

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
OCTOBER 18, 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
SHELLI MILLER	COUNTY CLERK

JUDGE HOGAN CALLED THE WORKSHOP MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:02 A.M.

**DISCUSSION OF REPLAT OF TWO LOTS (LOTS 14 AND 15) LOCATED IN
CHISHOLM RANCH ESTATES, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

HEALTH COORDINATOR RON MERRITT DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT A
REQUEST TO REPLAT TWO LOTS LOCATED IN CHISHOLM RANCH ESTATES.
THE ITEM WILL BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 8TH REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA FOR ACTION.

**DISCUSSION OF TAX ABATEMENT FOR ROCKWALL COUNTY NEW
BUSINESSES, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

JUDGE HOGAN DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE CONCEPT OF A TAX
ABATEMENT FOR NEW BUSINESSES IN ROCKWALL COUNTY AS AN INCENTIVE
TO BRING BUSINESSES AND CREATE NEW JOBS IN THE COUNTY.

*COMMISSIONER MAGNESS JOINED THE MEETING AT 9:22 A.M.

THE DISCUSSION CONTINUED REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF OFFERING A TAX ABATEMENT FOR NEW BUSINESSES. THE ITEM WILL BE PLACED ON THE NEXT WORKSHOP AGENDA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

DISCUSSION OF THE CONCEPT OF ELECTRONIC VOTING IN ROCKWALL COUNTY, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

THE COURT DISCUSSED THE PROS AND CONS OF THE COUNTY CONVERTING TO ALL ELECTRONIC VOTING SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE. AN INFORMAL COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF COMMISSIONERS GRINNAN AND BAILEY AND ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR GLENDA DENTON WILL RESEARCH THIS MATTER AND BRING THEIR FINDINGS BACK TO THE COURT FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

DISCUSSION OF LAWN CARE AND SPRINKLER MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT THE NEW COUNTY COURTHOUSE, VETERAN'S MEMORIAL AND COUNTY LIBRARY, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT TODD WILLIAMS DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT RECOMMENDED LAWN CARE AND SPRINKLER MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT THE HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE.

*COMMISSIONER BAILEY LEFT THE MEETING AT 10:55 A.M.

DISCUSSION OF LAWN CARE AND SPRINKLER MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR DIFFERENT COUNTY LOCATIONS CONTINUED. THIS ITEM IS ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION AT THE SPECIAL MEETING SCHEDULED LATER THIS MORNING. THE COURT DISCUSSED LAWN CARE AT THE LIBRARY. WEED EATING, EDGING, MOWING AND TRASH PICK-UP WILL BE DONE BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

*JUDGE HOGAN RECESSED THE MEETING AT 10:12 A.M.

*JUDGE HOGAN RECALLED THE MEETING AT 10:20 A.M.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON SPRINKLER MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING AND THE TURTLECREEK PROPOSED MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT. THIS ITEM WILL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION WHEN COMMISSIONER BAILEY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH DISCUSSION AND EXPLANATION OF THE TURTLECREEK LANDSCAPING PROPOSAL.

DISCUSSION OF ROCKWALL COUNTY FACILITY USE POLICY, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JON THATCHER DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE FACILITIES USE POLICY DRAFT.

DISCUSSION OF BUILDING LAYOUT OF THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 108 SOUTH FANNIN, HISTORIC COURTHOUSE AND NEW COURTHOUSE, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

JUDGE HOGAN STATED TO THE COURT THAT HE WAS WAITING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) TO REPLY WITH WHAT CONSTRUCTION AT 108 SOUTH FANNIN WILL BE DONE AT THE STATE'S EXPENSE. THE COURT READDRESSSED THE LOCATION OF ALL OFFICES IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER AND THE NEW COURTHOUSE. THE SPACE ISSUE WILL BE ACTED ON AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

**DISCUSSION OF COUNTY'S AUTHORIZATION OF TCDRS RETIREMENT PLAN
COLA PROVISION FOR RETIREES FOR PLAN YEAR FY2012, AND ALL RELATED
ISSUES;**

HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR RANDY JENNINGS STATED TO THE COURT
THAT THE BENEFITS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE COURT ALLOW A 2%
COLA INCREASE FOR THE COUNTY'S CURRENT 15-20 RETIREES AS A WAY TO
KEEP UP WITH INFLATION.

*JUDGE HOGAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:06 A.M.

SHELLI MILLER
ROCKWALL COUNTY CLERK