

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court  
Regular Session  
Monday, October 10, 2011  
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, October 10, 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.

Hamilton County 4-Hers Colby Rogers and Shelby Rogers presented to the court a 4-H update on some workshops and camps that they had attended including bass, quail and buckskin (deer) classes. Ms. Rogers informed the court about her trip to Washington, D.C. serving on the National 4-H Congress.

Sargent Steven Bynum, Texas Department of Public Safety made a presentation to the court relating to safety issues and conduct in reporting to an emergency scene which could be useful for personnel. The program consisted of five steps defined as follows:

1. Getting to the Scene
2. Arriving on the Scene
3. Securing the Scene
4. Working the Scene
5. Clearing the Scene

It was a very informative presentation.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to grant AgriLife Extension Agent Chelsea Farris request to attend the State Conference in Ardmore, Oklahoma which has a registration fee of \$50.00. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained.

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Bonner to approve the budget amendments as follows: Precinct Three from Debt Service Interest and Bridge Replacement to Debt Service Principle, Precinct Two from Equipment Repair and Maintenance to Capital Equipment, Non-departmental from Courthouse Building and Liability Insurance to Redistricting, Health and Welfare from Indigent Burials to Multi-Purpose Repairs, and Precinct Four from Road Materials and Supplies and Temporary Employee. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained.

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

- A. Minutes of 9-26-2011 Commissioner's Court Meeting
- B. Approve Department Reports
- C. Approve Bills submitted for payment - \$259,854.65

The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained.

Hamilton County Courthouse Restoration – Judge Mills asked if everyone had seen the tile mock-up. The court answered affirmatively.

Commissioner Clary stated the court will remember that the plumbing in the lawn was going to cost the county \$4,000.00. Therefore, with the help of the Sheriff's Office and inmates the hole will be dug as part of the bench restoration. Clary also stated that the plumber associated with the courthouse will install the pipe and the hose bibs for \$2,300.00 which is a substantial savings to the county.

Judge Mills advised that the court would take action on this item at the next owner's meeting.

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Bonner to lift the burn ban. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained.

City Attorney for both Hamilton and Hico Connie White made a presentation to the court regarding Amendments to Hamilton County Amended Subdivision Rules as adopted June 22, 2009 more specifically for Subdivisions of Two (2) or More Lots of Five (5) Acres or Less Intended for Residential Purposes Adopted October \_\_\_\_, 2011.

These amendments to the county subdivision rules will qualify the cities allowing them to apply to the Texas Water Development Board for grant funding up to ninety percent. This would allow the cities to address outdated infrastructure within their jurisdiction, as well as the problems of inflow and infiltration at the waste water plant.

Commissioner Clary stated that he did not understand why the Texas Water Development Board would want to tie the hands of the cities to have the permission of the counties.

Commissioner Bonner asked about how much funding would they receive?

City Administrator Bill Funderburk stated that it was an unknown at this point. The limitation will be on what the cities can match.

County Attorney Mark Henkes stated that he didn't feel benefiting the citizens of the cities with penalizing or placing a detriment on the other citizens of the county in passing this request.

Judge Mills asked the court if they wanted something in the newspaper for public feedback?

Attorney Connie White stated that the only reason that she could think of was that the TWD Board was interested in safe water and safe treatment for waste water.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to table the request by cities of Hico and Hamilton to amend the Hamilton County Sub-division Rules. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained.

Judge Mills asked if Jason Clark had turned in his certification qualifying him to be appointed for the position of designated representative for the OSSF Program. County Clerk Debbie Rudolph replied that she had not received it.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Mills to table the approval of an additional On-Site Sewage Facility Program's Designated Representative. The motion carried by a majority vote. Mills, Boatwright, Tafel and Bonner voted to table the issue and Clary voted against.

Commissioner Clary thanked County Auditor Marliessa Clark for presenting him a recap of the Hamilton County Courthouse Restoration Project. Clary stated that he had some questions but thought that those could be answered between the County Auditor and himself.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to approve the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between Hamilton County and the City of Hamilton for the Funding of Patrol Sargent with Partial Utility Officer Duties. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to approve the United Telephone Company of Texas Inc. dba Centurylink proposes to install a buried

communications cable upon and along the right-of-way of county roads in Hamilton County, Precinct One. The motion carried by majority vote. Mills abstained.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Mills to nominate John Galindo to serve as Hamilton County Appraisal District Board of District Board of Directors.

Commissioner Clary stated that he had a nominee that he would like to place for nomination. Judge Mills stated that this action was only for John Galindo. Clary asked if he was going to have another opportunity to place his nominee up for nomination and Judge Mills stated no.

Mills, Tafel and Bonner voted for John Galindo to serve on the HCAD Board of Directors with Clary and Boatwright voting against. The motion carried by a majority vote.

Commissioner Tafel requested for place accept donation of \$500 for Precinct Two as a future agenda item.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Tafel to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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County Judge

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