

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court
Regular Session
Monday, June 27, 2011
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, June 27, 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 opened the public hearing to allow for the public comments regarding proposed redistricting illustrative Plans 1 and 2 concerning new boundaries for Hamilton County Commissioner Precincts. The Commissioner's Court will receive comments from the public, but will not discuss the plans or their relative merits.

There were no public comments.

Judge Mills closed the public hearing. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 668)

Judge Mills called to order the Regular Session on the Hamilton County Commissioner's Court and determined that a quorum was present.

Judge Mills opened with prayer.

Damon Chumney thanked the court for adopting the Resolution Opposing the proposed EPA Guidance Regarding Identification of Waters Protected by the Clean Water Act. He also thanked Commissioner Clary for his work in this issue and encouraged other members of the court to considered working on these issues.

Mr. Chumney supports the request to use the courthouse for a reading of the United States constitution in celebration of Monday, July 4, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. He also added that he was opposed to any tax increase at a time of recession and a stale economy. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 670)

The court considered the request from Daniel New to use the west side of the Hamilton County Courthouse on Monday July 4, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. for a reading of the United States constitution in celebration of Independence Day. The court did not feel comfortable allowing the event to take place on the steps of the courthouse because of safety issues relating to the restoration of the courthouse. The court had no objections for the event to take place on the sidewalk in front of the courthouse annex or in the parking lot of the courthouse annex.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to approve Plan Two for the redistricting. The motion carried by a majority vote. Judge Mills abstained.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to adopt (Hamilton County Order Approving the Redistricting of Commissioner Precincts and Establishing New Commissioner Precinct Boundary Lines Based on 2010 Census Data for Hamilton County Elections; directing the County's Redistricting Consultant to submit the adopted plan for Pre-Clearance under Section 5 of the Federal Voting rights Act; and Providing for an Effective Date) Plan Two as the final redistricting plan specifying new commissioner precincts for Hamilton County. The motion carried by majority vote. Judge Mills abstained.

Texas Agrilife Research Assistant Lisa Prcin made a presentation of the Texas AgriLife Black Land Research Center on the Lampasas River Water Protection Plan. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 674)

UniFirst Uniform-Service Solutions Sales Representative Janice Beardsley made a presentation regarding the services that her company has to offer to the county. It did not only include uniforms it also included mats and other utility services. Ms. Beardsley

stated that the company was a member of Buy Board and they offered a three year agreement reviewable annually. The fee was paid at one time. The customer was eligible for rebate at the end of the year. The up front costs were waived and the only time they became effective was when replacing uniforms. There was also a \$2.00 delivery cost.

The court took a brief recess at 10:10 A.M. and reconvened at 10:25 A.M.

County Treasurer Debbie Eoff presented to the court the following budget amendments: Non-departmental-Revenue for the General Fund for Hail Damages on the county buildings, Non-departmental from Appraisal District to Workers Compensation, Sheriff's Office from Janitors Supply to Vehicle Repair, Precinct Two from Fuel to Road materials and Supplies and Equipment Rental, and County Attorney from Schools and Conferences to Supplies and Stationery. A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Bonner to approve the budget amendments submitted. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 696)

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

- A. Minutes of June 13, 2011 Commissioner's Court
- B. Minutes of June 15, 2011 Commissioner's Court
- C. Approve Departmental Reports (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 124)
- D. Approve bills submitted for payment-\$366,089.82 (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 706)
- E. Approve bonds for Hamilton County Deputy Clerk Shawna Galindo, Hamilton County Deputy Sheriffs Kenneth William Schuetz and Renee Merchant and the Clerk of the Justice of the Peace Joy Stevens(Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 681)
- F. Annual Commissioners Report (Recorded in Commissioners' Court Papers Book 39 Page 742)

The departmental reports included the Minutes of County Finances Treasurer's Report which states that Hamilton County for February 2011 has cash and other assets on hand as \$3,355,701.93. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 39 Page 722)

The motion carried by a majority vote. Judge Mills abstained.

There was no action taken regarding the burn ban.

Mother's against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) Program Coordinator Terri Teague requested that M.A.D.D. be added as a choice for the jury donation list. A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Tafel to approve the request for M.A.D.D to be added to the jury donation list. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained.

The court also received three supplemental AIA documents (1) Concrete Bench Rehabilitation to Specifications, (2) Change in scope due to need for value engineering in order for the Guaranteed Maximum Price to be in agreement with the grant budget and – Courtroom benches (3) Clarification or change resulting from discussions and emails. (Sketch for Items No. 13, 20, 22 and a discussed items list) A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Tafel to approve the change order presented on the courthouse restoration. The motion carried by a majority vote. Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers book 40 Page 70)

The court took a brief recess and reconvened at 11:15 A.M. in budget workshop. The court discussed the precinct budgets and the law enforcement contract.

The court recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:30 P.M. to continue reviewing and preparing the budget.

After reviewing the final draft of the law enforcement contract a motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Clary to approve. Sheriff Bewley requested that the two cities sign the contract before the county. The motion carried unanimously.

There was much deliberating over the budget and the court discussed budget cuts at length. After a long afternoon a motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Tafel to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk