

**COMMISSIONERS COURT  
SEPTEMBER 6, 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
LEA CARLSON	CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

JUDGE HOGAN CALLED THE WORKSHOP MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:15 A.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

JUDGE HOGAN CALLED A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 TO ORDER.

ROCKWALL COUNTY RESIDENT JIM CLARK SPOKE TO THE COURT REGARDING A WATER PROBLEM ON HIS PROPERTY IN WOODED TRAIL IN ROCKWALL DUE TO A DAMAGED CULVERT. ROCKWALL COUNTY RESIDENTS ART RUFF, MARY WRIGHT, GINNY PROGELHOF AND TOM NORRIS SHARED THEIR CONCERNS AND DISAPPONTMENTS IN BUDGET CUTS TO THE LIBRARY. MR. RUFF ALSO VOICED CONCERNS ABOUT TAKING MONEY FROM THE RESERVE FUND AND RECOMMENDED CITIZENS ACCEPT A SMALL TAX INCREASE TO HELP AVOID USING THE RESERVES.

JUDGE HOGAN ANNOUNCED THAT ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING WAS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 AT 9:00 A.M. THE JUDGE WENT ON TO

THANK THE CITIZENS FOR GETTING INVOLVED WITH THEIR COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER SPEAKERS JUDGE HOGAN CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 9:37 A.M.

**DISCUSSION OF THE ROCKWALL COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING BOARD (HCBHPB), AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

ROCKWALL COUNTY JAIL LIEUTENANT TODD CALKINS PRESENTED THE COURT WITH EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE COUNTY FOR SERVICES PROVIDED FOR CITIZENS WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. VINCENT RAMOS, PH.D. AND CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST TO THE COUNTY JAIL DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE FUNCTION OF THE ROCKWALL COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING BOARD (HCBHPB). HE STATED THAT THEIR ULTIMATE GOALS ARE TO REDUCE THE COST OF THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, BRING MORE SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY, TO INCREASE SECURITY TO PEACE OFFICERS AND TO ULTIMATELY EXPAND THE SERVICES TO INCLUDE THE COMMUNITY. THEY REALIZE THAT TO INCREASE THEIR EFFECTIVNESS THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE COMMISSIONERS ENDORSEMENT AND HAVE THEM RECOGNIZE THE GROUP AS A STANDING BOARD TO GIVE ADVICE REGARDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES. THE ITEM WILL BE PUT ON THE NEXT AGENDA TO TAKE ACTION.

**DISCUSSION OF THE STATEMENT OF COSTS AND THE RECORDING OF A LIEN IN THE INTEREST OF THE COUNTY FOR COSTS INCURRED IN DEMOLISHING**

**AND REMOVING THE DAMAGED RESIDENCE AT 121 ALEXANDER LANE, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JON THATCHER PRESENTED THE COURT WITH A NOTICE OF LIEN TO BE FILED AGAINST THE KNOWN PROPERTY OWNER OF 121 ALEXANDER LANE, ROYSE CITY. MR. THATCHER RECOMMENDED THAT THE COURT APPROVE THE STATEMENT OF COSTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,832.50 AND AUTHORIZE HIM TO RECORD THE LIEN WITH THE COUNTY CLERK IN THE INTEREST OF THE COUNTY FOR THE COSTS INCURRED FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE PROPERTY. THE ITEM WILL BE PLACED ON THE NEXT REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR ACTION.

**DISCUSSION OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DRIVER'S LICENSE SERVICES FOR ROCKWALL COUNTY, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

THE COURT DISCUSSED THE FUTURE LOCATION OF THE LOCAL FIELD OFFICE OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS). THE COURT DISCUSSED ALTERNATIVES TO THE GOVERNMENT CENTER FOR THE LOCATION OF THE DPS OFFICE. THE COURT STATED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS NEEDED TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM AND AGREED TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION AT 1:00 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON.

**DISCUSSION OF GOING OUT FOR BID FOR DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT CENTER MODIFICATIONS TO ACCOMMODATE OTHER COUNTY OFFICES, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

THE COURT MOVED THIS ITEM FOR DISCUSSION LATER THIS AFTERNOON.

**DISCUSSION OF COUNTY POLICY ON THE RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF COUNTY BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

CAPTAIN BOB GUZIK DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE NEED TO HIRE THE SECURITY POSITIONS FOR THE NEW COURTHOUSE PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 2011 TO ALLOW TIME FOR THE TRAINING OF THE NEW PERSONNEL.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JONATHAN THATCHER PRESENTED THE COURT WITH A DRAFT POLICY FOR USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY. THE RULES AND PROCEDURES WERE DISCUSSED. THE ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AT THE SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.

**DISCUSSION OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR 2012, INCLUDING HEALTH INSURANCE AND LIFE INSURANCE, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR RANDY JENNINGS PRESENTED THE COURT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BENEFITS COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED MAKING CHANGES IN A NUMBER OF AREAS INCLUDING TO STOP LOSS INSURANCE, LIFE INSURANCE, AD & D COVERAGE AND LONG TERM DISABILITY. MR. JENNINGS DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE DIFFERENT AFFECTS THESE RECOMMENDATIONS MAY HAVE TO THE COUNTY AND IT'S EMPLOYEES. THE CHANGES WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ACTION AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

**DISCUSSION OF TAC INSURANCE (RISK MANAGEMENT POOL) COVERAGE'S, INCLUDING COSTS AND POSSIBLE CHANGES, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR RANDY JENNINGS PRESENTED TO THE COURT POSSIBLE CHANGES TO DEDUCTIBLES IN TAC RISK MANAGEMENT

POOL WHICH INCLUDES PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AUTOMOBILE, GENERAL LIABILITY, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROPERTY COVERAGE. THE COURT DISCUSSED WITH MR. JENNINGS THE POSSIBLE SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY IF THESE CHANGES WERE MADE. THE ITEM WILL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING.

