

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court
Regular Session
Monday, July 11, 2011
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, July 11, 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 spoke during public comments regarding the change of speed limit on county roads. Mr. Chumney stated that he thought the county was opening a can of worms that the county needed to leave them all the same or develop a county policy regarding the county roads.

Mr. Chumney also questioned what the Interlocal Agreement between Coryell County and Hamilton County was all about? Continuing he urged the court to refrain from raising taxes.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Boatwright to approve the minutes of June 17, 2011 and June 27, 2011 Commissioner's Court. The motion carried by majority vote. Judge Mills abstained.

The court discussed courthouse restoration stating that there needed to be a decision on the sprinkler system or we will be behind schedule.

Commissioner Tafel requested the court's permission to bring Bill Shipman in to inspect the system to bring recommendations to the court regarding the current system. Tafel reported that the charge for this service would be \$85.00 per hour with a minimum of three hours. After a long discussion regarding this matter the court authorized Commissioner Tafel to coordinate the inspection with Bill Shipman, the State Fire Marshall and the contractor who installed the system.

The court also talked supplemental funding but chose not to take any action.

There was no action regarding the burn ban; the burn ban continues.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to approve the appointment of the election judges and the alternate election judges to conduct the elections for Hamilton County for the next two years. These recommendations were submitted to the county clerk by their respective party chairman. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 40 Page 141)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to approve the appointment of Central Count Manager Debbie Rudolph, Tabulation Supervisor Kiesha Bagwell and Assistant Tabulation Supervisor Julie Watson for Hamilton County Elections. This appointment will be for the November Constitutional Election. The motion carried by a majority vote. Mills abstained.

The court placed agenda item thirteen on the next agenda to announce the sale of Hamilton County Salvage or Surplus Equipment by competitive bid or auction. Commissioner Clary stated that he had a 1986 Ford pickup that he would like to dispose of; as Commissioner Boatwright added that he would like to dispose of a 1993 pickup. Commissioner Tafel added that he had some equipment that he would like to place on the surplus list. It was suggested by the court to consider placing the rock crusher and the elevator on the surplus list. A list will be prepared to present to the court to allow the court to declare the items selected surplus.

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Boatwright to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Hamilton County and Coryell County for the use of road

and bridge equipment and manpower. This agreement is for the benefit of the citizens of both, Coryell and Hamilton Counties for the purpose of maintaining the roadways. The motion carried by a majority vote. Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 40 Page 143)

Future agenda items: Accountability of county fire arms

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Tafel to approve the budget amendments presented: District Court to County Court (multiple line items), Department of Public Safety from Supplies to Equipment Repair, Courthouse from Capital Equipment to Non Capital Equipment, Constable, Precinct Three from Equipment Repair to Telephone, Sheriff's Office from Electricity to Overtime, Sheriff's Office from Certificate Pay to Vehicle Repair, Precinct Four from Capital Equipment to Auto Equipment Liability, sheriff's Office from Employee Medical to fuel and Oil, Sheriff's Office from Law Enforcement Liability to Building Liability, Precinct Four from Capital Equipment to Non-Capital Equipment, Sheriff's Office-Jail from Gas to Food, Sheriff's Office from Health Insurance to Unemployment compensation, and Precinct Two from Temporary Employee to Unemployment Compensation, Fuel, Telephone, Auto & Equipment Liability. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 40 Page 100)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Boatwright to approve the departmental reports (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 40 Page 145) and the bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$124,319.04. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 40 Page 126)

Matt Garrett who had requested item twelve on the agenda to request/action for increasing speed limit on County Road 203 from 45 MPH to 55 MPH did not appear and therefore there was no action taken on the item.

The court took a brief recess and began the budget workshop reviewing and preparing the 2011-12 budget. The court recessed for lunch at noon and reconvened into budget workshop for the afternoon. Judge Mills had left for conference and was not present for the remainder of the meeting. The court decided to recess and reconvene at 9:00 A.M. on July 12, 2011 at the Lee Conference Center to continue the budget preparation continuing till lunch, recessed and reconvened until mid afternoon.

The court decided to meet again for budget review on Friday, July 22, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to adjourn. The meeting adjourned.

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk