

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Monday, June 25, 2012

9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Monday, June 25, 2012 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 by Judge Randy Mills and he opened with prayer.

Richard Layne expressed his opinion on the fact that there have not been any budget workshops, that there should be, and should be open to the public. He thinks that this has been a bad move on the County Judge's part.

Damon Chumney stated that he thinks that the law enforcement contract has worked and that he wants it to continue to work. He also stated that he doesn't like the fact that there have been no budget workshops, and that he thinks that the county judge is being selfish.

David Gustafson also stated that he wanted the county judge to go public and tell the public why there are no budget workshops.

Judge Mills responded that the court WILL have budget workshops. Just not as many over the period of months that we were used to having. It's kind of a waste of everybody's time. I have no idea where you guys got the information that there would be no budget workshops. I will present a balanced budget and when it is presented to the court the commissioners can change things on it as they see fit, during a budget workshop. Judge Mills stated that he could make thing no clearer than that.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Bonner to approve the following budget amendments:

Precinct 2 form Capital Equipment to Telephone, from Capital Equipment to Unemployment Compensation, Jail from Dispatch/Jailer 9 to Unemployment, County Judge from Equipment Repair to Non-Capital, Non-departmental from Autopsy and Water Shed to Service Contracts, Sheriff's Office from Deputy #4 to Overtime, District Clerk from Bonding Insurance to Supplies and Stationary, Jail from Capital Equipment to Overtime, Constable Precinct 3 from Supplies and Stationary, Vehicle Repair and Maintenance, Fuel and Oil to Schools and Conferences. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. Minutes of the 5-11-2012 Commissioner's Court Meeting
- B. Minutes of the 5-18-2012 Commissioner's Court Meeting
- C. Approve of Departmental Reports
- D. Approve bills submitted for payment - \$50,115.73

The motion carried unanimously.

Judge Mills also reports to the court that we have contractors coming over to make bids on the Hamilton County Courthouse Annex. He also presented pictures on his phone of the Multi-Purpose Center. We have been keeping that building together with bailing wire. In the future we are going to have to have quite a few workshops to figure out what we need to do with the annex. Commissioner Clary also stated that he also had talked to contractor Don Rudolph for details. A scope of work per say. The court talked over things such as, making the 1st floor bathrooms ADA compliant by making just one stall in each bathroom, building a single wall where the teller's stations are and enclosing that side of the building, possibly close in where the partitions are located currently, and utilizing space in the annex. The court all agreed that there would need to be some workshops set up soon so that they could all kick around ideas concerning the annex and what the county wants to do, and to decide who to move to the annex. Judge Mills said that he will be inviting people that may have some input to the workshops, such as offices that may be housed in the annex.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to allow County Treasurer Debbie Eoff to request bids for Hamilton County Employee Health Insurance. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Boatwright to approve the Hamilton County Commissioners Annual Road and Bridge report. Commissioners' precincts that were submitted to the court were precinct 1, precinct 3, and precinct 4. Commissioner precinct 2 was not submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Bonner to accept the bid from Roger Hammack for 0.62 acres, more or less, being lot 4 and a portion of lot 3, block 1, Rice Addition, an addition to the City of Hamilton, Hamilton County, Texas in the amount of \$4,235.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to accept the bid from Cynthia Hunt for 0.109 acre, more or less, situated in Lot 5, Block 11, Grubb Addition, Division No. 6, Hamilton County, Texas in the amount of \$5,275.00, and that she would also have the lot cleaned up within 6 months. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Bonner to require department heads to notify Human Resource officer of hiring status change to county employees prior to reporting to work. The motion carried unanimously.

The court also presented the 2013 Law Enforcement Contract. The court has not heard anything from the City of Hico about the contract. The City of Hamilton had made a counter proposal that asked them to consider giving the revenue back to the city for the class c misdemeanor cases. They also suggested that the funding per licensed police officer to be divided by 13 instead of 12. With the thirteenth being the secretarial duties. City Council member Beverly Gilstrap urged the court to consider this option because she said that the secretary is a vital part of the equation. She handles the paperwork more than the officers. Commissioner Clary stated that that would not be mathematically correct because a secretary and licensed police officers are not the same thing. He suggested that our court stay within our funding with twelve licensed police officers alone, and offer a discount to the City of Hamilton to soften the blow. Judge Mills stated that with the discount we are offering that he thought that the contract would be about as good as we can get it. Commissioner Bonner stated that he would like to see the contract to last longer than just one year, two years would be great. The court agrees to a one year only discount for the City of Hamilton. A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to allow the City of Hamilton to continue to prosecute the class c misdemeanors and to keep the revenue

and to leave the funding formula as is with a one year discount of \$27,500.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve the bond renewals on Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff James O'Bannon and Hamilton County District Deputy Clerk Sandy Layhew. The motion carried unanimously.

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

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk