

**COMMISSIONERS COURT  
MAY 1, 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:**

<b>JERRY HOGAN</b>	<b>COUNTY JUDGE</b>
<b>JERRY WIMPEE</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER PCT #1</b>
<b>LORIE GRINNAN</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER PCT #2</b>
<b>DENNIS BAILEY</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER PCT #3</b>
<b>DAVID MAGNESS</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER PCT #4</b>
<b>SHELLI MILLER</b>	<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>

JUDGE HOGAN CALLED THE WORKSHOP MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:06 A.M.

**1. DISCUSSION OF REGIONAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP (RHP), AND ALL  
RELATED ISSUES;**

COMMISSIONER BAILEY AND JUDGE HOGAN UPDATED THE COURT ON THE  
ACTIVITY TO DATE REGARDING THE 1115 WAIVER AND ADVISED THAT THERE  
WAS NOT MUCH TO REPORT SINCE THE COURT WAS LAST BRIEFED.

**2. DISCUSSION OF SUPPORTING THE HUNT COUNTY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY  
CENTER, WHICH PROVIDES SERVICES TO ROCKWALL COUNTY, AND ALL  
RELATED ISSUES;**

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE DISCUSSION BECAUSE THE NEEDED  
INFORMATION HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

**3. DISCUSSION OF NEW CONNECTIVITY PLAN OPTIONS FOR INTERNET  
CONNECTIONS, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

ROCKWALL COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT STATED TO THE COURT THAT JERRY HUBBARD IS HELPING WITH A FORMAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL WHICH SHOULD BE READY TO PRESENT TO THE COURT BY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND FURTHER STATED THAT MR. HUBBARD FELT THE ENTIRE PROCESS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>.

**4. DISCUSSION OF BASIC BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS AND METHOD OF PROVIDING BUDGET GUIDELINES, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

JUDGE HOGAN PRESENTED THE COURT WITH A FINANCIAL FORECASTING MODEL FOR THE COUNTY BASED ON GROWTH RATES GIVEN BY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR RAY HELM. JUDGE HOGAN DISCUSSED CURRENT TRENDS AND LISTED POSSIBLE BUDGET SAVING OPPORTUNITIES.

**5. DISCUSSION OF CURRENT STATUS OF SOFTWARE PROJECT TEAM, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

JUDGE HOGAN UPDATED THE COURT ON THE PROGRESS TO DATE MADE BY THE SOFTWARE PROJECT TEAM. COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT AND COUNTRY CLERK SHELLI MILLER GAVE POSITIVE INPUT ON THE PROGRESS BEING MADE.

**6. DISCUSSION OF COST OF FIRE COVERAGE IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY AND RELEVANT REIMBURSEMENT TO THE CITIES OF ROCKWALL COUNTY, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

JUDGE HOGAN ASKED FOR A VOLUNTEER TO LEAD A GROUP TO MEET WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND CITY MANAGERS WITHIN THE COUNTY TO SEE WHAT THE RATIONALE IS BEING USED TO ALLOCATE MONIES TO THE FIRE

DEPARTMENTS IN ROCKWALL COUNTY FOR FIRE COVERAGE TO UNINCORPORATED AREAS. COMMISSIONER GRINNAN STATED SHE WOULD BE HAPPY TO VOLUNTEER TO LEAD THE GROUP.

**7. DISCUSSION OF PHILOSOPHY OF COUNTY TAX DOLLARS BEING USED TO FUND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

THE COURT DISCUSSED THE COUNTY'S PHILOSOPHY ON FUNDING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

**8. DISCUSSION OF ADVANCED FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR THE FM 3549/FM 549 AND FM 552 ROAD BOND PROJECTS, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

THE COURT DISCUSSED FUNDING FOR COUNTY ROAD BOND PROJECTS. THIS ITEM WILL BE PLACED ON THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA FOR ACTION.

**9. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF OFFICE SPACE IN THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

COMMISSIONER WIMPEE LED THE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLY REMODELING AN AREA AT THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE TO CREATE ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE FOR HIM DUE TO BEING DISPLACED BY THE TAX OFFICE'S MOVE TO THE BOTTOM FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE.

**10. DISCUSSION OF SIGNS LOCATED IN COUNTY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

COMMISSIONER WIMPEE ADVISED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A CITIZEN COMPLAINT REGARDING A SIGN ADVERTISING A BUSINESS ON THE COUNTY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY AND DISCUSSED WHAT THE COUNTY'S POLICY WAS ON THE ISSUE. COMMISSIONER WIMPEE REQUESTED THAT THE COURT CONSIDER

CREATING A POLICY OR GUIDELINES FOR SIGNS PLACED ON COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY. THE COMMISSIONER WILL SPEAK TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO MAKE SURE ALL ELEMENTS ARE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD AND BRING IT BACK TO THE COURT FOR A VOTE.

**11. DISCUSSION OF PARKING ON THE SQUARE, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

JUDGE HOGAN ADVISED THE COURT THAT HE HAD SPOKEN TO THE CITY OF ROCKWALL AND THEY ARE WAITING FOR THE RESULTS OF THE BOND ELECTION TO ADDRESS THE PARKING ISSUE AROUND THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE. THE COURT DISCUSSED POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO HELP WITH THE PARKING ISSUE. THE JUDGE SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNTY WAIT FOR THE ELECTION RESULTS ALSO.

JUDGE HOGAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE COURT NEEDED TO START THINKING ABOUT THE BUDGET PROCESS AHEAD OF THEM.

\*JUDGE HOGAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:28 P.M.

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SHELLI MILLER  
ROCKWALL COUNTY CLERK