

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court  
Regular Session  
Monday, June 13, 2011  
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, June 13, 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.

Judge Mills called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Lloyd Huggins was present representing Hamilton Farm Bureau requesting that the court support the Resolution Opposing the proposed EPA Guidance Regarding Identification of Waters Protected by the Clean Water Act. Mr. Huggins explained that it infringed upon property owners rights and could be costly to both government and land owners because of the permitting requirements which could be involved. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 567 and 646)

Damon Chumney asked the court to also support this resolution and thanked Commissioner Clary for all the work he had done on this issue. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 39 Page 568)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to approve the Resolution Opposing the Proposed EPA Guidance Regarding Identification of Waters Protected by the Clean Water Act. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 39 Page 648)

Juvenile Probation Officer Kristi Hitchcock requested a change in her office space at the courthouse to be moved from the currently dedicated office to be moved to what is known as the emergency management office. Ms. Hitchcock stated that there was a need for more space to meet with clients and for consideration of confidentiality. The court decided to look at the floor plan or possibly go to the office and physically look at it before they reach a decision.

Assistant Treasurer Dicie Moyers presented to the court the following budget amendments: Precinct Four from Temporary Employee and Capital Equipment to Fuel, Precinct Two from Fuel to Equipment Repair and Maintenance, District Court from Transcripts and Equipment Repair to Court Appointed Attorney, Courthouse from Non Capital Equipment to Service Contracts, Sheriff's Office from Drug Dog Supplies to Fuel, from Academy Expense to Schools and Conference, Jail from Non Capital Equipment and Capital Equipment to Janitors Supplies, Jail from Prisoner Transport to Overtime and Texas Agrilife Extension from Equipment Repair and Maintenance to Non-Capital Equipment. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 page 569)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Tafel to approve the budget amendments submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve the consent agenda with an amendment to the May 23, 2011 County Commissioner's Court Minutes to add (insert) health between retiree's benefits. The amount of bills submitted for approval was \$84,573.91. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 39 Page 587)

Hamilton County Courthouse Restoration-Nothing to present other than Owner's Meeting on Wednesday of this week.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve the agreement between Hamilton County and Kerbow and Associates Consulting, Inc. for the Implementation of the SECO Grant. The amount for Kerbow and Associates services rendered for this grant is \$2,800.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Judge Mills explained to the court that the Opinion of Counsel was required in this transaction because a banking institution was financing this project and they required the opinion. A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Tafel to approve the hiring of outside counsel to issue Opinion of Counsel necessary to complete the contract for the Digital System for the County Clerk. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 664)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Boatwright to approve United Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. dba Century Link to install a buried communications cable upon and along the right of way of county roads in Hamilton County. This work will be done on County Road 203. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 649)

County Auditor Marliessa Clark addressed the need for the purchase of a new server as the need is now rather than later; as we are currently experiencing down time. The server itself is five years old and the new server's cost is \$30,000.00. The preservation tower is \$20,000.00 for the imaging which the offices need which holds five terabytes. We are currently experiencing a lot of down time and it has nothing to do with the power outages.

Ms. Clark recommendation is to obtain the maintenance agreement (warranty) Gold -\$15,000.00 and Silver \$10,000.00 for the 2011-2012 because we are running a more sophisticated system than in the past.

Ms. Clark suggested although it is not a popular solution that we spend the debt service principle and debt service interest funds that are budgeted but have not been used.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to replace the Net Data Server and to do a line item transfer from General Fund 010-510-610 to Non Departmental Courthouse-Capital Equipment 010-510-570 for the purchase of the Net Data Server and Component Data Preservation System in the amount of \$51,380.00. This budget amendment will be done at the next meeting of the Commissioner's Court. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Bonner to approve the contract with Johnson Roofing to replace the hail damage roofing by exactly what the insurance will pay. The amounts reported that the insurance will pay for the various roofs are as follows: Courthouse-\$15,241.00, Annex \$26,113.27, Senior Center -\$6509.94 and Museum-\$10,520.75. The motion carried unanimously.

Future agenda item: Burn ban

The court recessed for a short break and then continued the meeting going into a budget workshop. The court reviewed the Sheriff's budget. The recessed for a lunch break and reconvened at approximately 1:15 P.M. to continue the budget workshop.

After an afternoon of reviewing the budget a motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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County Judge

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

