

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court
Regular Session
Monday, September 26, 2011
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, September 26, 2011 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.

Chelsea Ferris was present requesting to speak in public comments regarding and out of state travel request for November. Judge Mills advised her to get the information to Administrative Assistant Clydell Massingill to place on the agenda.

Keith Curry, installer of OSSF Systems was present voicing his concern about the appointment of an additional designated representative for Hamilton County. Mr. Curry stated that there were only eighteen systems installed last year and that if Mr. Thedford Hamilton County's Designated Representative had any less systems to inspect he could not afford to keep his license.

Judge Mills responded that it was not our problem. There is no policy set by TCEQ.

Commissioner Mark Tafel was for splitting it fifty-fifty. Therefore it showed no favoritism.

County attorney Mark Henkes stated that we can't benefit one citizen over another in an economic situation. I suggest that we let the landowner choose.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Tafel to table the approval of an additional OSSF designated representative. The motion carried by a majority vote. Mills abstained.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Boatwright to approve the budget amendments. Boatwright, Bonner and Tafel voted for; Clary and Mills abstained. The motion carried by a majority vote. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 41 Page 90)

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

- A. Minutes of 9-12-2011 Commissioners Court Meeting
- B. Minutes of 9-16-2011 Commissioners Court Meeting
- C. Minutes of 9-21-2011 Commissioners Court Meeting
- D. Approve Department Reports (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Book 41 Page 111)
- E. Approve bills submitted for payment - \$324,804.92 of that amount RBR Construction is \$179,142.86 and Regular Bills is \$145,662.06 (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 41 Page 97)

Boatwright, Bonner and Tafel voted for; Clary and Mills abstained. The motion carried by a majority vote.

Hamilton County Courthouse Restoration –Texas Historical Commission is requiring Hamilton County to reproduce the vault door for the County Clerk's Office. It was not funded and the court can apply for supplemental funding in October.

The court recessed for a brief time to allow review of the budget amendments.

Hamilton County Burn Ban-There was no action on this item.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to approve the reduction in jury pay for the second day of jury service from \$40.00 to \$34.00. The motion carried by a majority vote. Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 41 Page 117)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to approve maintenance of TCDRS plan provisions for year 2012 for employer contribution rate of 6.39%. No change made in the retirement provision. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 41 Page 118)

A motion by Tafel and seconded by Boatwright to approve the renewal of the contract agreements for the services with the following name organizations which Hamilton County Commissioners Court deems to be of beneficial interest to the citizens of Hamilton. They are as follows:

- a. Carlton Volunteer Fire Department
- b. Central Counties of Mental Health Metal Retardation Services
- c. Cranfills Gap Volunteer Fire Department
- d. Evant Volunteer Fire Department
- e. Hamilton Public Library
- f. Hamilton United Care
- g. Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department
- h. Hico Volunteer Fire Department
- i. Hico Senior Center
- j. Hill Country Community Action Association
- k. Jonesboro Volunteer Fire Department
- l. Neighbors to Neighbors
- m. Pottsville Volunteer Fire Department
- n. Shive Volunteer Fire Department
- o. Star Volunteer Fire Department
- p. Hamilton County Utility Officer

The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to ratify the reappointment of Kay Solomon Court Administrator for the 220th Judicial District Court. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 41 Page 120)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to approve the Field Agreement among U. S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Inspection Services, Wildlife Services and Texas AgriLife Extension Service-Wildlife Services and Texas Wildlife Damage Management Association, Inc. and Hamilton County. This is the \$1200.00 per month payment for Animal Trapper Danny Craig. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 41 Page 122)

Judge Mills asked the court for clarification that the 8 years of continuous service was the only place that Commissioner Boatwright was referring to amount of service in his motion from previous meeting regarding the retiree health insurance. Commissioner Boatwright confirmed that the only change made was adding the word supplement and the money amount changes to \$250.00. Commissioner Boatwright also added that we needed to strike the paragraph where it refers to Article. County Treasurer Debbie Eoff stated that she had removed that item already.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to approve the amended contract for the provision of law enforcement and police protection for Hamilton County, including within the city limit of cities of Hamilton and Hico. This amended contract is due to the change in the appropriations of the Sheriff's Budget changing the finances. This amended contract becomes effective upon all entities

signatures being affixed to the document. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 41 Page 123)

Future Agenda Items: Utility Officer Contract-known as deputy (patrol sergeant) with the City of Hamilton portion still at twenty percent (20%) at one (1) day a week.

Commissioner Clary wants as an agenda item for the County Auditor to furnish a recapitulation to the Hamilton County Commissioner's Court within thirty days.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Tafel to adjourn. The motion carried by a majority vote. Mills abstained.

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk