

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Monday, August 13, 2012

9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met Monday, August 13, 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 and Judge Mills opened with prayer.

During public comments Damon stated that he was opposed to the Hamilton County Appraisal District's Budget and requested that the court reject their budget.

Mr. Chumney also stated the he was opposed to any increase in the county budget to support the Hico Multi-Purpose Center that the increase needed to come from the City of Hico.

The first item of business was No. 21. Discuss and/ or approve options for operation of the Hico Multi-Purpose Center.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Tafel to approve supporting the operation of the Hico Multi-Purpose Center. The amount of \$25,500.00 will be divided into thirds with the following entities each paying a third of the cost: City of Hico, Hamilton County and the Hico Multi-Purpose Foundation. The motion carried unanimously.

Hamilton Volunteer Fireman Ronnie McDonald was present to inform the court that the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department received a D5Caterpillar bulldozer donated to them last week. At this time the fire department does not have the means to transport the bulldozer to the fire area.

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Bonner to approve Precinct One to transport the bulldozer in the event of an emergency, to the emergency area in Hamilton County for the Hamilton County Volunteer Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McDonald also stated that the fire department was thankful for the chairs that they had received from the county.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to approve the following budget amendments: Courthouse from Professional Services and Service Contracts to Water, Electricity Annex and General Repair Courthouse, Courthouse from Agriculture Utilities to General Repair Annex, Sheriff's Office Jail from Dispatcher/Jailer 5 to Overtime, Sheriff's Office from Worker's Compensation to Supplies and Stationery, Justice of the Peace, Precinct One from Equipment, Repair and Maintenance to Equipment Rental, District Clerk from Schools and Conferences to Supplies and Stationery, Sheriff's Office from Fuel and Oil to Electricity, Precinct Two from Fuel and Equipment, Repair and Maintenance and Road Materials and Supplies, Precinct Four from Road Materials and Supplies to Contract Work, Sheriff's Office (Jail) from Gas to Food and Sheriff's Office (Jail) from Equipment Repair to Employee Medical. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. Minutes of 07-23-2012 Commissioner's Court meeting
- B. Minutes of 07-31-2012 Commissioner's Court meeting
- C. Minutes of 08-03-2012 Commissioner's Court meeting

D. Approve Departmental Reports

E. Approve Bills Submitted for Payment -\$84,707.20

The motion carried unanimously.

8.-Hamilton County Courthouse Restoration - The vault door to the county clerk's will be installed soon.

9. Hamilton County Courthouse Annex: Judge Mills presented a list to the court of the following agencies which would office in the courthouse annex pending court approval: Senior Center, Texas Department of Public Safety-Driver License, Texas Department of Public Safety-Highway Patrol, Texas Parks and Wildlife – Game Warden, Texas A&M Agri-Life Service, Texas Health Department, WIC, Neighbors to Neighbors, County Environmental Inspector, HCCAA Transit (Public Transit) and the court added the Texas Forestry Service. Judge Mills stated the county clerk could put election equipment in the cubicle where we previously signed off on our bills. A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Tafel to approve the agencies as presented adding the Texas Forestry Service. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Hamilton County Burn Ban-No action

11. A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Bonner to approve the bond for Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff Justin Caraway. The motion carried unanimously. The court did not approve the bond for AgriLife Extension Service Secretary Susan Hemphill as it was not funded in this year's budget. County Auditor Marliessa Clark stated that she did not handle any county money only 4-H funds.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to approve a request from Care Net for use of the Courthouse Parking lot for Walk for Life October 6, 2012 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Tafel to accept the petition for the local option election to legalize the sale of all alcoholic beverages, including mixed beverages for Justice of the Peace, Precinct One. Voter Registrar Terry Short certified that the petition was a good petition and she certified the voter's signatures affixed to the petition. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mills and seconded by Bonner to order County Clerk Debbie Rudolph to place the Local Option Election for the Justice of the Peace, Precinct One on the November 6, 2012. General Ballot. The motion carried unanimously.

County Clerk Debbie Rudolph explained to the court that the Shive Volunteer Fire Department owned the building just north of the existing fire department and that they had remodeled the facility and added bathrooms and made handicapped accessible to meet the needs of the public. Shive Volunteer Fire Department Mike Bosse called the county clerk and requested that the court make the change of location for the November General Election. A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to approve the changes of the polling location, Precinct Nine (9), Shive Volunteer Fire Department to Shive Volunteer Fire Department, 140 County Road 518.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to appoint Central Counting Manager Debbie Rudolph, Tabulation Supervisor Kiesha Bagwell and Assistant Tabulation Supervisor Shawna Galindo. The motion carried by a majority vote. All members of the court voting aye except for Commissioner Boatwright who abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to Order Hamilton County Clerk to conduct November 6, 2012 General Election. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve the Resolution Certifying Hamilton County has made a grant to Hill Country Community Action Association, Inc. to provide home-delivered meals to homebound persons in the county who are elderly and/or have disability and certifying that the county has approved the organization's accounting system. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Bonner to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Hamilton County and Hamilton County Volunteer Fire Department for the removal of the salvageable furniture. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to table agenda item number 20-Accept bid for property described as 118.7 X 130 of Lot 4 Block 5 of the (2) Wagner Addition to allow County Attorney Mark Henkes to research the bidding process on this item. It was also noted that there was no building on this property.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to approve the formal notice given by United Telephone Co., of Texas, Inc dba Centurylink to install buried communication cable along the right-of-way of county roads in Hamilton County. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to approve the resignation of Sherry Powers and the addition of Sharon Felton to the Hamilton County Child Welfare Board. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Boatwright to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract for the Failure to Appear Program offered by the Driver License Division by Transportation Code Chapter 706. The motion carried unanimously.

The court took no action on Agenda Item 25. Approve Precinct One to haul bulldozer that was donated to Hamilton Volunteer Fire

Department by Crooked Creek Ranch to the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department Station.

The court also took no action on agenda item 26 Approve the storage of the donated bulldozer at Precinct One County Barn.

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Bonner to approve Precinct One to transport the bulldozer in the event of an emergency to the emergency area in Hamilton County for the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Boatwright asked for agenda item: Consider plans for Senior Center and AgriLife facilities.

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

