

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court
Regular Session
Monday, May 09, 2011
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, May 09, 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 comments regarding agenda items:

15.) Approve Resolution in Support to the Passage of State Legislation Establishing a Recycling Refund System for Beverage containers and Providing Effective Date

16.) Approve Resolution in Support of the Passage of State Legislation Requiring Producers of Televisions and Other electronics to Participate in Producer Take Back Recycling Programs; and Provide Effective Date

17.) Approve Resolution in Support of the Passage of State Legislation Requiring Take Back Recycling of Mercury Containing Products and Providing an Effective Date.

Mr. Chumney is against these three items.

20.) Discuss transfer of ownership of the Old Jail, West Henry, Hamilton, Texas

Inquiring to whom this transfer would be made

21) Hamilton County Law Enforcement Contract

Mr. Chumney supports the contract stating that it has served the county well. He suggested that the City of Hico be given opportunity to pony up a little each year to make it a more equitable contract.

Paul Christian also supports the Hamilton County Law Enforcement Contract and asked for the court to consider options for the City of Hico to consider before doing away with the whole contract. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 273)

Texas AgriLife District Extension Administrator Donald Kelm summarized and highlighted Hamilton County's AgriLife Extension Office duties and obligations under the direction of Shirley Gerald, County Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences and Chelsea Farris, County Extension Agent AG/NR. Mr. Kelm thanked the court for their support. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 275)

Commissioner Clary stated that the Law Enforcement Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in the District Courtroom of the Hamilton County Courthouse Annex Building.

The court discussed the law enforcement contract issue again stating that they would do their best to resolve the issues of the contract between the cities but did not want the county to be adversely affected.

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Mills not to approve the resolutions in support of the passage of State Legislation establishing a recycling refund system for beverage containers and providing effective date; for requiring producers of televisions and other electronics to participate in producer take back recycling programs and providing effective dates; and requiring take back recycling of mercury containing products and providing effective dates. The motion carried unanimously.

The court discussed the transfer of ownership of the "Old Jail", West Henry Street, Hamilton, Texas. Judge Mills stated that the county is paying electricity for the museum and he will be recommending discontinuing paying that electric bill. There are no reasons to have this liability and there are options that we can consider such as; do we want to donate the building to the museum, ask the museum to leave or what would the court like to do?

Texas Association of Counties insurance adjustor has been here and Hamilton County has a claim on the museum roof. County Treasurer Debbie Eoff stated that the insurance is currently paid but we need to make a decision before the policy comes up for renewal.

Judge Mills asked the court for direction and was authorized to approach the Hamilton County Historical Museum to allow him to give them the county's options which is to purchase or donate the building but the court does not want to allow for a lease option.

A presentation was made by Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Representative Pamela Casebolt on the Leon River Watershed Protection Plan on Site Septic Facility Grant Program. Commissioner Clary volunteered to administer the program as long as he was in office. County Attorney Mark Henkes requested October 1, 2011 start date because of budgetary reason. County Auditor Marliessa Clark stated that was not necessary. The program is ready to proceed into contract with Hamilton County but they did not have the contract with them to present. The contract will be forthcoming for the court to review. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 277)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve the following budget amendments: Precinct Two from Auto and Equipment Liability and fuel to Road Materials, Adult Probation from Juvenile Probation to Adult Probation, County Treasurer from Non-Capital to Schools and Conferences, Sheriff Department (3) from Certificate

Pay to Equipment and Repair, from Non-Capital to Vehicle Repair, and from Non-Capital to Schools and Conferences, Non-Departmental from Dues and Fees to Workers Compensation and Courthouse from Professional Services to Service Contracts. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 292)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to approve the consent agenda:

- Minutes of April 14, 2011 Commissioners Court meeting
- Minutes of April 25, 2011 Commissioners Court meeting
- Minutes of April 28, 2011 Commissioners Court meeting
- Minutes of May 3, 2011 Commissioners Court meeting
- Approve Department Reports (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 321)
- Approve bills submitted for payment- \$80,659.67 (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 308)
- Approve bond for Sandy Layhew, Deputy District Clerk (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 385)

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Boatwright to approve 2011 Texas New Mexico Power Score/City Smart Program Project Application Form. This allows Hamilton County to lock in the following incentives. Hamilton County expects to receive a total of \$3,369.30; of that total \$660.00 for the geothermal project and \$2,709.30 for our major lighting project. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Book 39 Page 361)

The court passed on Agenda Item 11 – Approve and/or Reject Proposals for Records Management System Enabling Digital Storage and Search Capabilities

The court passed on Agenda Item 12- Approve financial agreement for the Records Management System Enabling Digital Storage and Search Capabilities

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Tafel to approve the Hamilton County Investment Policy. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 365-Approval Page 381)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve the Hamilton County Investment Strategy Statement. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 378)

The court kept the Hamilton County Burn Ban.

Judge Mills discussed that the county clerk's office and the tax assessor collector's office would need counters built in their respective offices. The roller shelving was discussed in regards to supplemental funding. County Auditor Marliessa Clark stated that she did not want any additional architect or contractor's fees. Judge Mills presented to the court three sample drawings of the commissioner's courtroom and sample "A" had been designated. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 382)

Future Agenda Items:

Interlocal Agreement with Coryell County and Precinct Two in the event of an emergency

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

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk