed. RBR's approach was to approach it with value engineering. RBR had already scheduled a meeting with Komatsu Architecture and Texas Historical Commission's Bess Graham for November 3, 2010.

The court also set a courthouse restoration workshop for November 12, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. at Lee Conference Center at which time the court would also canvass the November 2, 2010 General Election.

After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Lewis and seconded by Bonner to adjourn. The meeting adjourned.

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk