

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Special Session
Friday, March 22, 2013
9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court in a Special Session on Friday, March 22, 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.

Judge Mills opened the public hearing to allow for public comments on the creation of a reinvestment zone to include that property located approximately three and one-half miles west of the square in Hamilton, Texas on the south side of SH36, which is more fully described in that certain General Warranty dated March 20, 2012, which is filed in Volume 459, Page 495 of the Real Property Records of Hamilton County, Texas.

Damon Chumney addressed the tax abatement in support thereof; but he did say that he would like to keep the abatement process simple and straight forward. If applicants qualify they should receive the abatement and keep personalities out of it.

Randy Klatt spoke in nonsupport for the tax abatement stating that it was corporate welfare. He suggested that he did not want to see the court picking and choosing these recipients. He did not see that as fair.

Marion Stanford said she believed that Circle T had received three tax abatements. She asked if an impact statement had been filed on these abatements. Ms. Stanford emphasized more meaningful labor be sought that would include vacation and health benefits.

The court interchanged their thoughts and ideals with the public. It was a good exchange of communication on the topic of tax abatements. The court would like to see the tax abatement process discussed again in the future to consider all qualifications and all incentives available to small businesses.

The public hearing was closed.

Judge Mills called the meeting to order and determined that there was a quorum present; all members present.

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Clary to approve the reinvestment zone to include the property located approximately three and one-half miles west of the square in Hamilton, Texas on the south side of SH36, which is more fully described in that certain General Warranty dated March 20, 2012, which is filed in Volume 459, Page 495 of the Real Property Records of Hamilton County, Texas. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the tax abatement for Circle T Arena-Hamilton, LLC (CTA-H LLC). The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 45 Page 886)

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Huggins to approve the Hamilton County Tax Abatement Policy and Guidelines. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary to approve the Resolution which includes all of the items passed today and the particular language required by law regarding the Circle T Arena –Hamilton, LLC Tax Abatement. The motion carried unanimously.

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

County Judge

Attest: _____

County Clerk