

**COMMISSIONERS COURT  
AUGUST 16, 2011**

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF ROCKWALL**

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

JERRY HOGAN	COUNTY JUDGE
JERRY WIMPEE	COMMISSIONER PCT #1
LORIE GRINNAN	COMMISSIONER PCT #2
DENNIS BAILEY	COMMISSIONER PCT #3
DAVID MAGNESS	COMMISSIONER PCT #4
SHELLMILLER	COUNTY CLERK

JUDGE HOGAN CALLED THE WORKSHOP MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M.

**DISCUSSION OF TEMPORARILY CLOSING A SEGMENT OF NORTH COUNTRY  
LANE, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

ROCKWALL COUNTY RESIDENT KEN BAKER SPOKE TO THE COURT AND EXPLAINED THAT THE DROUGHT IS CAUSING AN ECONOMIC HARDSHIP FOR HIM BECAUSE HE IS UNABLE TO RUN HIS CATTLE TO GREENER PASTURES ACROSS A PORTION OF NORTH COUNTRY LANE. HE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT THE ROAD WASN'T USED FOR THROUGH TRAFFIC AND REQUESTED THE COURT APPROVE THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A SEGMENT OF THE ROAD FOR THE DURATION OF THE DROUGHT. ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JONATHAN THATCHER ADVISED THE COURT THAT TO ALLOW A TEMPORARY CLOSING OF A ROAD WOULD NECESSITATE OFFICIAL ACTION AND AN UNANIMOUS VOTE. THIS ITEM WILL BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> COMMISSIONERS COURT.

**DISCUSSION OF ROCKWALL COUNTY VOTING BLOCK MAP PROPOSED BY THE  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR GLENDA DENTON PRESENTED THE COURT WITH THE PROPOSED NEW VOTING PRECINCTS CREATED WITH THE INPUT OF THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING. MS. DENTON STATED THE TWO GOALS THAT THE CITIZENS USED TO CREATE THE MAP WERE TO INSURE VOTING EASE FOR THE VOTERS AND TO USE MAJOR ROADS AS DIVIDING LINES. THERE WAS A QUESTION REGARDING THE POPULATION NUMBERS USED TO CREATE THE VOTING BLOCK MAP. MS. DENTON THEN ADDRESSED A CHANGE NEEDED TO THE APPROVED REDISTRICTING MAP NUMBER 3 TO FACILITATE ALL FOUR OF THE COMMISSIONERS PRECINCTS TO INTERSECT AT THE COURTHOUSE. MS. DENTON WILL ASK BASS FOR CLARIFICATION OF THEIR NUMBERS AND HAVE ANSWERS FOR THE COURT IN TIME FOR THE AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> MEETING.

**DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED COUNTY CONSOLIDATED COLLECTIONS  
PROGRAM, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

DISTRICT CLERK KAY MCDANIEL ADDRESSED THE COURT AND SPOKE OF THE BENEFITS OF CONSOLIDATING THE NEW STATE MANDATED COLLECTIONS IMPROVEMENT MODEL. MS. MCDANIEL EXPLAINED THAT WITHOUT A CONSOLIDATED DEPARTMENT THERE WOULD BE A POSSIBLE RISK OF FINES IMPOSED ON THE COUNTY IF EACH OF THE OFFICES WEREN'T IN COMPLIANCE WITH OCA REQUIREMENTS. SHE WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THE HARDSHIP THAT

