

COMMISSIONERS COURT
August 6, 2013

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
Cliff Sevier Commissioner Pct 1
Lorie Grinnan Commissioner Pct 2
David Magness Commissioner Pct 4
Shelli Miller County Clerk

ABSENT: Dennis Bailey Commissioner Pct 3

Judge Hogan reminded the Court as a point in history that 68 years ago this date the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima.

2. Discussion of employee benefits for 2014, including health insurance, wellness, retirement, and other benefits, and all related issues;

Human Resource Director Randy Jennings, as the Benefit Committee member, presented the Court with the Committee's recommendations regarding employee health care coverage, the healthcare wellness program, the retirement program and employee salary increases for FY2014. This was a discussion item only. No action taken.

1. Discuss/Act on the 1st draft budget for Fiscal Year 2014, and all related issues;

Various department heads and elected officials were allowed time to express reasons for their budget requests for FY2014. Sheriff Eavenson presented the Court with the County Detention Center Budget Requests and gave a detailed explanation for his requests for personnel changes, vehicles and equipment and the justification for each. The Sheriff followed with his presentation for the County Sheriff's Office budget requests to include capital requests, vehicle requests and personnel requests and gave justifications.

Judge Hogan recessed the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Judge Hogan reconvened the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 Judge Nancy Beaty presented the Court with in depth background information to justify her request for personnel changes stating that her office has 63% of the JP caseload. Judge Beaty went on to discuss other budgetary concerns with the Court and the need for a new electronic ticketing software from Brazos Technology and whether it should be added to the 2nd draft budget at an estimated cost

of \$60,000. The discussion on the software will be put on a workshop agenda for further discussion.

Juvenile Services Director Angie Scalf addressed the Court and presented an overview of her department and her FY2014 Budget. Ms. Scalf explained how her department falls under both State and County responsibility with her budget funded by both.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 Judge Mark Russo discussed his budget requests with the Court.

Precinct 1, 2, 3 & 4 Constables presented the Court with justification for their FY2014 budget requests for markings and equipment for their vehicles.

Judge Hogan recessed the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Judge Hogan reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

The Court continued to hear individual department's budgetary requests. County Librarian Marcine McCulley asked the Court to reduce her budget request by \$75,000 for books. Ms. McCulley went on to say that she has sufficient funds available for books and that \$15,000.00 was too much. Ms. McCulley then discussed personnel needs.

Judge Hogan discussed briefly District Clerk Kay McDaniel's FY2014 budget requests.

County Clerk Shelli Miller spoke to the Court to explain and justify her requests for personnel changes in her office. Ms. Miller also discussed her proposed solution for choosing an indexing vendor with the FY2014 Budget impact of the combined proposed changes to be a savings of \$45,800 to the General Fund.

Criminal District Attorney Kenda Culpepper gave the Court an overview of the functions of the District Attorney's office. Ms. Culpepper then presented the Court with her budget requests for personnel, Travel and Training, a replacement vehicle and gun range costs.

Meals on Wheels representative Margie VerHagen spoke to the Court and requested an additional \$10,000 which would enable the program to be eligible to receive matching funds from an available grant program.

The Court then discussed the Elected Official's salaries and the needed notice.

3. Discuss/Act on appointing a member from Commissioners Court to serve as a liaison to the Downtown Improvement Project and the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation, and all related issues;

The motion was made by Commissioner Magness, seconded by Commissioner Sevier with the court voting 4-0 in favor of appointing Commissioner Bailey to serve as the Court's liaison to the Downtown Improvement Project and the Rockwall Economic Development Corporation.

The Court discussed how to address a letter received from the Texas Historical Foundation requesting the court to approve the proposed design concept plan for the Downtown Improvement Project. The Court asked Judge Hogan to sign and return the letter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS;

Judge Hogan asked that all County employees attend one of the Harassment Training/Maintaining a Respectful Workplace classes on either August 6, 7 or 8.

ADJOURN;

Judge Hogan adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

SHELLI MILLER
ROCKWALL COUNTY CLERK