

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
MARCH 6, 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
LORIE GRINNAN	COMMISSIONER PCT #2
DENNIS BAILEY	COMMISSIONER PCT #3
DAVID MAGNESS	COMMISSIONER PCT #4 - ABSENT
SHELLI MILLER	COUNTY CLERK

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

**1. DISCUSSION OF NEW COURTHOUSE, ARCHITECTURAL, CONSTRUCTION,
MANAGEMENT AND CHANGE ORDERS, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

COMMISSIONER BAILEY UPDATED THE COURT WITH COSTS TO DATE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW COURTHOUSE. HE STATED THAT THE BUILDING HAS ISSUES WITH "DEAD SPOTS" WHERE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO RECEIVE RADIO COVERAGE. TROTT COMMUNICATION GROUP, INC. REPRESENTATIVE JOHN VERMILLION SPOKE TO THE COURT AND RECOMMENDED A COMPLETE ANALYSIS OF THE BUILDING TO DETERMINE WHAT IS NEEDED TO IMPROVE RADIO COMMUNICATION. THIS WILL BE PUT ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING FOR ACTION. COMMISSIONER BAILEY LISTED THE COSTS OF THE REMAINING ITEMS AT THE COURTHOUSE STILL NEEDING TO BE COMPLETED. HE WILL PRESENT THE COURT WITH A

COMPLETE LIST AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ACTION.

5. DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN PARKING ISSUES BY THE DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

THE COURT DISCUSSED THE CURRENT PARKING ISSUE AROUND THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE. DOWNTOWN MERCHANT ASSOCIATION MEMBER CHRISTI FOSTER SPOKE TO THE COURT REGARDING THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE LACK OF PARKING AND THE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE MERCHANT'S BUSINESSES. ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT NORMA VALLES URGED THE COURT TO LISTEN TO THE MERCHANT'S ADVICE AND CONCERNS.

2. DISCUSSION OF LAWN CARE MAINTENANCE AT ALL COUNTY FACILITIES, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

THE COURT DISCUSSED LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE AT THE NEW COURTHOUSE, THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE AND THE LIBRARY. COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT WILL ASK FOR A BID TO INSTALL ST. AUGUSTINE SOD AT THE HISTORIC AND RELOOK AT THE BIDS ALREADY RECEIVED FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AT THE OTHER FACILITIES. COUNTY MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN TONY HACKETT OFFERED TO HELP WITH THE BED WORK NEEDED AT THE LIBRARY USING COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS SERVED BY ADULT PROBATIONERS.

3. DISCUSSION OF WHERE TO PLACE THE TWO PAINTINGS OF THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSES IN THE NEW COURTHOUSE, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

JUDGE HOGAN PRESENTED THE COURT WITH DRAWINGS DEPICTING AN OPTION OF WHERE TO PLACE TWO PAINTINGS THAT HE PURCHASED OF THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSES IN THE HALLWAY TO LIBERTY HALL AT THE NEW COURTHOUSE. THE COURT SUGGESTED THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR A POLICY FOR SIMILAR REQUESTS IN THE FUTURE. COMMISSIONER GRINNAN OFFERED TO ASSIST IN CREATING A POLICY TO BE APPROVED BY THE COURT.

4. DISCUSSION OF FUNDING FOR CHILDREN'S FORENSIC INTERVIEWING AND FOLLOW UP COUNSELING, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

THE COURT DISCUSSED A REQUEST FROM HUNT COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SERVICES USED BY ROCKWALL COUNTY FAMILIES AND VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE DUE TO CUT BACKS IN STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT MONIES. THE CENTER HAS ADVISED THAT RECENT LEGISLATURE ALLOWS COUNTIES TO IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF UP TO \$1.50 FOR REGISTERING A VEHICLE IN ROCKWALL COUNTY THAT MAY BE USED FOR FUNDING THESE SERVICES. FIRST ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY CRAIG STODDART WILL CONFIRM ALLOWABLE USAGE OF THE FEE AND REPORT BACK TO THE COURT.

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6. DISCUSSION OF THE J.P.'S AND CONSTABLE'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND ASSOCIATED SALARIES, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

JUDGE HOGAN EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNTY IS MANDATED TO ADD TWO MORE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLES DUE TO THE POPULATION GROWTH IN THE COUNTY. THE JUDGE PRESENTED THE COURT WITH DATA REGARDING THE J.P.'S AND CONSTABLE'S SALARIES, WORKLOAD, STAFFING AND OPERATING COSTS AND COMPARED THEM TO ADJACENT COUNTIES AND THE POPULATIONS SERVED. THE JUDGE ALSO PRESENTED HIS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SALARIES AND OTHER ALLOWANCES. NO DISCUSSION FOLLOWED.

7. DISCUSSION OF COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AS RELATED TO LIKE SIZE COUNTIES, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

THE COURT DISCUSSED ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES OF ELLIS, COLLIN, KAUFMAN AND SMITH COUNTIES AND HOW THEY COMPARED TO ROCKWALL COUNTY.

8. DISCUSSION OF CANCELLATION OF AN AGREEMENT AND ASSOCIATED TERMINATION CHARGES FOR AT&T OPT-E-MAN CIRCUIT SERVICES, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR BRIAN CRENSHAW DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT CANCELLATION FEES TO BE ASSESSED BY AT&T FOR CANCELING OPT-E-MAN CIRCUIT SERVICES AT THE NOW VACANT GOVERNMENT CENTER.

9. DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSAL FROM KNIGHT SECURITY SYSTEMS REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF A VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM WITHIN THE JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT THE COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

THE COURT DISCUSSED USING COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING BOND MONIES TO ADD A VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM AT THE JUVENILE SERVICES DEPARTMENT LOCATED AT THE COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JUDGE HOGAN ANNOUNCED:

THE 1115 WAIVER IS STILL A BIG ISSUE.

THE COUNTY IS RECEIVING A LOT OF REQUESTS FOR THE VETERANS SERVICES OFFICE.

*JUDGE HOGAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12:10 P.M.

SHELLI MILLER
ROCKWALL COUNTY CLERK