

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court
Regular Session
Monday, January 10, 2011
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: County Judge Randy Mills, Commissioners Jim Boatwright, Mark Tafel, Jon Bonner and Dickie Clary.

The meeting was called to order and Judge Mills opened with prayer.

Damon Chumney made a public comment about Agenda Item No. 6 –Transfer of unencumbered funds of \$175,000.00 into Hamilton County Precinct 2-2011 Operating Budget. Mr. Chumney stated that we all knew why this was necessary because of the little move to payoff the courthouse annex. He is curious where these funds will be coming from.

Mr. Chumney also referenced Agenda Item No. 17 –Hamilton County Burn Ban stating that there was currently no reason for a burn ban. I think that his needs to be done away with.

Continuing Mr. Chumney asked the court to note that Coryell County had allotted funds for the expenditure of a helicopter for hunting of feral hogs and to be watchful as how successful the program is and that if the results are successful the Court might consider funding for this purpose. I know we have a significant wild hog problem in this county.

Judge Mills asked the court if anyone wanted to address these comments.

Commissioner Bonner stated that he didn't think that it would do any good.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to approve the minutes of December 27, 2010 and January 3, 2011 Commissioner's Court Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Connie White was present to present a request for approval of the Cedar Hill Acres Subdivision in Hamilton County. Ms. White noted that Mr. Jaggars had called and stated that he was ill and unable to attend the meeting. This plat was platted in May 13, 2000. The roadway, down the center is fifty feet wide. Mr. Jaggars informs me that this road is in conformity with the subdivision regulations. From my point of view this is an oversight that was never approved by the commissioner's court. The people who own various tracts in the subdivision this will clear up there land titles for the court to approve this as a subdivision. This property is located on FM 219 in Commissioner Boatwright's precinct.

After some discussion a motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to table this item until the next Commissioner's Court Meeting, January 24, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 38 Page 295)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve the budget amendment for the County Clerk – Records Archival Fund (040-043-330). This is a special fund and this expenditure had been approved January 25, 2010. The county had not received the invoice until this budget year. County Clerk Rudolph explained that this project had begun last June and had not been completed until now. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 38 Page 315)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve \$118,068.86 amount of bills submitted for payment. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 38 Page 319)

Commissioner Mark Tafel informed the court that after speaking with the county attorney and the county auditor I believe that \$100,000.00 would be adequate. Upon him taking office he had discovered some unforeseen hazardous that have created imminent danger and safety conditions to the public and our workers. They are and not limited to hazardous debris, tires, motor oil, our trucks that do not have the inspections, heavy equipment-trailers that do not have brakes, machine with severe leaks, improper storage of certain materials, inadequate power to our building itself which could result in a possible fire. With those things in mind and where our budget is at I need to transfer funds to immediately take care of these problems.

County Auditor Marliessa Clark stated, “that I think it is important that when you, well first the court has to declare this an emergency. First and emergency declaration has to be met and asking County Attorney Mark Henkes is that your concurrence?” County Attorney Mark Henkes confirms by answering, “Yes Mamm.”

County Attorney Henkes continues reading from the statute, “*Local Government Code, Section 111.010*

(b) After final approval of the budget, the commissioners Court may spend county funds only in strict compliance with the budget, except in an emergency.

(c) The commissioners court may authorize an emergency expenditure as an amendment to the original budget only in a case of grave public necessity to meet an unusual and unforeseen condition that could not have been included in the original budget through the use of reasonably diligent thought and attention. If the court amends the original budget to meet an emergency, the court shall file a copy of its order amending the budget with the county clerk, and the clerk shall attach the copy to the original budget.

(d) The commissioners court by order may amend the budget to transfer an amount budgeted for one item to another budgeted item without authorizing an emergency expenditure.

Judge Mills inquiring, “Then the budget on the unencumbered funds will need to be broken down into what is going to be spent so it will be a packaged deal. Right now we couldn’t just approve \$100,000.00 based upon that information it will have to be broken down into budget form. Is that what I understand? It’s an addition to the budget so its going to have to be put somewhere in the budget.”

