

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
JULY 17, 2012**

**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
SHELLI MILLER	COUNTY CLERK

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

ITEM #1

FIRST SOUTHWEST REPRESENTATIVE MARTI SHEW AND THE COURT DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE POSSIBLE USE OF THE I&S FUND BALANCE AS IT RELATES TO THE DEBT PAYMENTS AND THE TAX RATE. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MAGNESS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRINNAN WITH THE COURT VOTING 3-2 IN FAVOR OF AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ADVISE CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR RAY HELM THAT \$500,000.00 WILL BE USED FROM THE I&S FUND BALANCE TO OFFSET THE COUNTY'S DEBT PAYMENT. JUDGE HOGAN AND COMMISSIONER WIMPEE VOTED AGAINST. THE COURT CONTINUED THE DISCUSSION ON OPTIONS TO BALANCE THE FY2013 BUDGET. NO FURTHER ACTION WAS TAKEN.

ITEM #2

THE COURT DISCUSSED THE BENEFITS OF MOVING THE COLLECTION OF COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES FROM THE TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE TO THE CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT OFFICE. JUDGE HOGAN ADVISED THE COURT THAT BOTH THE TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR, BARBARA BARBER AND THE CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR, RAY HELM SUPPORTED THE CHANGE. MS. BARBER STATED TO THE COURT THAT SHE WAS IN AGREEMENT OF THE CHANGE BECAUSE IT WOULD BE A FINANCIAL BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY AND A CONVENIENCE TO THE CITIZENS.

ITEM #3

COMMISSIONER BAILEY STATED THAT HE HAD NOTHING NEW TO REPORT REGARDING THE REGIONAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP (RHP) AND ADVISED THE COURT THAT HE, JUDGE HOGAN AND THE CONSULTANTS WERE TO ATTEND A MEETING IN COLLIN COUNTY LATER IN THE WEEK AND WOULD BRING ANY UPDATES BACK TO THE COURT. THIS WAS A DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

ITEM #4

AVIAN FLYAWAY, INC. REGIONAL MANAGER SHERIDAN JONES PRESENTED THE COURT WITH HER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION SOLUTION FOR PIGEON CONTROL AT THE NEW COURTHOUSE. THIS WAS A DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

ITEM #5

COMMISSIONER WIMPEE RECOMMENDED THE COURT CONSIDER REFORMING THE 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLANNING ARTS AND CULTURE GROUP INTO TWO GROUPS. THE COMMISSIONER STATED THIS WOULD BETTER SUIT THEIR SEPARATE INTERESTS OF LAND USE AND OPEN SPACE AND ARTS AND CULTURE. THE COMMISSIONER WENT ON TO STATE THAT THE LAND USE AND OPEN SPACE GROUP IS READY TO REPORT WHERE THEY ARE AND ASK THE COURT FOR GUIDANCE AT THE NEXT MEETING AND THE ARTS GROUP WOULD NOW BE ABLE TO START DEVELOPING WHERE THEY WANT TO BE IN FIVE YEARS. THIS ITEM WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE COURT FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

ITEM #6

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR RON MERRITT ADVISED THE COURT OF A REQUEST BY RIDGEVIEW CHURCH TO REPLAT LOTS 20, 21, AND 22 INTO ONE LOT TO ENABLE NEEDED SEWER LINE WORK. THIS ITEM WILL BE PUT ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING FOR ACTION. NO ACTION TAKEN.

ITEM #7

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JON THATCHER DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE DRAFT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE NEW COURTHOUSE, VETERANS MEMORIAL AND THE LIBRARY. COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT, TODD WILLIAMS DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE OVERALL GROUND MAINTENANCE NEEDS AND VOLUNTEERED TO BE A CONSULTANT TO COMMISSIONER BAILEY. THIS WAS A DISCUSSION ITEM

ONLY. COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT WILL PUT THE ITEM TO APPROVE THE DRAFT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING FOR ACTION.

ITEM #8

COUNTY CLERK SHELLI MILLER DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT HER RECOMMENDATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KOFIL PRESERVATION TO BEGIN THE FIRST PHASE OF A BOOKBINDING AND DOCUMENT PRESERVATION PROJECT FOR THE COUNTY'S RECORDS ARCHIVE. THIS WAS A DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

ITEM #9

COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE GENERATOR AT THE NEW COURTHOUSE FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 10, 2013, THRU SEPTEMBER 20, 2013, AND AT THE DETENTION CENTER/JAIL FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2012, THRU SEPTEMBER 20, 2013. THIS WAS A DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY AND WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE COURT FOR APPROVAL.

ITEM #10

COMMISSIONER MAGNESS DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DRAWBACKS POSSIBLE TO THE COUNTY IN PARTICIPATING IN THE TEXAS FILM INDUSTRY AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY INTEREST FROM THE COURT. THE COMMISSIONER WILL PUT IT ON THE NEXT AGENDA FOR ACTION.

ITEM #11

TO SUPPORT HER PROPOSED FY2013 BUDGET, CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY KENDA CULPEPPER PRESENTED THE COURT WITH A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE FUNCTIONS OF HER STAFF AND PROVIDED DATA TO ILLUSTRATE THE GROWTH IN CASE WORKLOAD THE COURTS HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING. COUNTY TREASURER DAVID PEEK ADDRESSED THE COURT AND REQUESTED THEIR CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING HIM TO DESIGNATE A CHIEF ASSISTANT IN HIS OFFICE. MR. PEEK FURNISHED DATA TO SUPPORT HIS REQUEST.

ANNOUNCEMENTS;

JUDGE HOGAN ANNOUNCED THE NEXT BUDGET WORKSHOP, SCHEDULED FOR JULY 20, 2012 AT 9:00 A.M. WHERE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND DETENTION CENTER WILL BE DISCUSSING THEIR PROPOSED FY2013 BUDGETS.

*JUDGE HOGAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12:04 P.M.

SHELLI MILLER
ROCKWALL COUNTY CLERK