WOULD BE PUT ON HER DEPARTMENT IF THE INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN COLLECTIONS. COUNTY CLERK SHELLI MILLER STATED TO THE COURT THAT HER OFFICE CURRENTLY HAD NO OUTSTANDING MONIES OWED TO THE COUNTY. ADULT PROBATION DIRECTOR BRETT GILBERT ADDED THAT HE WOULD WORK WITH THE COURT TO ASSIST IN THE COLLECTIONS EFFORTS.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ROWLETT CITIZEN'S CORPS COUNCIL REGARDING SPONSORSHIP OF THE EASTTEX REGIONAL COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR JOE DELANE PRESENTED TO THE COURT A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ROWLETT CITIZEN'S CORPS COUNCIL. ROWLETT HAS AGREED TO SPONSOR ROCKWALL COUNTY'S COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT). THIS IS AN ALL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM WHERE CITIZENS ARE TRAINED TO PREPARE FOR DISASTERS IN OUR COUNTY. MR. DELANE EXPLAINED THAT THIS IS A FEMA PROGRAM PAID FOR BY GRANT MONIES AND IT WILL HAVE NO BUDGET IMPACT ON THE COUNTY.

**DISCUSSION OF CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT LETTER WITH VOTEC CORPORATION REGARDING POLLTAG ELECTION EQUIPMENT TRACKING SOFTWARE, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR GLENDA DENTON DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT CANCELING A CONTRACT WITH VOTEC CORPORATION AND EXPLAINED THAT

THEIR PROMISED POLLTAG ELECTION EQUIPMENT TRACKING SOFTWARE WILL NOT BE READY FOR USE IN A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME.

**DISCUSSION OF USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETINGS, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

IT DIRECTOR BRIAN CRENSHAW DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE POSSIBLE USE OF IPADS TO AUTOMATE THE COURT'S PAPERWORK. ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JONATHAN THATCHER STATED THAT IPADS WOULD BE FAVORED OVER LAPTOPS FOR THEIR MOBILITY.

**DISCUSSION OF THE NEW COURTHOUSE AND VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

COMMISSIONER GRINNAN COMMENTED ON HOW THE VETERANS GROUP HAD A WELL STRUCTURED PROGRAM PLANNED AND THAT THEIR EVENT WAS SCHEDULED FROM 4:00 – 5:00 P.M. THE THURSDAY NIGHT PRIVATE PARTY FOR THE NEW COURTHOUSE AND THE FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN HOUSE ARE STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGES.

**DISCUSSION OF COLA (COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT) FOR FY2012, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

THE COURT DISCUSSED THAT THE COUNTY JUDGE MUST MEET A DEADLINE TO SEND OUT AND POST A LETTER TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS TO ADVISE THE PUBLIC OF THEIR SALARIES. THIS MUST BE PUBLISHED BEFORE THE BUDGET IS APPROVED SO IT MUST BE VOTED ON AT THE REGULAR MEETING NEXT WEEK.

**DISCUSSION OF THE 2ND DRAFT BUDGET FOR FY2012, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT TODD WILLIAMS INTRODUCED DISTRICT EXTENSION ADMINISTRATOR HURLEY MILLER. MR. MILLER PRESENTED TO THE COURT NUMBERS AND INFORMATION REGARDING PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS AND HOW THEY WOULD AFFECT THE NUMEROUS PROGRAMS AND THEIR RECIPIENTS IN THE COUNTY. HE COMMENTED FROM A STATE PROSPECTIVE THE IMPACT THAT THE PROGRAMS PROVIDE ACROSS THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE DIFFERENCE THEY MAKE HERE IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL. MR. MILLER WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT RETIREMENT, INSURANCE AND A PORTION OF THE AGENT'S SALARIES ARE PAID THROUGH THE STATE AND THAT THEY ARE WORKING TO RECEIVE GRANTS AND IN KIND DONATIONS TO HELP FUND PROGRAMS. THE COURT CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS OF THE REMAINING LINE ITEMS IN THE CURRENT DRAFT BUDGET FOR FY2012.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS;**

COMMISSIONER WIMPEE ANNOUNCED THAT CNN MONEY ANNOUNCED THAT ROCKWALL COUNTY WAS NUMBER ONE IN THE COUNTRY CREATING THE MOST JOBS OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS WITH AN INCREASE OF 97.9%.

JUDGE HOGAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:35 A.M.

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SHELLI MILLER  
ROCKWALL COUNTY CLERK