Auditor Clark said, “Its going to have to be put in that form so it is going to have to have account numbers on it.”

Mills replied, “Yes”.

Henkes responded, “There has not been any appellate court that has clarified what the actual procedures are. So we are pretty much left to what the statutes are. There are a couple of attorney general opinions most of which are not on point but the only one to me that is even remotely usable is 1944 the commissioner’s court has discretionary power to determine and establish such fact that constituents emergency justifying a budget

amendment but if said court acts fraudulently or arbitrarily declares an emergency when none exists the county auditor should refuse to audit or approve the claims filed under the attempted amendment and refuse to countersign warrants on the county treasurer against funds set aside for that purpose. That was issued sixty years ago. There is no real guidance on point other than what the statute literally says.”

Bonner asked Marliessa, “I keep thinking back to what Damon was saying about Tafel’s request for money; there is absolutely no correlation between this need for money and the action we took earlier?”

Marliessa answered, “No”.

Bonner replied, “Absolutely none”. Having said that I just wanted to clear it up that this is for additional money and it has nothing to do with the things that happened in the past as far as paying off the courthouse annex; to stop that rumor from going forward.”

Tafel responded, “No”.

Bonner asked, “Are you saying that he would have to itemize each one of these? You know we have never had to do this before and I am just trying to figure this out.”

Mills responded, “I hate to jump in but it is pretty obvious to me. Mark says that the law says you are going to have to do an amended budget. Now an amended budget does not mean \$100,000.00 line item to do all these other things that he needs to do. An amended budget is to add into these areas that probably already exist and maybe some new areas, maybe a new line item and we will put all of this money into those line items and increase that budget. To approve it without the amended budget, the presentation of the amended budget before us, I don’t think you should approve it until you get Mark’s amended budget that he says in this area I need this. You know what I am talking about? You understand what I am saying?”

Bonner said, “My question goes back to...you probably have seventy five percent of your budget, correct? You still got a lot of money in your budget right now. You can transfer money into these line items if you wanted to. As for as equipment, repairs and maintenance I don’t have your latest print out but I would suspect that there are thousand of dollars in there right now still left. Isn’t there? Jim do you have? I am not saying that I wouldn’t go along with this if you had to have it but to me it would make more sense to utilize the funds you have right now and then. There is not an emergency at this point because you are not out of money. Technically.

Tafel replied, “Financially speaking you are correct. I don’t want to occur I enter the court, decisions right now I come into this and six months down the precinct appears to be running in the red and then the paper gets wind of that and torques things that makes it look like I was a spend thrift and the object today is to let them know of this desperate situation and dire needs for safety; have it approved and monies can be moved later on but it is to get it on the record today.”

Bonner responded, “It would just be hard for me to see that this was an emergency, this precinct is not all out of funds you have plenty of money to operate own.”

Mills added, “If we do that I think that you are going to have to dedicate those funds in that line item, what he is talking about doing otherwise... I am agreeing with Mark, Mark and I have discussed and I like his approach to taking care of some of the issues at hand. But if you don’t designate in the budget in those line items basically what you are doing is padding the budget. If you don’t designate it, because you got to designate as an emergency for safety issues; ya’ll are going to have to help me out. If you take, let’s take \$50,000.00 for safety repairs and that’s going to be broken down however each one of put it down each one of you had your own budget that you put it in a line item. If you just approved that and put that in increase that say he has \$10,000.00 in various line items right now and you increase it. Really all you have done is padded that

budget and there is no accountability for where that money is spent because that is going to trickle in at the end of the year that being, do you understand what I am talking about? There is no definition of where that is spent at.

Clark said, "If ever push came to shove and some tax payer said that we had broken the law and this not a good thing that we have done. It would behoove us to have a budget. I agree with Randy. I really hadn't thought this far in the realm of things. It would behoove us if the bill to pay for these different things that need to be done were coded as a particular line item in the budget. I would think that it would be much easier to track if we were ever questioned on it. That's for sure. We are going to know that if you start lumping things into equipment repair and maintenance that may or may not be directly related to this our audit trails disappears because we also have out side auditors that may be uncomfortable with us dumping all these stuff into one place and not identifying it.

