

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court
Regular Session
Monday, July 25, 2011
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, July 25, 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.

Judge Mills went straight to Budget Workshop for the public attendance was great to show the support for the county's discretionary funds. The topics that the public were interested in continuing funding for were the public library, animal trapper, Agrilife secretary, and recycling center. Public comments began shortly after the meeting was called to order and completed approximately at 12:45.

The court recessed at 12:45 A.M. and reconvened at 2:30 P.M. to continue the meeting.

Commissioner Tafel asked the court to consider an emergency budget amendment for Precinct Two as it applies for unforeseen emergency safety repairs. Discussing the issue County Auditor Marliessa Clark stated that he still had monies in his budget and until he was completely out of money.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Bonner to approve the following budget amendments: Sheriff's Office from Electricity to Equipment Repair, Jail from Worker's Compensation to Overtime, Jail from Law Enforcement Liability to Food, Jail from Electricity to Jail Repair, Jail from Gas to Equipment Repair, Jail from Gas to Water, Jail from Inmate Supplies to Uniforms, Sheriff's Office from Clothing Allowance to Supplies and Stationery, from Janitor Supplies to supplies and Stationery, from Uniforms to supplies and Stationery, Justice of the Peace, Precinct Three from Supplies to Schools, County Judge from Out of County Travel to Schools and Conferences, Constable, Precinct Three from Fuel to Vehicle Repair, County Auditor from Non Capital Equipment to Schools and Conference and Supplies and Stationery, and District Court/County Court from Jury and Court Appointed Attorney Indigent to Jury and Court Appointed Attorney Indigent (moving from county court to district court).

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

Minutes of 07-11-2011 Commissioner's Court
Minutes of 07-20-2011 Commissioner's Court
Minutes of 07-22-2011 Commissioner's Court
Approve the Departmental Reports

Approve bills submitted for payment (\$401,524.45 of which \$335,877.63 is for Phase II Courthouse Restoration)

The motion carried unanimously.

Judge Mills informed the court that he thought that the architects and engineers had come up with a low tech solution to our sprinkler system. The geo thermal by the nature of its design is heavy on the cooling and light on the heating. Therefore the addition of more ductwork to the areas of concern should solve the problems. Commissioner Tafel replied that he didn't see a problem with that as long as the county was given a written warranty to support the solution.

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Bonner to approve the submission of a request for change order for the sump pump pits for the elevator shafts in the amount of \$3,697.38. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken regarding the burn ban.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Boatwright to announce the sale of the following Hamilton County Salvage or Surplus Equipment by competitive bid or auction:

- Sheriff: 2006 Ford Crown Victoria
2002 Ford Crown Victoria
2005 Ford Crown Victoria
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- Precinct 1: 1993 Chevrolet Extended Cab Pickup
2000 Mack Truck
- Precinct 2: 1999 Chevrolet Pickup Truck
1987 GMC Dump Truck
1992 Chevrolet Dump Truck
15 ton flat bed trailer with no brakes
- Precinct 3: 2-12 yard dump back end gates to spread gravel
1 Walden Street Sweeper
- Precinct 4: 1986 Ford Pickup Truck
- All Precincts: 1 Rosco Distributor Trailer
1 Chip Spreader
1 Drag Wheel

Commissioner Boatwright added that he would like for the court to consider selling the rock crusher but would like to go into executive session to determine a price.

Commissioner Tafel will research the value of the rock crusher but went on record to say that he is against selling the rock crusher stating that it was a valuable resource for the county. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatwright and seconded by Commissioner Bonner to appoint a fifteen member committee (12 regular and 3 alternates) within fifteen days of the filing of a grievance from the previous grand juror list as the grievance committee for the fiscal year of 2011. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boatwright and seconded by Commissioner Bonner to appoint a fifteen member committee (12 regular and 3 alternates) from the previous grand juror list as the grievance committee for the fiscal year of 2012. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained.

Commissioner Boatwright had received a request from land owners, Scot Ringnald, Robert Davis, and James Delaney who live on this road to install gates for the purpose of stopping traffic from visiting the area by the bridge where they our leaving trash, beer cans, fire barrel use and vandalism to a owner's cabin on more than one occasion. Denise Williams also sent a letter stating that she was not in favor of doing anything that would impede action toward closing the road. A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Tafel to grant Steve Ringnald the approval for installation of gate(s) on County Road 607. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained.

Commissioner Tafel inquired about the sick leave pool and an employee's ability to direct his or her sick days to an employee of choice. The response from the county attorney was no.

Future Agenda Items: Emergency Budget Amendment for Precinct Two

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Clary to adjourn. The meeting adjourned by a majority vote.

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk

