

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOVEMBER 1, 2010**

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ROCKWALL**

**BE IT REMEMBERED THERE WAS HELD A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE COMMISSIONERS COURT ON THE ABOVE DATE WITH THE FOLLOWING
MEMBERS OF THE COURT PRESENT:**

CHRIS FLORANCE	COUNTY JUDGE
JERRY WIMPEE	COMMISSIONER PCT #1
LORIE GRINNAN	COMMISSIONER PCT #2
DENNIS BAILEY	COMMISSIONER PCT #3
DAVID MAGNESS	COMMISSIONER PCT #4
LEA CARLSON	CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

JUDGE FLORANCE CALLED THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M.

ITEM #1

COMMISSIONER BAILEY INTRODUCED CURT RAGSDALE, OWNER OF DALLAS CAST STONE, TO THE COURT TO DISCUSS THE CAST STONE WORK TO BE DONE ON THE NEW COURTHOUSE. THE COURT ALSO REVIEWED AND SPOKE THEIR PREFERENCE ON THE PHOTOS LETTERED A-D SHOWING THE OPTIONS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO "IN GOT WE TRUST" ON THE PEDIMENT OF THE NEW COURTHOUSE. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WIMPEE, SECONDED BY JUDGE FLORANCE TO SELECT OPTION D FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST". COMMISSIONER BAILEY ASKED MR. RAGSDALE TO ADDRESS THE COURT CONCERNING CAST STONE WORK IN GENERAL AND TO GIVE HIS OPINION OF THE CAST STONE WORK TO BE DONE ON THE NEW

COURTHOUSE. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION THE COURT VOTED 5-0 IN FAVOR OF SELECTING OPTION D FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST". COMMISSIONER WIMPEE PROPOSED TO THE COURT THAT THE CIRCLE PRESENTED IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PEDIMENT AT THE TOP OF THE NEW COURTHOUSE BE REPLACED WITH AN OPEN BOOK, SIMILAR TO THE ONE AT THE TOP OF THE HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE, TO ALLOW FOR SOME OF THE HISTORY OF ROCKWALL COUNTY TO BE MOVED TO THE NEW COURTHOUSE. THE COURT DISCUSSED WITH MR. RAGSDALE THE DIFFERENT VARIABLES THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED WITH REPLACING THE CIRCLE WITH THE OPEN BOOK. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WIMPEE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAGNESS TO TAKE THE CIRCLE OUT OF THE PEDIMENT AND REPLACE IT WITH A SIMPLE OPEN BOOK DESIGN LIKE THE ONE DISPLAYED ON THE HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION JUDGE FLORANCE RECESSED THE MEETING FOR 10 MINUTES AT 10:30 A.M. TO ALLOW THE COURT TO WALK DOWN AND LOOK AT THE OPEN BOOK ON THE HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE OVER THE FRONT DOORS. JUDGE FLORANCE RECALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:40 A.M. THE COURT CONTINUED THE DISCUSSION WITH MR. RAGSDALE REVIEWING THE DIFFERENT VARIABLES THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED WITH REPLACING THE CIRCLE WITH THE OPEN BOOK. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION COMMISSIONER WIMPEE RESTATED HIS MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAGNESS WITH THE COURT VOTING 3-2 IN FAVOR OF REPLACING THE CIRCLE AT THE TOP TRIANGLE OF THE PEDIMENT WITH AN

OPEN BOOK. COMMISSIONER GRINNAN AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY VOTED
AGAINST.

LEA CARLSON, CHIEF DEPUTY
ROCKWALL COUNTY CLERK