

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
MARCH 26, 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
CLIFF SEVIER
LORIE GRINNAN
DENNIS BAILEY
DAVID MAGNESS
SHELLI MILLER**

**COUNTY JUDGE
COMMISSIONER PCT #1
COMMISSIONER PCT #2
COMMISSIONER PCT #3
COMMISSIONER PCT #4
COUNTY CLERK**

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

1. DISCUSSION OF OPEN SPACE ALLIANCE, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

OPEN SPACE ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVE NELL WELBORN PRESENTED THE COURT WITH AN ORGANIZATION TABLE FOR THE COMMITTEE AND GAVE THE COURT THE FIRST QUARTERLY UPDATE. MS. WELBORN ADVISED THE COURT THAT THE GROUP HAD MET WITH MOST OF THE CITIES IN ROCKWALL COUNTY AND INTENDED TO SCHEDULE MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH THEM IN THE FUTURE. COMMISSIONER MAGNESS STATED THE GROUP'S VISION WAS TO PROVIDE AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION WHERE THE CITIES OF THE COUNTY COULD SHARE EACH OTHERS PLANS FOR OPEN SPACE AS THEY DEVELOPED.

**5. DISCUSSION OF ESTIMATED COST OF THE DIRTWORK NEEDED AT THE
RETENTION POND LOCATED AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AND ALL
RELATED ISSUES;**

ROAD AND BRIDGE DIRECTOR PAT NESMITH LED THE DISCUSSION ON NEEDED WORK TO BE DONE TO ADDRESS EROSION AT THE RETENTION POND AT THE COURTHOUSE. MR. NESMITH OFFERED HIS CREW TO DO THE DIRTWORK AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$3,000 FOR MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT AND LABOR. AGS LANDSCAPING REPRESENTATIVE AARON SELDEN AND WOODY LEATH OF LEATH HYDROMULCH DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT PROS AND CONS OF VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR PLANTINGS TO CONTROL EROSION. THE ITEM WILL BE PUT ON THE NEXT AGENDA FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE TO DO THE NEEDED DIRTWORK AND MR. SELDEN WILL BRING BACK COSTS FOR TXDOT MIX DESIGNED FOR EROSION CONTROL.

2. DISCUSSION OF PROVIDING OFFICE SPACE AND A CLERK TO PROVIDE CLERICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS), AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

JUDGE HOGAN GAVE THE COURT THE BACKGROUND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) IN ROCKWALL COUNTY AND DISCUSSED THEIR NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SPACE AND THEIR REQUEST FOR THE COUNTY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A CLERK OR FUNDING FOR A CLERK. THE COURT DISCUSSED THE BENEFITS OF HAVING DPS IN THE COUNTY. COUNTY AUDITOR LISA CONSTANT WILL GET AN ARCHITECT'S ESTIMATE TO RECONFIGURE THE COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE.

3. DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF FINANCING NEW CONSTRUCTION, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

JUDGE HOGAN LED THE DISCUSSION ON LIKELY FUTURE FACILITY NEEDS FOR DIFFERENT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT INCLUDED THE JAIL, ADULT PROBATION, ELECTION OFFICE AND JUVENILE PROBATION AND OPTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION FINANCING. COMMISSIONER BAILEY AND JUDGE HOGAN ARE TALKING TO THE BUILD LEASEBACK GROUP FOR INFORMATION. THE COURT DISCUSSED FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPANSION OF THE JAIL.

4. DISCUSSION OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD 3-YEAR PLAN FOR THE COUNTY LIBRARY, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

COUNTY LIBRARIAN MARCINE MCCULLEY PRESENTED THE COURT WITH THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD'S THREE YEAR PLAN FOR THE LIBRARY AND STATED THAT THE BOARD HAD PUT A LOT OF EFFORT INTO DEVELOPING MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS, GOALS AND STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION. THIS ITEM WILL BE ON THE NEXT AGENDA FOR THE COURT TO ADOPT.

6. DISCUSSION OF DESIGN OF ROCKWALL COUNTY PROJECTED POPULATION GROWTH MODEL, AND ALL RELATED ISSUES;

COMMISSIONER MAGNESS DISCUSSED WITH THE COURT THE COOPORATIVE DATA PROGRAM, A SERVICE AVAILABLE THROUGH NCTCOG (NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS) TO ASSIST COUNTIES IN TRACKING POPULATION GROWTH.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JUDGE HOGAN ASKED THE COURT TO RETHINK HOLDING QUARTERLY NIGHT COMMISSIONERS COURT DUE TO THE LACK OF CITIZEN ATTENDANCE.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY ADVISED THE COURT OF CURRENT LEGISLATIVE
BILLS TO WATCH.

*JUDGE HOGAN ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 10:32 A.M.

SHELLI MILLER
ROCKWALL COUNTY CLERK