

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
FEBRUARY 5, 2013**

**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
CLIFF SEVIER	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 9:03 A.M.

**1. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL FROM GRANICUS TO PROVIDE
SOFTWARE FOR AUTOMATION OF COUNTY CLERK'S COMMISSIONERS COURT
MINUTE PREPARATION, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;**

COUNTY CLERK SHELLI MILLER GAVE THE COURT AN OVERVIEW OF HER PROPOSAL TO USE A SOFTWARE TO AID IN PREPARING COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES AND INTRODUCED GRANICUS REPRESENTATIVE MICHELLE COOPER. MS. COOPER SITED THE MANY ADVANTAGES OF THE SOFTWARE AND DEMONSTRATED THE PRODUCT TO THE COURT. MS. MILLER WILL HAVE A CONTRACT DRAWN UP, PRESENT IT TO THE AUDITOR AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW AND BRING IT BACK BEFORE THE COURT FOR ACTION.

2. DISCUSSION OF A PAY FOR PERFORMANCE PAY SCALE FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR RANDY JENNINGS DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT A MERIT BASED COMPENSATION PROGRAM VERSUS THE CURRENT STEP PLAN. THE COURT DISCUSSED THE BENEFITS AND DISADVANTAGES OF BOTH SYSTEMS AND HOW A TRANSITION MIGHT WORK. THIS ITEM WILL BE BROUGHT BACK AT ANOTHER WORKSHOP FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

3. DISCUSSION OF THE COUNTY CLERK'S BOOK PRESERVATION PLANS WITH KOFIL AND THE USE OF COUNTY CLERK ARCHIVE FUNDS, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

COMMISSIONER SEVIER PULLED THIS ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING FOR ACTION.

4. DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF INSTALLATION OF THE KIOSK AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

COMMISSIONER GRINNAN UPDATED THE COURT ON THE STATUS OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL KIOSK AND EXPLAINED SOME OF THE FEATURES BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE CITIZENS USE. MS. GRINNAN DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT PLANS BEING MADE FOR THE UNVEILING OF THE KIOSK SCHEDULED FOR SOMETIME IN MAY 2013. THE COST OF THE KIOSK IS TO BE FUNDED BY DONATIONS EXCEPT FOR A SIGN TO BE INSTALLED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE MEMORIAL.

5. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL OPTIONS REGARDING TAXATION FOR FY 13-14, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

USING THE FINANCIAL PLANNING MODEL AND THE DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT SCHEDULE RECEIVED FROM FIRST SOUTHWEST, JUDGE HOGAN PRESENTED A SUMMARY SHEET PREPARED BY HIM, TO THE COURT WITH A NUMBER OF SCENARIOS USING VARIED TAX RATES FOR FY 13-14 AND PROJECTED GROWTH RATES AS PROVIDED BY THE CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT. THE COURT DISCUSSED THE ANALYSIS ALONG WITH FINANCIAL MODEL RESULTS FOR EACH OPTION. JUDGE HOGAN STATED THAT, IN HIS OPINION, THE INFORMATION PRESENTED GIVES A FRAMEWORK TO WORK FROM AND EXPLAINS THAT THERE ARE OPTIONS TO CONSIDER IN FUTURE DISCUSSIONS.

6. DISCUSSION OF UPDATE ON PLANS FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE RALPH HALL STATUE ON COUNTY PROPERTY, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

COMMISSIONER BAILEY UPDATED THE COURT ON THE STATUS OF THE RALPH HALL STATUE AND ADVISED THAT THE PLACEMENT OF THE STATUE WAS BEING RECONSIDERED WITH ONE POSSIBILITY TO BE INSIDE THE ENTRANCE OF THE COURTHOUSE. THE COURT DISCUSSED OTHER POSSIBLE LOCATIONS AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY ADVISED THE COURT THAT WHEN ASKED, CONGRESSMAN HALL STATED THAT HE WAS HONORED TO HAVE THE STATUE PLACED ANYWHERE BUT VOICED HIS PREFERENCE TO BE INSIDE THE BUILDING. COMMISSIONER BAILEY NOTED THAT WHEN THE ARTIST WAS COMMISSIONED A LIST OF THE DONORS WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE COURT. COMMISSIONER BAILEY WILL PUT THE ITEM BACK ON THE AGENDA AND ASK THE COURT TO CONSIDER THE CHANGE.

7. DISCUSSION OF OFFICE PROPOSAL MODIFICATIONS TO COMMISSIONER GRINNAN AND COMMISSIONER SEVIER'S OFFICE SPACE, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JON THATCHER ADVISED THE COURT THAT NO REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE FROM THE STATE HISTORIC COMMISSION TO HIS REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO OFFICE SPACE AT THE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE. THE COURT DISCUSSED ANOTHER POSSIBLE CHANGE TO PRESENT TO THE STATE FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. MR. THATCHER WILL GO BACK TO THE STATE WITH BOTH PROPOSALS.

8. DISCUSSION OF UPDATE REGARDING INDEPENDENT AUDIT FIRMS, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT ADVISED THE COURT THAT SHE HAD CANVASSED SURROUNDING COUNTIES TO LEARN THE PROCESS THEY USED TO SELECT INDEPENDENT AUDITORS AND FOUND THAT SEVERAL GO OUT FOR BID EVERY 5 YEARS. THE COURT DISCUSSED USING A SIMILAR PLAN IN THE FUTURE. MS. CONSTANT WILL BRING THIS ITEM BACK TO THE COURT TO REQUEST APPROVAL TO GO OUT FOR BID FOR NEXT YEAR'S ANNUAL AUDIT.

9. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM FIRMS TO ASSIST WITH THE COUNTY'S APPLICATION PROCESS REGARDING THE MS-4 PERMIT FOR STORM WATER MANAGEMENT, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT AND HEALTH COORDINATOR RON MERRITT DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT TWO RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM A REQUEST

FOR BIDS FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE MS-4 PERMIT FOR STORM WATER MANAGEMENT. OF THE TWO BIDS RECEIVED, ONE QUOTED TO REWRITE THE ENTIRE PERMIT WHICH WASN'T NECESSARY. MR. MERRITT SUGGESTED TO USE KIMBERLY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. WHO QUOTED AN HOURLY RATE. THE ITEM WILL BE BROUGHT BACK NEXT WEEK FOR A VOTE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COMMISSIONER MAGNESS ANNOUNCED THAT THE TWO EPISODES OF THE TV SERIES DALLAS FILMED AT THE COURTHOUSE WILL BE AIRED FEBRUARY 18TH AND 25TH.

*JUDGE HOGAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:24 A.M.

SHELLI MILLER
ROCKWALL COUNTY CLERK