Mills replied, "I don't think it would be very hard to do. I think you would get it done pretty easy."

Clark continued, "Yes it is hard to approve a budget amendment if we don't have a piece of paper saying that we are going to add this much to this line item and this much to this line item."

Commissioner Boatwright added, "All this unforeseen for Commissioner Tafel because he just acquired everything as of the first. What I would like to see and I think this would be a fair way to do it. He doesn't know what he is going to spend. I would like to see that if he spends his budget down and keep tabs on it. Whatever point it is when he says everything is OK as far as repairs and stuff that he's still got an operating budget amount that he should have had from that point to the end of the fiscal year. If he gets \$30,000.00 to begin with and he has a half of year left then he should have \$15,000.00 left in there is what I am getting out."

Mills asked, "Help me out Jim. I understand what you are saying I think, but if you do that basically, let's say he needs \$30,000.00 in emergency equipment repair and he is going to operate out of his current budget for that. Then to keep a good track of what emergency money is separate from regular operating money. He can't operate out of his regular account until he gets, there is still no delineation from what is emergency money and what is not. See what I am talking about."

Clary stated, "To me the only way to do that is when he turns in a bill. He will know whether that was, somewhat maybe not a hundred percent but he will know...."

Mills continued, "As long as the auditor or there is some accounting abilities to separate that out of there is what is what."

Clary added, "We kind of did that during FEMA work, to some degree."

Mills agreed, "Yea, we put \$75,000.00 reserve into each fund and we kept tract of that."

County Attorney Henkes added, "The emergency character of it is determined at the time the original budget was adopted. So whether it happened today, tomorrow or a month from now the character whether it is emergency or not those facts will have not of changed. So you know any delay is not going to change the character of whether it was an emergency or not."

Clary said, "That's what I wanted to go on record about. Safety of our employees is absolutely necessity and for the public absolutely. Also the environmental side of this there is no telling what the cost of an environmental clean up. Environmental clean ups, you don't know what is there and you will not know what's there until you get there. That to me is equally as much an emergency to clean up something that is a hazard."

Mills asked, "Do we need to approve the procedure for this fund or do we need to approve the appropriation of the money without a procedure in place to track it?"

Clark stated, "I think that what Jim is proposing is that we don't do anything today. We have it on record that we had the discussion that the emergency exists. Mark said that it will not matter whether we actually do something right this minute or we wait until we are further down the road and know whether or not there is money that we cannot go forward unless we have. We know that is not the case at this minute because we have funds available to take care of what he needs to take care of and that we can address these other things later. However, we do need before we get to far down the road to make a line item transfer out of budget funds right now if we are to be good stewards of this project and to keep tract of it separately. So that we have a line item established and move money into there so that when the bills hit the treasurer's department we can keep track of them a little bit better without having to have a second set of books. Dickie in answer to your FEMA thing we had two sets of books. We put all the money for road materials and supplies rather it normal repair or FEMA repair in the books altogether, but Clydell spent hours and we had extensive spreadsheets tracking those cost. It would be a little bit easier as far as bookkeeping goes if we did this. When he does get to the position that he needs the funds we can look at that amount and go O.K. this is how much was spent. Then he can look back at it and go OK we are half way through the year, seventy five percent of the year. I think that the amount of money that I need is x number of dollars to get through.

County Treasurer Debbie Eoff asked, "I would like to ask this that if we do this, I see the importance that we have a specific, basically set up line items saying that this is spent for emergency funds that we get together. Let's put it on record, let's get together and set up these line items specifically to protect Commissioner Tafel forth going that if we do get audited on the expenditures of each one of these line items and what it is spent for somehow. Then we got it own record if we are going to do this to assist him if this need arises."

Commissioner Clary asked, "Can ya'll create that without the action of Commissioner's Court?"

Eoff added, "I think we would have to have their approval."

Bonner said, "I think there is one thing that we are missing in all this. I don't have a copy of this budget. I can't remember exactly what was in Lewis budget, how much money and where it all was. Unless we have a copy of that budget we cannot make an informed decision."

Clark stated, "Jim's got a copy of the budget."