**DISCUSSION OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT PROCESS STATUS, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

COUNTY TREASURER DAVID PEEK ANNOUNCED TO THE COURT THAT TWO BIDS WERE RECEIVED, AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK AND CHASE BANK, FOR BANK DEPOSITORY SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY. MR. PEEK WILL GIVE THE COURT AN OVERVIEW OF THE BIDS RECEIVED BASED ON THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE BID PACKAGE AND HIS RECOMMENDATION TO REMAIN WITH AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK. A FORMAL PROPOSAL WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE COURT SEPTEMBER 13, 2011.

**DISCUSSION OF AN ASSIGNMENT OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL SERVICES AND RENEWAL OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL SERVICES WITH JAMES WILLIAM SIMMONS, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JONATHAN THATCHER PRESENTED THE COURT WITH A CONTRACT FOR ASSIGNMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL SERVICES WITH JAMES WILLIAM SIMMONS. THE CONTRACT ALLOWS FOR A SUBSTITUTE MARSHAL, BRIAN GRIFFETH TO BE ASSIGNED THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

2011 DURING JIM SIMMONS' ABSENCE. THE ITEM WILL BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

**DISCUSSION OF FUND BALANCE POLICY AS REQUIRED BY GASB 54, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT PRESENTED TO THE COURT A PROPOSED FUND BALANCE POLICY TO ESTABLISH REPORTING GUIDELINES FOR THE FUND BALANCES OF THE GOVERNMENT FUNDS OF THE COUNTY. MS.

CONSTANT EXPLAINED THAT THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE BASED ON GASB 54.

**DISCUSSION OF SETTING THE DAILY RATE FOR JUROR DUTY PAY, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT EXPLAINED TO THE COURT THAT THE STATE REDUCED THE AMOUNT OF JURY PAY REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTIES AND THAT THE COUNTY MAY WANT TO CONSIDER ADJUSTING THEIR JURY PAY STARTING ON THE EFFECTIVE DAY OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2011. THE COURT DISCUSSED POSSIBLE ACCEPTABLE RATES. THE ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ACTION SEPTEMBER 13, 2011.

**DISCUSSION OF CANCELLATION OF LEASE WITH MOBILE MODULAR MANAGEMENT CORPORATION REGARDING MODULAR BUILDING AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

NO DISCUSSION WAS NECESSARY. THE COURT WILL ACT ON THIS ITEM AT THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 MEETING.

**DISCUSSION OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR VENDING MACHINE SERVICES FOR ROCKWALL COUNTY FACILITIES, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE VENDING MACHINE BIDS RECEIVED BASED ON THE INFORMAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. THE COURT WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO RECOMMEND HEALTHIER ITEM SELECTIONS AVAILABLE IN THE MACHINES.

**DISCUSSION OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR MOVING SERVICES TO THE NEW ROCKWALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT PRESENTED THE COURT WITH THE BID TABULATION FOR THE COURTHOUSE MOVE FROM CORPORAL AL SKRABANEK. THE PRESENTATION STATED THAT HIS RECOMMENDATION FOR THE VENDOR OF CHOICE WOULD BE ALL POINTS PIONEER.

**DISCUSSION OF THE TCDRS RETIREMENT PLAN BUDGETED EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE AMOUNT BUDGETED IN FY2011 FOR AN OPTIONAL TCDRS RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION.

**DISCUSSION OF CURRENT DRAFT BUDGET FOR FY2012, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

THE COURT DISCUSSED AT LENGTH VARIOUS ITEMS IN THE DRAFT BUDGET FY2012. THE DISCUSSION WILL CONTINUE WHEN THE COURT RECONVENES AFTER LUNCH.

JUDGE HOGAN MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 THE COURT WILL VOTE ON THE FINAL BUDGET AND THE TAX RATE. THE FIRST DAY TO FILE FOR A PLACE ON THE BALLOT IS NOVEMBER 12, 2012 AND THE LAST DAY IS DECEMBER 12, 2012. THE FIRST DAY OF EARLY VOTING WILL BE FEBRUARY 21, 2012. THE PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE MARCH 6, 2012.

\*JUDGE HOGAN RECESSED THE MEETING AT 11:50 A.M. FOR LUNCH.

\*JUDGE HOGAN RECALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:05 P.M.

**DISCUSSION OF GOING OUT FOR BID FOR DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT CENTER MODIFICATIONS TO ACCOMMODATE OTHER COUNTY OFFICES, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

A LENGTHY DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON THE PLACEMENT OF VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND THE USE OF DIFFERENT COUNTY BUILDINGS.

**DISCUSSION OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DRIVER'S LICENSE SERVICES FOR ROCKWALL COUNTY, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

THE COURT CONTINUED DISCUSSING WHETHER TO CONTINUE PROVIDING THE DPS WITH OFFICES OR NOT AND IF SO WHERE TO LOCATE THEM.

**DISCUSSION OF SETTING THE DAILY RATE FOR JUROR DUTY PAY, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

DISCUSSION REGARDING JURY DUTY PAY WAS READDRESSSED. COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT WILL BRING THE COURT PAST EXPENSES FOR JURY DUTY PAY FOR FUTHER DISCUSSION.

**DISCUSSION OF CURRENT DRAFT BUDGET FOR FY2012, AND ALL RELATED  
ISSUES;**

THE COURT FURTHER DISCUSSED ITEMS IN THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR FY2012.  
THE COURT AGREED TO VOTE ON SOME ITEMS INDIVIDUALLY AT THE  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 REGULAR MEETING TO HELP COME TO A CONSENSUS.

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SHELLI MILLER  
ROCKWALL COUNTY CLERK