

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court



Regular Session
Monday, April 8, 2013
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on April 8, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: County Judge Randy Mills, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Lloyd Huggins, and Dickie Clary. Commissioner Tafel was absent.

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

Damon Chumney spoke in regards to agenda item #13 if we are going to be energy independent that, there will have to make some sacrifices to private property and so forth. If we are going to have progress with independence in energy, as a nation we need to go forward with these types of projects.

He also spoke in regards to agenda item #16. He stated that he would like to know what the county policy is on this. He said that he was not opposed to this as long as it was in line with our county policy.

Judge Mills began with agenda item # 16 which states approve Hamilton County Precinct 3 to dig road material on private property belonging to Duane Gray and accept donation of material for tinhorn installation. Huggins said that he asked for this to be put on the agenda and explained that Mr. Gray bought the tinhorn and Pct. 3 is going to install it. He explained that Mr. Gray had a pit within 300 yards of the location of the tinhorn installation and said that he would like to use the road based materials from that pit rather than driving to Chalk Mountain to get it and we will be able to get it done quickly for both Mr. Gray and Hamilton County. Judge Mills said that is always best to put this on the agenda to make it public. That one of the primary reasons of doing this is to stop any misunderstandings because it is discussed publicly. A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve Hamilton County Precinct 3 to dig road material on private property belonging to Mr. Duane Gray and accept donation of material for tinhorn installation. The motion carried unanimously.

Tim Miller a representative from Higginbotham and Associates and Ross Carmichael a compliance officer from Higginbotham and Associates gave a presentation concerning what they could do for the county in terms of insurance brokerage. Clary stated before they began that it was not his intention to lower coverage, worsen coverage or take away anything from the employees of Hamilton County. Then Mills explains a little bit of the history on this matter for the new commissioners. Mr. Miller starts out by letting the court know what it is that they would be doing for the county. They can help educate the employees on how to lead a more healthy lifestyle and help the court decide what would be best for the county and its employees. Clary did clarify that whatever is presented to the court that the decision still rest 100% with the court and Mr. Miller confirmed that the decision would be the courts. Mr. Carmichael spoke briefly to the court about the upcoming changes that the court will be facing in 2014. The court confirmed that we would have to go out for bids for brokers. County Auditor Dicie Moyers also informed the court that if they pull out of TAC that the county would be unable to get back in with their insurance for a period of five years. Mr. Miller also stated that even if we stayed with TAC that Higginbotham and

Associates would still be able to help you. Clary made a motion to approve contingent upon approval of the contract by the county attorney. The motion died for lack of a second.

The court moved to Agenda item # 8: presentation by Ralph Lee concerning marketing options of county owned real estate. Judge Mills then told the court that they were going to go into closed session under government code 551.0725. The courtroom was cleared. After about 20 minutes the court reconvened there was no action taken on this agenda item.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins approve a resolution concerning the resale of tax sale properties. This resolution would allow the Chief Appraiser and Tax Collector for the entity that holds the property in trust to speak for the county on these matters. Mark Henkes said that he saw no reason why this resolution couldn't be done. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the following budget amendments: District Court from Witness Fees to Transcripts, Non-departmental from Equipment Repair to Worker's Compensation, Department of Public Safety from Supplies and Stationary to Telephone, from Jail to Jail Repair to Janitorial Supplies, Hamilton County Precinct 1 from Road Hand 2 to Medical. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Wagner to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2013 Commissioners Court Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Wagner to approve all departmental reports submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the amount of bills submitted for payment excluding the Fleet bill for Precinct 2 in the amount of \$916.52. Which makes the total bills approved \$85,225.38. The motion carried unanimously.

Henkes suggested that we break out the Fleet bill for Precinct 2 on a different agenda item that way there would not have to be any changes in the totals for the bills submitted to pay and the court agreed.

The last bills had been submitted for the Courthouse Restoration reimbursement.

Approval of the proposed construction of Bridge Tex Pipeline Company, LLC – Proposed 20" Crude Oil Pipeline Real Lane, CR617, CR612, CR601, CR604, CR505, CR404, CR409, CR427, FM932 for the transportation of Crude Oil has been tabled. Mills stated that there was supposed to be a representative here today to answer questions for the court, but no one showed up.

Motion was made by Mills and seconded by Wagner to approve the deputation for Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff Kent Levisay. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary to approve the request for refund to Mr. Dale Taylor in the amount of \$1.92 for 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 taxes due to a mistake made by the Appraisal District.

Motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Wagner to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

County Judge

Attest: _____

County Clerk