Bonner asked, "First off, how much actual reserves does Precinct Two have?"

Clark added, "One hundred fifty thousand –fifty three thousand dollars."

Boatwright said, "Shows he's got eighty percent."

Bonner stated, "He's right on track."

Bonner asked, "Anything in capital equipment?"

Boatwright answered, "\$10,000.00."

Bonner continued asking, "Fuel?"

Boatwright replied, "Seventy percent left."

Bonner added, "I 'm at a loss to know what we are talking about. I haven't been clued in on all this. Are we talking electrical problems? That isn't going to be any big deal."

Mills stated, "Each one of you has a different level of maintenance. What you expect. You go from one end to the other. You go to a lay person it could be grave difference in how you handle a lot of different things."

Bonner said, "I just know that these reserves. I remember the time when we come in here and we had \$136,000.00 to operate on. I remember how incredibly difficult it was, absolutely impossible to get a reserve. We need to tread real careful here because when that reserve is gone unless we have another FEMA disaster you can't get them back they are gone. With the level of funding we have in these precincts your labor is going to eat it up."

Mills added, "I agree with that. Each one of you have heard me say that each of you get to run your business as you see it, but if it turns to the court for approval...."

Bonner replied, "We are all tied at the hip one way or another. If one is doing poorly we are all drug down. If two's doing poorly, three's doing poorly whatever, we are all tied at the hip eventually. Just saying that these reserves should be cautiously looked at as far as expending them because it is sure hard to get them back."

Boatwright said, "We can go back to when we were doing our budget and Lewis said he was going to make a tight, tight budget. I can see how it could affect the budget right now when it's tight."

Bonner added, "I don't think it is as tight as yours is."

Boatwright replied, "Probably not."

Clary stated, "The way I interpret that is that Precinct Two spending is right on tract." I think what I am hearing here is that there is some extraordinary spending that will be happening, will occur to bring his fleet up to a condition which he desires it to be in, plus the unknown expense of cleaning up a possible environmental hazard. I agree with Commissioner Boatwright that if we are going to tract these expenses we are going to have to declare an emergency today so that Commissioner Tafel can start his repairs, tract those expenses and down the road three months, six months, whatever it is. Because you got money because he hadn't spent more than was budgeted then based on what our county attorney says we should be able to know at that point at time declare the emergency based upon circumstances that we are not just told today. Then maybe we won't have to pull out \$100,000.00 we will have, we will know exactly what money was spent for these repairs and environmental clean up."

Bonner asked, "Some of this money for the rest of the year is this for additional employees?"

Tafel answered, "Right now under the circumstances it is one employee. The original was for \$175,000 where I believe that I can do it for \$100,000."

Bonner said, "Looking at adding an employee. That will give you five employees. I think if you will figure five employees I think that will exceed your total level of revenue coming into your precinct next year."

Tafel replied, "Look at salaries and existing personnel, Bonner interjecting, "what I am saying is that you won't even be able to buy a quart of oil. Because your revenue stream will be less than what your expenses, did you see that Dickie?"

Bonner said, "What does it show for revenue in Precinct Two's budget? \$268,799.00. If you got five employees plus the commissioner's wages your wages exceed your total revenue."

Tafel stated, "How does this exceed?"

Bonner asked, "Marliessa said do you figure that? Am I incorrect? We got five full time employees and a commissioner".

Clary asked, "How does this play into this emergency discussion about employees?"

Bonner stated, "You just said we are going to use some of the emergency funds to hire an employee".

Clary and Tafel both replied simultaneously, "not necessarily".

Mills added, "I'm still having a hard time wrapping my head around is if you do it without separating these cost. I don't want to get in trouble or have a hickey with the audit. That is my primary concern. I want to get Mark where he needs to be. I know we can get there, where he needs to be and cover our financial situation at the same time without having a hickey on the audit. I think we are talking about all the same thing as far as I'm concerned. I just want to be able to implement it, before we implement it make sure we can do that and have it all set up instead of just O.K. yea we agree it's an emergency here's the money. We need to have that set up and it can wait until the next meeting or two until we can get this set up; get something from Marliessa on how to set this up or the best way to set it up from a financial auditor's standpoint and make it easy."

