

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Monday, July 23, 2012

9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Monday, July 23, 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 Dickie Clary said the opening prayer.

Richard Layne expressed his opinion on Item 14 of the Commissioner's Court Agenda. He stated that he wished the item on the agenda had been posted sooner rather than waiting until the last minute that the agenda could have been posted in order to give the public more time to research the topic.

Damon Chumney stated that he felt that on the property 118.7x130 of 4 Block 5(2) of Wagner (Bulk Plant-Allison) that the county should not have removed the fuel storage tanks at the expense of the county, but that whoever purchased the property should remove them at their expense. He also stated that he would like the court to have a public hearing on item number 14 of the Commissioner's Court Agenda.

Judge Mills began with item number 14 of the agenda. He stated that every year this is proposed to the court. This is an optional fee. Currently the fee is \$10.00. A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to keep the current fee of \$10.00. The motion carried unanimously.

The court also opened bids for Hamilton County Health insurance from the following companies:

- A. Scott and White
- B. Higginbotham's Group
- C. Texas Association of Counties

Judge Mills also stated that by going out for the health insurance bid that we lost the 1% decrease for our current insurance through the Texas Association of Counties.

County Treasurer Debbie Eoff will take these bids and go through them and let the court know what each is offering in the commissioner's court meeting on Tuesday, July 31, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.

The court also discussed accepting/rejecting bids for property 118.7 of 4 Block 5(2) of Wagner (Bulk Plant-Allison). The property is where fuel storage tanks were removed. It is on the corner of South Railroad and East Pierson. Judge Mills did state that the fuel storage tanks were removed by the county per request of TCEQ. He also stated that he had had someone else want to submit a bid on this property. The only person who had given a bid so far was Andy Lester. Since there was not a time limit for the bid County Attorney Mark Henkes stated that the court could pass on this item and get as much money for the county that they could get and get this property back on the tax rolls. After a little more discussion the court decided to pass on this item.

Judge Mills stated that they were working on supplemental funding for the acoustics in the Hamilton County Courthouse District Courtroom.

A presentation was made by Duane Doyle, a representative with AFLAC Supplement Insurance. This is not a health insurance, but a supplemental insurance. This can help you out on things such as copayments and deductibles. He stated that they work hands on with each employee and will work around their schedule to get them signed up. He said that the premiums could be payroll deducted and would be of no cost to the county. He thanked the court for their time and asked that they contact him if the court had any questions or concerns.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to appoint Election Judge Robert Link for Precinct 23. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Courthouse from Electric Courthouse, Electric Annex, and Auto Equipment to Janitorial Supplies, Precinct 2 from Schools & Conferences to Road Materials and Supplies and from Unemployment Compensation to Telephone, and from Capital Equipment and Workers Compensation to Equipment and Maintenance, Sheriff's Office Jail from Employee Medical to Inmate Supplies, from Non-Capital to Equipment and Repair, from Sheriff's Building Liability to Workers Compensation, and from Health Insurance to Unemployment Compensation, Precinct 1 from fuel to Road Materials and Supplies, Sheriff's Office from Partial Per Diem to Janitorial Supply, Precinct 3 from Bridge Replacement to Fuel, Road Material, and Equipment Repair, County Clerk from Non-Capital Equipment to Supplies and Stationary, Environmental Inspector from OSSF financial assistance to Office Rental. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. Minutes of the 07-09-2012 Commissioner's Court Meeting
- B. Approval of all Departmental Reports Submitted
- C. Approval of bills submitted for payment. \$151,978.59

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Bonner to approve the United Telephone Company of Texas, Inc. dba Centurylink to install buried communications cable upon and along the right-of-way of county roads in Hamilton County. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Tafel adopt a Hamilton County Courthouse Use Policy. This is a policy put into place protect the County Courthouse and the new parking lot of the County Courthouse. It will require anyone that wants to use the courthouse or the courthouse grounds to fill out a Building and Use Request and it will be presented before Commissioner's Court to be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

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

County Judge

Attest: _____

County Clerk