

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Monday, September 10, 2012

9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, September 10, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: County Judge Randy Mills, Commissioners Mark Tafel, Jon Bonner and Dickie Clary. Commissioner Jim Boatwright was absent due to the loss of his mother.

Judge Mills called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

County Clerk Debbie Rudolph stated in public comments that it was appreciated how the budget process was handles this year although there was skepticism about the process it worked very well all in all by keeping those not involved at their desk working. Rudolph thanked Judge Mills, County Auditor Marliessa Clark and Administrative Assistant Clydell Massingill for their work.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to approve the following budget amendments: Precinct Three from Capital Equipment to Water, from Health and Welfare Contract Services to Community Service Predator Control, County Court from Transcripts to Jury, Non-departmental from Appraisal to Courthouse to Capital Improvement, Janitorial Supplies, Electricity Annex, General Repairs-Maintenance Annex, and Electricity, County Attorney from Schools and Conferences to Supplies and Stationery, Health and Welfare Department from Multipurpose Utilities to Multipurpose Center, Non-departmental from advertising to museum liability insurance, District Clerk from Schools and Conferences to Equipment Rental, Precinct Four from Road Materials and Supplies to Equipment Repair and Maintenance to Auto Equipment Liability, County Clerk from Equipment Repair to Supplies, County Jail from Dispatcher/Jailer 5 to Overtime, County Jail from Law Enforcement Liability to Food, County Jail from Equipment Rental to Cable, County Jail from Health Insurance to Prisoner Transport. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 44 Page 253)

A motion was de by Bonner and seconded by Clary to approve the consent agenda:

- A. Minutes of 8-27-2012 Commissioner's Court Meeting
- B. Minutes of 9-4-2012 Commissioner's Court Meeting
- C. Minutes of 9-6-2012 Commissioner's Court Meeting (We did not have this meeting therefore there are no minutes for the court to approve)
- D. Minutes of 8-21-2012 Commissioner's Court Meeting
- E. Approve Departmental Reports (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 44 Page 293)
- F. Approve bills submitted for payment - \$89,795.56 (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 44 Page 281)

The motion carried unanimously.

Hamilton County Courthouse Restoration- Judge Mills wanted to make sure that the court understood the acoustical grant so he went over the grant again giving estimates. County Clerk Rudolph told the court that she would use the figures in the letter. The following comes from THC letter. The award covers 50% of the amount remaining (\$69,876.82) before the \$6 million legislative cap is reached.

The project cost is \$73,243.20; hence the county's match is \$38,304.79 or 52.3% while this award will cover 47.7% of the cost. The supplemental funds will be reimbursed to the county once full documentation of all expenses is provided and the work is complete. Please remember that because the project has reached 90% completion, the final 10% reimbursement (\$328.172) will be held pending close-out of the project, based on a revised construction grant of \$3,281,721.41. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 44 Page 332)

The work on the Hamilton County Courthouse Annex continues. September 17, 2012 will be the move in date for more offices. AgriLife had asked about their storage building at their current site if it could be placed on the parking lot. Commissioner Bonner stated that he would prefer that we not put storage buildings on the parking lot. The roofing company repaired the place where the air conditioning had been removed.

The court asked for the Hamilton County Burn Ban to be placed on the September 17, 2012 agenda.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to ratify the order establishing the budget for the office of the County Auditor for Hamilton County. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 44 Page 360)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Bonner to ratify the order reappointing the Court Reporter. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 44 Page 359)

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Bonner to approve the refund request from the City of Hamilton regarding the utility officer. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 44 Page 342)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Tafel to accept the bid for property described as 118.7 X 130 Block 5 (2) Wagner Addition. (The corner of South Railroad and East Pierson) The bid was in the amount of \$1500.00 from Mark Sepolio. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 44 Page 335;341)

Judge Mills stated that a survey had been found on the AgriLife Extension Building and Property at 724 South College but there had not been a survey found for the Multi-Purpose Center and Property at 200 East Gentry. In the coming year's budget the court will need to consider an appraisal and survey of the property.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to approve the bond renewals for Hamilton County Assistant Treasurer Dicie Moyers, Hamilton County Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector Anita Mueller, Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff Kenneth Lovell and Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff David Southerland. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 44 Page 343)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Tafel to appoint Election Judge for Precinct 1-Sharla Wenzel and Election Judge for Precinct 17-Linda Parrish. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 44 Page 354)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to establish a retiree health insurance fund. This fund would enable the county to save for the future. These funds would be earmarked

money and would be advantageous for purposes of the budget every year. County Attorney Mark Henkes stated that the fund is supported by Local Government Code Section 177 which states that the money is allocated monthly and the fund is specifically named by the statute. Clark continued saying what we don't spend out of this fund this year we will roll it over into the fund for next year. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Bonner to approve Infinivault maintenance to be paid from the records management fund. The motion carried unanimously.

Judge Mills stated that the just placed discussion/approval of a possible amendment with the Hamilton County Law Enforcement Contract on the agenda for the county's benefit if needed.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Hamilton County and Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Book 44 Page 337 and 467 Executed Copy)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to approve the maintenance of TCDRS plan provisions for year 2013 for employer contribution rate of 6.39%. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 44 Page 333)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to accept the juror pay amendment for the second day pay from \$40.00 to \$30.00. The first day of pay is at a rate of \$6.00. The motion carried by a majority vote with Mills, Bonner and Clary voting for and Tafel abstaining. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 44 Page 355)

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Bonner to allow for the election of County AFLAC Insurance for Hamilton County employees making it available to all employees at no cost to the county. The motion carried unanimously. (Amended 10-22-2012 to add this item previously omitted when approved by the court the first time.)

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Clary to authorize Hamilton County Treasurer to pay salaries through special payroll run for sheriff deputies whose positions have been eliminated due to Hico Contract Reduction. The payroll run will be September 14th because the September 28th run takes us into the new budget year. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no additional future agenda items.

The court recessed at 10:00 A.M. for a brief recess so that the court could go into budget workshop. Reconvening at 10:15 A.M. the court reviewed Precinct Two's budget and asked if there were any other changes.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Tafel to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned.

County Judge

Attest: _____

County Clerk