

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court



Regular Session
Wednesday, January 14, 2013
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, January 21, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: County Judge Randy Mills, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Jr., Mark Tafel, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary.

The meeting was called to order and Judge Mills opened with prayer.

Lisa Prcin gave the court an update on the Lampasas River Watershed Protection Plan; which a draft is currently on review for public comments. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 45 Page 68)

Extraco Technology Specialist Willie Kocurek explained to the court that a necessity exists for increased band width. The courthouse is currently operating on 1.5 megabytes for thirty users. The software program Net Data that is used by a majority of the county is a more graphic system. He informed the court of the following breakdowns:

- 1.5 megabytes \$449/month
- 5 megabytes \$953/month (band aid)
- 10 megabytes \$1,269/month (recommended)

Mr. Kocurek recommended that the county added the 10 megabytes. The budget is a concern for the court because it was not funded for and the recommended option is a difference of \$9890.00 annually.

Judge Mills and County Auditor Dicie Moyers will review the departmental funds for a possible resolution for funding of additional band width for county operations.

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Huggins to approve the following budget amendments: Jail from jail repair to non-capital and the district court from judge, travel, etc. to transcripts and capital murder defense. The motion carried by a majority vote of four. Judge Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 45 Page 69)

Judge Mills presented \$134,534.75 amount of bills to be paid. Commissioner Clary questioned a bill presented by Commissioner Tafel, Precinct Two from Fleet Safety Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$879.75 which was for faceplates, computer tablets, computer bases and flashlights. The court discussed the bill at length. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 45 Page 73)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Wagner to approve the bills in the amount of \$133,655.00 as presented except for the bill to Fleet Safety Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$879.75. Wagner, Huggins and Clary voted for, Tafel voted against and Mills abstained. The motion carried by a majority vote. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 45 Page 76)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Wagner to approve the minutes of 12-26-2012 Commissioner's Court meeting and the departmental reports. The motion carried by a majority vote of four. Judge Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 45 Page 89)

Judge Mills announced that the annual inspection for the courthouse was scheduled for Monday, January 21, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.

The court opened bids for motor fuels for Hamilton County 2013 as follows:

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| 1. Bert Schrank | \$.10 mark up per gallon | Hamilton |
| 2. Suncoast Resources | \$.6987 mark up per gallon | Houston |

A motion was made by Clary to accept the bid from Bert Schrank. There was more discussion on the fuel bids. Clary withdrew his motion. A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to table the item until the next meeting of the court (1-28-2013). The motion carried by a majority vote of four. Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 45 Page 206)

The court discussed the disposition of the property on Railroad Street known as the "Allison Property". The property had been presented to sell for a second time and did not sell. Judge Mills suggested as a possibility to donate the property to Pecan Creek.

County Attorney Mark Henkes stated that the county could not give it away unless the county declared it as surplus property. Henkes continued that the county owns a quarter interests in the property and the other three taxing entities owned their portion.

Mills said that the issue is to get it back on the tax roll; let it run its course with Hamilton County Appraisal District acting as realtor any bid brought to Chief Appraiser Doyle Roberts will present it to the taxing entities.

The court then discussed the method of sale of the two properties which are county owned real estate. Henkes explained to the court that there were three methods to sell the property:

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| 1. LGC 263.001 | Auction on the courthouse steps |
| 2. LGC 263.007 | Sealed bids (Appraisal required -\$2,500.00) |
| 3. LGC 263.008 | Broker Sell |

Henkes suggested option through a brokerage and suggested we go out for bids.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the method through the local brokers allowing the brokers to bid. The motion carried by a majority vote of four. Mills abstained.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the following bonds for Hamilton County Commissioner Precinct One Johnny Wagner, Jr. Hamilton County Commissioner Precinct Three Lloyd Huggins, Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff Doug Stephens and Hamilton County Attorney Mark Henkes. The motion carried by a majority vote of four. Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 45 Page 185)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Tafel to approve the deputation for Hamilton County Deputy Tax Assessor Collector Susan Foster and Tonya Logan, Hamilton County Deputy Sheriffs: Justin Slone, Kenneth Schuetz, Kenneth Lovell, Justin Caraway and Doug Stephens. The motion carried by a majority vote of four. Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 45 Page 199)

Judge Mills explained that the 2014 Budget Preparation would be different than 2013 stating that he would send the departments the notice for their budget request and asked them to submit them to the court. The court would have

budget workshops so that the newly elected commissioners could go through the budget in detail to allow them to learn the details of the budget and its process.

The court discussed the timelines and problems related to the budget process regarding the 2014 Law Enforcement Contract. It was noted that the deadline for the law enforcement contract had been changed to August 1, 2014.

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary to appoint Clary and Huggins as the county's members to the 2014 Law Enforcement Contract. The motion carried by a majority vote of four. Mills abstained.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Wagner to appoint Clary as Commissioner Pro-tem. The motion carried by a majority vote of four. Mills abstained.

The court reviewed the draft of the Courthouse Annex Building Use Policy making the following changes:

7. after may add "be"
14. after Candle delete "was"
13. Item is not intended to prohibit easel/bulletin board use for offices just be sure they do not block hallways (court can approve)
4. after property insert "beyond its intended use"
6. after does insert "not"

Add:

15. Commissioner's Court may authorize an individual party or agency to coordinate use of public spaces in annex building.

Clary stated that there was also a need for no parking signs behind the county annex building as people were parking and blocking the alley way.

Henkes advised that it would probably be better to paint the fire lanes.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the second and fourth Mondays at 9:00 A.M. in the Hamilton County Commissioner's Courtroom for the court's 2013 Commissioner Court Meetings. The motion carried by a majority vote of four. Mills abstained.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Wagner to approve the appointments to the Hamilton County Historical Commission Membership for 2013-2014. The motion carried by a majority vote of four. Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 45 Page 183)

The future agenda item: Precinct Two bill

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Clary to adjourn. The motion carried by a majority vote of four. Mills abstained.

County Judge

Attest: _____

County Clerk