

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
SEPTEMBER 4, 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
SHELLI MILLER	COUNTY CLERK

JUDGE HOGAN CALLED THE WORKSHOP MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:17 A.M.

**1. DISCUSSION OF ROCKWALL COUNTY LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES FOR FY2013,
AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

THE COURT DISCUSSED VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES OF CONCERN. COMMISSIONER BAILEY DISCUSSED THE BILL FILED IN 2011 FOR A FILING FEE TO BE USED FOR REMODELING AND CONSTRUCTION OF COURTHOUSES. THE COMMISSIONER STATED HIS INTENT TO PRESENT THE COURT WITH ANOTHER RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL AND TO ASK OUR REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR SUPPORT. COMMISSIONER BAILEY WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WOULD WRITE A LETTER TO TAC TO REQUEST THEIR SUPPORT ON THE 1115 WAIVER ISSUE. JUDGE HOGAN WILL PRODUCE A LIST OF THE ISSUES DISCUSSED AND BRING IT BACK TO THE COURT.

2. DISCUSSION OF ERBY CAMPBELL INTERCHANGE AND CIRCLE LANE, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

COMMISSIONER MAGNESS UPDATED THE COURT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE ERBY CAMPBELL INTERCHANGE AND ADVISED THAT THE PROJECT'S DATES HAVE BEEN PUSHED BACK DUE TO RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION ISSUES. THE COMMISSIONER STATED THAT ONCE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON ERBY CAMPBELL, CIRCLE LANE WILL BE USED EXTENSIVELY AND ADVISED THAT THE CITY OF ROCKWALL HAS REQUESTED THE COUNTY HELP RE-PAVE THE ROAD IN ANTICIPATION. THE CITY PROPOSES TO PAY FOR ALL COSTS AND ASKS THAT THE COUNTY'S ROAD AND BRIDGE DO THE WORK. COMMISSIONER MAGNESS WILL BRING IT BACK TO THE COURT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

3. DISCUSSION OF APPROVING A LETTER TO THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS DEMONSTRATING THE COUNTY'S AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN AS REQUIRED BY LAW (§2206.101 TEXAS GOV'T CODE), AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JON THATCHER DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT A REQUIRED LETTER TO THE TEXAS COMPTROLLER LISTING WHERE THE COUNTY HAS AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE EMINENT DOMAIN. MR. THATCHER WILL COORDINATE WITH JIM ALLISON OF ALLISON, BASS AND ASSOCIATES, L.L.P. TO CONFIRM THAT THEIR LISTS MATCH AND BRING IT BACK TO THE COURT FOR ACTION.

4. DISCUSSION OF THE COUNTY JUDICIAL SOFTWARE CONTRACT WITH AMCAD, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

JUDGE HOGAN BROUGHT THE COURT UP TO DATE ON THE AMCAD CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. THE JUDGE STATED THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT, TREASURER DAVID PEEK, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JON THATCHER, TATUM REPRESENTATIVE JERRY BYRD AND HE HAD MET WITH AMCAD AND LAID OUT NEEDED CONTRACT CHANGES. AMCAD HAD AGREED TO ALL CHANGES AND WAS IN THE PROCESS OF REDRAWING THE CONTRACT. JUDGE HOGAN INFORMED THE COURT THAT THE CONTRACT STATED A COMPLETION DATE OF DECEMBER 2013 BUT HE EXPECTED A MORE REALISTIC DATE TO BE END OF SUMMER OF 2014. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE COUNTY WOULD NEED A LIASON BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE VENDOR DURING THE INSTALLATION PROCESS AND THAT HE RECOMMENDED THEY USE TATUM FOR THAT FOURTH PHASE OF THE PROJECT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS;

JUDGE HOGAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE BEDS AROUND THE NEW COURTHOUSE WERE BEING CLEANED UP BY TROPICAL JOHN'S AND THERE WAS ALREADY A MARKED IMPROVEMENT.

*JUDGE HOGAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:15 A.M.

SHELLI MILLER
ROCKWALL COUNTY CLERK