Eoff contributed, "let's go ahead go forward with setting up the line items for him."

Tafel added, "It will be pretty easy to itemize what constitutes an emergency and what constitutes regular as long as we have it on the record and we have started the ball a rolling. That's fine. Money is not the direct issue right now but it is announcing to the public and the court we have an issue and it needs to be taken care of."

Eoff said, "And you can designate each bill as it comes into me, you can if its emergency issues as far as what you have uncovered plus what is regular."

Mills added, "Break it out and the independent auditor comes in."

Clary stated, "We are right back to my original question to you. Does it take court action to set up this line item?"

Clark replied, "We will have to approve a budget, line item transfer."

Henkes responded, "It will be a regular budget amendment."

Mills added, "With an emergency declaration."

Henkes continued, "Create a line item no but if you were adding money to the overall budget then you would have to have an emergency declaration."

Clark answered, "Mark has a little bit different approach than the previous county attorney. Andy insisted that we have \$1.00 in the line item before we can transfer. Mark doesn't have that issue. A line item transfer is from one budget item to another item. O.K. it doesn't matter that there is a \$1.00 in it."

Mills asked, "what about creating creating a new line item? Do we have an issue there?"

Clark said, "That's what I am talking about. I don't think Mark's is going to have a problem and I have never had an issue."

Henkes clarified, "Sub C, if we had a budget of a \$100, under Sub C to add \$1.00 to it we have got to have a Declaration of Emergency to make it \$101 total. If we just change it from ten items to twenty line items we haven't increased the total overall that would fall to me under Sub D under the statute which doesn't require a Declaration of

Emergency because the total value of the number of funds has not changed. You have not changed the amount of budget for that office.”

Clark then added, “We can create a line item that says emergency repairs, we can move \$50 into it as a brand new line item without declaring it an emergency. It goes through court as a budget amendment, a line item transfer.”

Henkes continued, “You may have changed the name, account has changed numbers but it hasn’t changed the fund. I don’t see anything anywhere else; there is nothing in the code that has anticipated the various nature of multiple line items.”

Clark stated, “There is an emergency issue. There is also an issue and we can discuss it I guess since it’s related but it is not on the agenda; hiring creating a new position.”

Mills replied, “We better talk about that at another.”

Henkes added, “I don’t think that is appropriate. That can scroll off into too many areas that are not reasonably related. I wouldn’t discuss here.”

Clary asked Mr. Tafel, “When do you anticipate spending moneys on these repairs?”

Tafel answered, “Immediately.”

Clary responded, “If that being the case bills are going to start coming in, do we need to have this line item in place?”

Clark replied, “Debbie and I can create the line item.”

Clary continued, “He can go ahead and start his work?”

Mills added, “There’s a pretty broad latitude of what can be considered an emergency. What is an emergency for one may not be an emergency for someone else. As for as an overall declaration itself pretty wide range.”

Bonner added, “My reservation is everybody knows when these reserves are gone, they’re gone. It’s easy to spend the money but its dang sure hard to gather it back up.”

Tafel replied, “I understand that.”

Clark added, “We can move and not take any action on this item.”

Tafel continued, “As long as it’s on record because when I was sworn into office I swore to uphold the laws of the great State of Texas and County of Hamilton. I was put into a position where I don’t have one operating vehicle, equipment wise or trucks that are legal that are legal in this state. That is an embarrassment to my precinct. Safety is the number one priority I have right now. As I explained to the guys this morning we have one truck that did pass on Friday. His crew was instructed not to do anything until the vehicles are legal.”

Judge Mills stated, “As long as we are not doing something wrong by authorizing spending money before we declare an emergency, I am O.K. with it. That is the only point I am making. I guess we can make the approval later on once we get everything set up with you guys. As soon as you get it set up will you holler at me and we will get on the agenda.”

Clark replied, “It does not need to be on the agenda. It will be presented as budget line item transfer.”

Mills said, “But we will have to declare an emergency.”

Clark responded, "No not until at some point in time when we add money."

