

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

**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:**

JERRY HOGAN	COUNTY JUDGE
JERRY WIMPEE	COMMISSIONER PCT #1
LORIE GRINNAN	COMMISSIONER PCT #2
DENNIS BAILEY	COMMISSIONER PCT #3
DAVID MAGNESS	COMMISSIONER PCT #4 - ABSENT
SHELLI MILLER	COUNTY CLERK

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

ITEM #1

TURTLECREEK LANDSCAPE SERVICES, INC. REPRESENTATIVE MARK ANDOS AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE DETAILS OF AN AMENDED PROPOSAL FOR LAWN CARE AND SPRINKLER MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT THE LIBRARY, NEW COURTHOUSE AND VETERANS MEMORIAL. SHERIFF EAVENSON AGREED TO HAVE HIS INMATE TRUSTEES MOW THE LIBRARY GROUNDS. COMMISSIONER BAILEY STATED THAT WORK ON THE SIX ACRE SECTION ADJACENT TO THE NEW COURTHOUSE AND LIBRARY WILL BEGIN TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 2. ACTION ON THIS ITEM WAS POSTPONED FOR ONE WEEK UNTIL THE NEXT COMMISSIONERS COURT REGULAR MEETING. MR. ANDOS ADVISED THE COURT THAT HE WILL BE READY TO START WORK IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COURT ACTS NEXT WEEK.

ITEM #2

SHERIFF EAVENSON DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT SECURITY ISSUES AT THE NEW COURTHOUSE. HE UPDATED THE COURT ON THE OUTCOME OF A SECURITY MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND A MEETING WITH THE COURTHOUSE SECURITY COMMITTEE. CLEANING PERSONNEL ISSUES WERE ADDRESSED. JAIL LIEUTENANT TODD CALKINS EXPLAINED TO THE COURT THE SECURITY PROCEDURES FOR LIBERTY HALL AFTER HOUR ACTIVITIES. THE COMMISSIONERS COURT COORDINATOR WILL COORDINATE ALL ACTIVITIES IN LIBERTY HALL. ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JON THATCHER DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE COSTS THAT MAY BE INCURRED FROM AFTER HOURS ACTIVITIES. MR. THATCHER STATED THAT ADJUSTMENTS TO THE POLICY CAN BE MADE AS NEEDED. THE INTENT IS FOR RENTAL FEES TO COVER THESE COSTS. THIS WAS A DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

ITEM #3

COMMISSIONER BAILEY UPDATED THE COURT ON THE COMPLETION WORK AT THE NEW COURTHOUSE. JUDGE HOGAN STATED THAT DISTRICT CLERK KAY MCDANIEL HAS VOLUNTEERED TO BE THE CENTRAL POINT OF CONTACT FOR GROUPS REQUESTING TOURS OF THE NEW COURTHOUSE. SHE WILL COORDINATE WITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERS THAT WILL GIVE THE TOURS. JUDGE HOGAN ALSO STATED THAT JUSTICE OF THE PEACE JACK JAMES WILL BE THE CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NEW COURTHOUSE AFTER COMMISSIONER BAILEY HAS COMPLETED PUNCH LIST

WORK WITH MANHATTAN CONSTRUCTION. THE COURT DISCUSSED THE HEIGHT OF THE FLAGS INSTALLED AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL. ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JON THATCHER ADVISED THE COURT THAT IN HIS OPINION THE FLAG HEIGHTS WERE PLACED AT WHAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED PROPER HEIGHTS. THIS WAS A DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

*JUDGE HOGAN RECESSED THE MEETING AT 10:25 A.M.

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ITEM #4

THE COURT DISCUSSED OFFICE ASSIGNMENT SPACE FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS MOVING INTO THE NEW COURTHOUSE. THE COURT REQUESTED ROSS RAMSAY OF JOHNSTON RAMSAY ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE A PROPOSAL TO DRAW A LAYOUT OF ROOMS FOR THE AUDITOR SPACE AT THE NEW COURTHOUSE AND TO PRESENT IT AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

ITEM #5

COMMISSIONER GRINNAN UPDATED THE COURT ON THE FINAL PLANS FOR THE VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION AND NEW COURTHOUSE OPEN HOUSE. ALL PLANS ARE ON TRACT AND WITHIN BUDGET. THIS WAS A DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

*JUDGE HOGAN RECESSED THE MEETING TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:12 A.M.

ITEM #6

EXECUTIVE SESSION FROM 10:54 A.M. TO 11:24 A.M.

- Discussion of purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, and all related issues;

*JUDGE HOGAN RECALLED THE MEETING AT 11:24 A.M.

ITEM #7

ACTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION;

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY JUDGE HOGAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WIMPEE WITH THE COURT VOTING 4-0 IN FAVOR OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO HIRE AN APPRAISER TO APPRAISE THE GOVERNMENT CENTER.

*JUDGE HOGAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:25 A.M.

SHELLI MILLER
ROCKWALL COUNTY CLERK