

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
JANUARY 31, 2012**

**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 - ABSENT
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 9:00 A.M.

**DISCUSSION OF SHIELDING A DUMPSTER LOCATED ON COUNTY PROPERTY IN
THE CITY OF ROCKWALL, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

ROCKWALL CITY PLANNER ROBERT LACROIX DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT POSSIBLE WAYS TO SHIELD OR MASK AN UNSIGHTLY EIGHT YARD DUMPSTER RENTED BY THE CITY AND LOCATED ON COUNTY PROPERTY. THE CITY FELT THAT MONEY SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SHIELD THE DUMPSTER FROM A REPUBLIC WASTE ANNUAL DONATION MADE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNTOWN ENHANCEMENTS. THE ITEM WILL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING FOR POSSIBLE ACTION TO ALLOW THE CITY TO PLACE A SHIELD/FENCE AROUND THE DUMPSTER SINCE THE DUMPSTER SITS ON COUNTY PROPERTY.

DISCUSSION OF A PROJECT WORK AGREEMENT ADDENDUM WITH TATUM TO PERFORM CONSULTING SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY FOR SELECTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE JUSTICE SOFTWARE SYSTEM PHASES 3 & 4, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

TATUM REPRESENTATIVE JERRY BYRD DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE BENEFITS OF TATUM PERFORMING CONSULTING SERVICES FOR PHASES 3 & 4 OF THE SELECTION OF A JUSTICE SOFTWARE SYSTEM FOR THE COUNTY. COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT STATED THAT PHASE 3 AT \$37,000 WOULD BE COVERED BY THE BUDGET BUT PHASE 4, THE IMPLEMENTATION PORTION, ESTIMATED BETWEEN \$125,000 AND \$150,000 WOULD NEED TO FALL IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET. MR. BYRD WILL DISCUSS NEGOTIATING THE PRICING WITH HIS MANAGEMENT AND BRING THE INFORMATION BACK TO THE COURT AT THE NEXT MEETING FOR APPROVAL.

DISCUSSION OF COST ESTIMATES FOR THE REMODELING PROJECT AT THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR THE REMODELING PROJECT AT THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE. MS. CONSTANT'S RECOMMENDATION WAS TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST BID FROM MISHLER BUILDERS. SHE WILL PLACE THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING AND ASK MR. MISHLER TO BE PRESENT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

DISCUSSION OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES INCURRED BY DPS STAFF DURING THE RENOVATION AND MOVE TO 108 S. FANNIN, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

JUDGE HOGAN EXPLAINED TO THE COURT THE SITUATION OF CHARGES MADE BY DPS FOR PAINT FOR THEIR NEW OFFICES AT 108 S. FANNIN THAT HAD BEEN CHARGED TO THE COUNTY. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE ISSUE HAD BEEN REMEDIED AND THE STATE WILL PAY FOR THE CHARGES.

DISCUSSION OF LIBRARY BOARD DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND NEW APPOINTEES, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

JUDGE HOGAN DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE NEW APPOINTEES THAT NEED TO BE APPOINTED TO THE LIBRARY BOARD. HE ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO HAVE APPOINTEES BY APRIL 1, 2012.

DISCUSSION OF ASSIGNING STORAGE SPACE IN THE COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

COMMISSIONER MAGNESS RECOMMENDED TO THE COURT THAT A WALL BE BUILT TO SPLIT A SPACE AT THE COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING WITH ONE SIDE TO BE USED BY THE ELECTION'S OFFICE FOR STORAGE. THE OTHER SIDE WOULD REMAIN AVAILABLE. THE COST WOULD BE PAID FROM THE REMAINING COUNTY SERVICES BOND FUND. HE WENT ON TO DISCUSS WITH THE COURT ALL EXISTING STORAGE SPACES AND FUTURE NEEDS.

DISCUSSION OF FUNDING FOR COUNTY SERVICES PORTION OF THE 2011 ROCKWALL COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

COMMISSIONER MAGNESS DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE COUNTY SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN TO INCLUDE HEALTH SERVICES, CUSTOMER SERVICES SUCH AS SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE WEBSITE, EDUCATION AND FACILITIES. TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT MANAGER BRIAN CRENSHAW

DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE PHILOSOPHY, PITFALLS AND BENEFITS FOR COUNTY USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS, FACEBOOK AND TWITTER. JUDGE HOGAN DISCUSSED POSSIBLY HAVING ALL ISSUES ADDRESSED IN A SURVEY TO THE CITIZENS FOR LONG TERM PLANNING. COMMISSIONER MAGNESS TALKED ABOUT FACILITIES USE AND MAINTENANCE AND SUGGESTED THAT A CONSULTANT WOULD BE HELPFUL. COMMISSIONER BAILEY UPDATED THE COURT ON THE FINANCIAL PLANNING STRATEGIC PLAN ITEMS A-D. COMMISSIONER GRINNAN STATED THAT A 5 YEAR PLAN WOULD BE USEFUL. COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT OFFERED TO ASSIST COMMISSIONER BAILEY IN CREATING ONE.

UPDATE ON COUNTY EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROJECT, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

JUDGE HOGAN DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT A COUNTYWIDE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM. HE EXPLAINED TO THE COURT A TWO PART PROGRAM WITH AN INFORMAL ELEMENT WHERE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS WOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO GIVE CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT WITHOUT CUMBERSOME PAPERWORK. THE SECOND, MORE FORMAL, COMPONENT WOULD RECOGNIZE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER AND AN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR. A RECOGNITION COMMITTEE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED. THE ITEM WILL BE PUT ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING FOR APPROVAL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS;

JUDGE HOGAN ANNOUNCED THAT SOME AREAS OF CARPET WILL BE REPLACED IN THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1ST, CONSTRUCTION FOR THE EXTENSION AGENT OFFICES HAS BEGUN AT THE COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION FOR THE NEW TAX OFFICES IN THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE WILL BEGIN ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 15TH AND THE CONSTRUCTION AT THE NEW COURTHOUSE IS ABOUT TO START.

COMMISSIONER MAGNESS ANNOUNCED THAT HE IS WORKING ON A LIST TO CLARIFY WHICH OFFICE LOCATIONS AT THE NEW COURTHOUSE ARE BEING PLACED THERE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS.

COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR BARBARA BARBER ANNOUNCED TO THE COURT THAT CITIZENS WERE HAVING DIFFICULTY LOCATING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) OFFICE IN THEIR NEW LOCATION. SHE REQUESTED THAT THE COURT ENCOURAGE DPS TO PUT UP BETTER SIGNAGE TO HELP WITH THE ISSUE.

*JUDGE HOGAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:40 A.M.

SHELLI MILLER
ROCKWALL COUNTY CLERK