Mills added, "At some point in time we will have to declare an emergency."

Henkes added, "When it comes time to add that \$10 to the budget, total precinct budget it will have to be an emergency."

Mills asked, "If we do that line item by line item are we going to have to declare emergency on each line item?"

Clark stated, "We are not proposing that every time he...we are putting of the declaration until he doesn't have the money to operate and we can see it in the crystal ball that he is out of money. Not when he is out of money but when we can see it that there is clear and present danger that he is going to be out of money then that is when we are going to do it."

Mills replied, "Let me make sure. We are going to tracking all of this from here on. O.K. What about any money that is left over. Let's say that it only takes him \$80,000.00. Does that just roll right back into?"

Clark said, "But we haven't budgeted anything."

Henkes added, "At that point his emergency request will be for \$80,000.00."

Mills continued, "But it will be for an actual amount."

Clark replied, "Yes."

Mills stated, "I don't want to pad a budget."

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Bonner to table the agenda item to transfer unencumbered funds of \$175,000.00 into Hamilton County Precinct 2 2011 Operating Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to approve the Texas Department of Transportation Off System Inspection Report and accept as a part of Hamilton County's Permanent Bridge Records. The motion carried unanimously.

County Auditor Marliessa Clark opened the bid for the motor fuel for Hamilton County 2011. The only bid received was from Bert Schrank, Inc. which had a 10 cent mark up per gallon across the board. A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to accept the bid from Bert Schrank, Inc. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 38 Page 331)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve the donation of road base rock from Darman Wagner to be used to resurface County Road 615 in Precinct Four. Commissioner Clary stated that there would be ancillary work using Precinct's Four equipment to access the existing service pit such as trimming brush. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to adopt the Emergency Action Plan for Pecan Creek WS SCS Site 2 Dam Inventory No. TX04467. This site is located on Highway 281 South of Hamilton in Precinct Four. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 38 Page 342)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Boatwright to approve the deputations for Hamilton County Deputy Clerks Kiesha Bagwell, Julie Watson, Shawna Galindo, Assistant Treasurer Dicie Moyers, Deputy District Clerk Sandy Layhew, Deputy Justice of the Peace, Precinct One Joy Stevens and Debbie Bocks, and County Judge Administrative Assistant Clydell Massingill. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 38 Page 354)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to approve bond renewals for Hamilton County Deputy Sheriffs James Lancaster, August Threlkeld, Douglas Stephens, County Clerk Debbie Rudolph, County Commissioner Precinct Four Dickie Clary, Hamilton County Deputy Tax Assessor Collectors Susan Foster and Sandra Polk, District Clerk Leoma Larance, County Attorney Mark Henkes, Justice of the Peace Precinct One James Lively, County Judge Randy Mills and County Commissioner, Precinct Two Mark Tafel. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 38 Page 362)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to approve United Cooperative Services electric distribution line construction along County Road 313 in Hamilton County. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 38 Page 411)

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Tafel to approve Hamilton County Appraisal District's request to authorize a tax refund to Mr. Thomas F. Murray in the amount of \$722.52. Mr. Murray had been eligible since 2004 for the tax freeze and had not received it. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 38 Page 415)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to designate the second and fourth Monday of each month at 9:00 A.M. at the Hamilton County Courthouse Annex as the place for the Commissioner's Court Meetings for 2011 with the caveat added that upon completion of the courthouse restoration that the Commissioner's Court Meetings will be meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 9:00 A.M. at the Hamilton County Courthouse, Commissioner's Courtroom. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Bonner to lift the Hamilton County Burn Ban. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to approve the Hamilton County Historical Commission Membership. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 38 Page 416)

Judge Mills stated that they were breaking the fourteen inch rise in the north basement and working on the outside bench.

Commissioner Clary stated that there would be a public meeting on January 18th, 2011 from 6:30-8:30 P.M. in the Hamilton High School Auditorium regarding the Leon River Watershed Protection Plan. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 38 Page 417)

County Auditor Marliessa Clark that Hamilton County was officially transparent.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Tafel to approve the departmental reports submitted. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 38 Page 418)

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

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk

