

COMMISSIONERS COURT
September 3, 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. Receive input from the citizens of Rockwall County regarding the 2013 County Tax Rate, and all related issues; (Court)

There were no citizens present that wished to address the Court regarding the FY2014 County Tax Rate.

2. Discussion of use of Speed Cameras by Texas Counties, and all related issues; (Bailey)

American Traffic Solutions (ATS) General Counsel George Hittner gave the Court a brief history of ATS and how traffic cameras can be used on county roads to increase officer availability, safer school zones and overall safer driving. ATS representative Greg Parks further explained the traffic violation process through their system and sited how it was a viable solution for traffic safety. Commissioner Bailey asked the Court to speak to municipalities in their precincts and bring questions back to the Court for further discussion.

3. Discuss/Act on the 2nd draft budget for Fiscal Year 2014, and all related issues; (Hogan)

Judge Hogan gave the Court the timeline for the FY2014 Budget and establishing the tax rate and gave a brief overview of the progress to date. The Judge stated that the tax rate was proposed to go from .3864 to .3959, which would be a .095 increase and explained the reason for the increase was primarily because of the road bond debt service that the citizens voted for in 2008. The Court discussed remaining items on the 2nd draft of the FY2014 Budget to include JP staffing, Indigent Health, Maintenance and Repair, vehicle needs and a safe for the Game Warden.

4. Discuss/Act on approving the following property acquisition(s) and disposition(s) of fixed assets(s); (Auditor)

- A. District Attorney to purchase from District Attorney General Fund Capital Outlay: 2014 Chevrolet Impala LS @ a quoted cost of \$19,845.00.
- B. County Jail to purchase from County Jail General Fund Capital Outlay: Jail maintenance vehicle/truck @ an estimated cost of \$29,500.00.

The motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Grinnan with the Court voting 5-0 in favor of approving the following property acquisition(s) and disposition(s) of fixed assets.

- 5. Discuss/Act on approving the County Agent to purchase and install landscape material to be placed between the new courthouse and the library not to exceed \$10,000.00, and all related issues; (Bailey)

County Extension Agent Todd Williams gave the Court a brief overview and gave costs for proposed landscape work to be done between the Library and Courthouse. Mr. Williams advised that the work would be completed and maintained by Mr. Williams and the Master Gardeners.

The motion was made by Commissioner Bailey, seconded by Commissioner Grinnan with the court voting 5-0 in favor of approving the County Agent to purchase and install landscape material to be placed between the new courthouse and the library not to exceed \$10,000.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS;

Judge Hogan announced that the budget would be approved and the tax rate would be set and invited to attend the September 10th meeting. He also updated the Court on the progress being made with construction at the County Services Building saying it would be completed by October 4th.

ADJOURN;

There being no further business before the Court Judge Hogan adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**SHELLI MILLER
ROCKWALL COUNTY CLERK**