

**COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**August 20, 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**  
**Dennis Bailey Commissioner Pct 3**  
**David Magness Commissioner Pct 4**  
**Shelli Miller County Clerk**

**Judge Hogan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.**

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

**Judge Hogan led the discussion on the 1st draft budget for FY2014 and asked the Court for items to address. Areas discussed included Sheriff's capital outlay, employee compensation, personnel requests and Constable's equipment among other items.**

**The motion was made by Commissioner Magness, seconded by Commissioner Bailey with the Court voting 5-0 in favor of removing the budgeting of the \$200,000.00 revenue for the sale of 108 Fannin and allowing the funds to return to the general fund balance.**

**The motion was made by Commissioner Magness, seconded by Judge Hogan with the Court voting 3-2 in favor of removing requested vehicles for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$105,000.00 out of the 1<sup>st</sup> draft budget. Commissioner Sevier and Commissioner Bailey voted against.**

**The Court had a lengthy discussion in regards to whether the County employee's salary adjustment should remain at a maximum of 5% increase or be changed to reflect a minimum of 5% increase to each employee..**

**The motion was made by Commissioner Magness, seconded by Commissioner Bailey with the Court voting 3-2 in favor of striking the \$185,215.00 for changing County employee salary adjustments to a minimum 5% and keeping the increase to a maximum of 5% as it is currently budgeted in the FY2014 1<sup>st</sup> draft. Commissioner Sevier and Commissioner Grinnan voted against.**

2. Discuss/Act on setting the proposed Rockwall County 2013 Tax Rate, and take record vote, and all related issues; (Court)

**The Court discussed setting the 2013 Tax Rate for the FY2014 budget. County Auditor Lisa Constant Wylie clarified that the Court's proposed Effective Tax Rate of .3959 would set the I&S to .0940, M&O to .3018 and Road and Bridge to .0001.**

**The motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Grinnan with the Court voting 5-0 in favor of setting the 2013 Tax Rate at .3959, which is the Effective Tax Rate.**

3. Discuss/Act on scheduling the first Public Hearing (if required) for August 27, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. for the proposed 2013 County Tax Rate, and order publication for notice, and all related issues; (Court)

**The Court discussed setting a Public Hearing or adding an agenda item to allow for public input on the Tax Rate since the Court chose the effective rate public hearings are not needed, however. Judge Hogan will add an agenda item to the next Commissioners Court to allow the public to speak on the subject. This was a discussion item only. No action taken.**

4. Discuss/Act on scheduling a second Public Hearing on the proposed 2013 County Tax Rate (if required) for September 3, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., and order publication for notice, and all related issues; (Court)

**Judge Hogan will add an agenda item to the next Commissioners Court to allow the public to speak on the subject of the 2013 Tax Rate. No second Public Hearing is necessary. This was a discussion item only. No action taken.**

5. Discussion of the draft Rockwall County Bicycle Master Plan, and all related issues; (Grinnan)

**This item regarding the draft Rockwall County Bicycle Master Plan was pulled from the agenda.**

**Judge Hogan recessed the meeting at 10:19 a.m.**

**Judge Hogan reconvened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.**

6. Discussion of accepting the EASE 2.0 Grant (Effective Absentee Systems for Elections) offered by the Federal Voting Assistance Program, a division of the Department of Defense; approval of agreements with Democracy Live to facilitate the grant, and all related issues; (Denton)

**Elections Administrator Glenda Denton and Democracy Live representative Ingrid Giordano addressed the Court to discuss the EASE 2.0 Grant. Ms. Denton and Ms. Giordano answered questions the Court had asked at a previous meeting and explained that Rockwall County had been asked to lead the state by being part of the grant. It was also explained that Democracy Live is the same technology currently being used for our sample ballots and this will extend our current program to military serving overseas with absentee voting. Ms. Denton asked for the Court's approval. This was a discussion item only. No action taken.**

7. Discuss/Act on issuing a burn ban for Rockwall County, and all related issues; (Hogan)

**The motion was made by Commissioner Grinnan, seconded by Commissioner Bailey with the Court voting 4-1 in favor of adopting an order as presented for general use by the Court to restrict outdoor burning which gives the County Judge authority to lift a ban. The motion went on to include issuing a burn ban on this date, August 20, 2013 to be in effect for a 90 day period. Commissioner Magness voted against.**

8. Discuss/Act on proposal from Barson Utilities, Inc. for parking lot improvements at the County Services Building, and all related issues; (NeSmith)

**Road and Bridge Director Pat NeSmith presented the Court with proposed plans to add asphalt for repairs and leveling to parking areas 1 and 2 at the County Services Building.**

**The motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Sevier with the Court voting 5-0 in favor of approving a proposal from Barson Utilities, Inc. for the area 1 parking lot improvements at the County Services Building.**

**The motion was made by Commissioner Grinnan to approve a proposal from Barson Utilities, Inc. for the area 2 parking lot improvements at the County Services Building. The motion died for lack of a second.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Announcements regarding County news, and upcoming County events.

**Judge Hogan gave a recap of the actions taken and a review of the next scheduled meetings. Commissioner Grinnan presented the Court with detailed copies of the Juvenile Services budget for their review.**

**ADJOURN:**

**There being no further business before the Court, Judge Hogan adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.**

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SHELLI MILLER  
ROCKWALL COUNTY CLERK