

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
JULY 31, 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 - ABSENT
DAVID MAGNESS	COMMISSIONER PCT #4
SHELLI MILLER	COUNTY CLERK

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

JUDGE HOGAN MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- FUNERAL SERVICES FOR CONSTABLE JOHN CULLINS WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT 1:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 2ND.
- THE FIRST CASE OF WEST NILE VIRUS HAS BEEN REPORTED IN PRECINCT 1 IN ROCKWALL COUNTY. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

ITEM #2

JUDGE HOGAN DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING THE COLLECTION OF ROCKWALL COUNTY TAXES FROM THE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE TO THE ROCKWALL COUNTY CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT OFFICE. THE JUDGE ADVISED THE COURT THAT THERE WOULD BE A SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY OF APPROXIMATELY \$120,000 AND THAT IT WOULD

BE A CONVENIENCE TO THE CITIZENS. TAX ASSESSOR BARBARA BARBER AND CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR RAY HELM STATED THAT THEY WERE OPEN TO THE MOVE. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GRINNAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MAGNESS WITH THE COURT VOTING 4-0 IN FAVOR OF MOVING THE COLLECTION OF COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES FROM THE TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE TO THE CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT OFFICE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012.

ITEM #1

CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY KENDA CULPEPPER ADVISED THE COURT THAT THE CONSENSUS OF THE JUDICIAL SOFTWARE SYSTEM COMMITTEE WAS TO RECOMMEND AMCAD AS THE JUDICIAL SOFTWARE VENDOR. DISTRICT CLERK KAY MCDANIEL SPOKE TO THE COURT AND ADDRESSED HER CONCERNS REGARDING AMCAD. TATUM REPRESENTATIVE JERRY BYRD ADDRESSED THE COURT AND ADVISED THE COURT THAT IN HIS OPINION AMCAD WOULD BE THE RIGHT SOLUTION FOR ROCKWALL COUNTY. MR. BYRD DISCUSSED FINANCING OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNTY. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GRINNAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WIMPEE WITH THE COURT VOTING 4-0 IN FAVOR OF AUTHORIZING JUDGE HOGAN, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JON THATCHER, AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT, TREASURER DAVID PEEK AND TATUM REPRESENTATIVE JERRY BYRD TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH AMCAD FOR A JUDICIAL SOFTWARE SYSTEM FOR THE COUNTY.

ITEM #2 - READDRESSED

COMMISSIONER MAGNESS REQUESTED THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY LOOK AT THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT RELATED TO MOVING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES FROM THE TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE TO THE CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BEFORE MOVING FORWARD TO BE ABLE TO REVIEW THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO THE COUNTY. AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT ADVISED THE COURT THAT SHE WOULD DO SO. NO FURTHER ACTION WAS TAKEN.

ITEM #4

JUDGE HOGAN EXPLAINED TO THE COURT CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING UP TO THE FORMATION OF A NEW WATER DISTRICT IN THE ETJ OF MCLENDON CHISHOLM BY TCEQ AT THE REQUEST OF AN OUTSIDE DEVELOPER WITHOUT CONSENT OF THE COUNTY. THE JUDGE ASKED THE COURT TO CONSIDER SIGNING A LETTER DRAFTED BY LEGAL COUNSEL THAT ADVISED THE STATE OF THE COUNTY'S OPPOSITION TO THEIR ACTIONS AND REQUESTING A HEARING IN THE MATTER. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MAGNESS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WIMPEE WITH THE COURT VOTING 4-0 IN FAVOR OF SIGNING THE LETTER AND SENDING IT TO THE TCEQ.

ITEM #3

JUDGE HOGAN PRESENTED THE COURT WITH ITEMS OF CONCERN WITH THE FY2013 BUDGET AND LISTED POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR REDUCING THE BUDGET. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER WIMPEE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRINNAN WITH THE COURT VOTING 3-0 IN FAVOR OF

FUNDING THE FY2013 SALARIES OF THE TWO EXISTING JUSTICE OF THE PEACE POSITIONS AND TWO EXISTING CONSTABLE POSITIONS AT THE SAME LEVEL AS IN THE CURRENT BUDGET. JUDGE HOGAN ABSTAINED. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GRINNAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WIMPEE WITH THE COURT VOTING 4-0 IN FAVOR OF AUTHORIZING THE JUDGE TO SEND A LETTER TO THE EXISTING ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT THEIR SALARIES WILL STAY AT THEIR CURRENT LEVELS AS PROPOSED IN THE 1ST DRAFT FY2013 BUDGET. THE COURT CONTINUED DISCUSSIONS ON THE 1ST DRAFT BUDGET. NO FURTHER ACTION WAS TAKEN.
*JUDGE HOGAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:35 A.M.

SHELLI MILLER
ROCKWALL COUNTY CLERK