

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
FEBRUARY 20, 2008**

**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:**

CHRIS FLORANCE	COUNTY JUDGE
JERRY WIMPEE	COMMISSIONER PCT #1-ABSENT
LORIE GRINNAN	COMMISSIONER PCT #2
BRUCE BEATY	COMMISSIONER PCT #3
DAVID MAGNESS	COMMISSIONER PCT #4
LISA CONSTANT	COUNTY CLERK

JUDGE FLORANCE CALLED THE SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER AT
9:00AM.

ITEM #1

COMMISSIONER MAGNESS STATED THAT A CHILDREN'S GARDEN WAS
DESIGNED AND PLANNED FOR THE NEW LIBRARY IF FUNDS WERE
AVAILABLE. THE GARDEN WOULD BE A LEARNING CENTER WITH LOW
MAINTENANCE PLANTS. CLARK MILLER OF POGUE CONSTRUCTION
REPORTED \$130,000.00 OF SAVINGS THAT THE COUNTY COULD USE TO
FUND THE BUILDING OF THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN. KATHY MELSTON,
LIBRARY DIRECTOR EXPLAINED THAT THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN WILL BE
USED AS A LEARNING CENTER FOR CHILDREN. THIS OUTDOOR SPACE
WILL BE USED BY THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN FOR STORY-TIME
ACTIVITIES. FOCUS GROUPS ALSO SHOWED INTEREST WHEN

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QUESTIONED ABOUT DESIGNING THE NEW LIBRARY TO INCLUDE GREEN SPACE AROUND THE FACILITY. OTHER POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION ALTERNATIVES THAT COULD BE PURCHASED WITH THE PROJECTED SAVINGS ARE AUTOMATIC SHADES (SHADE MOTOR) FOR THE WINDOW COVERING IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OR AN AUDIO-VISUAL SYSTEM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM. JUDGE FLORANCE ALLOWED THOSE IN ATTENDANCE TO ADDRESS THE COURT. LEIGH PLAGENS STATED THAT THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT WAS GREAT AND QUESTIONED HOW WILL THE MAINTENANCE BE HANDLED FOR THE REST OF THE BUILDING'S EXTERIOR AREAS. THE COURT STATED THAT IT WILL MOST LIKELY BE HIRED OUT. MS. PLAGENS ALSO ASKED WHETHER THE INTEREST EARNED ON THE BOND MONEY COULD BE USED TO PAY FOR SOME OF THE EXPENSES. THE AUDITOR ANSWERED THAT THE BOND WORDING DETERMINED ITS USE. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MAGNESS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BEATY WITH THE COURT VOTING 3-1, COMMISSIONER WIMPEE WAS ABSENT AND JUDGE FLORANCE VOTED AGAINST, TO INCLUDE THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN IN THE LIBRARY PROJECT AT THE REDUCED PRICE OF \$95,065 AND THAT THE MONEY WILL COME FROM THE \$130,000 SAVINGS RETURN QUOTED BY POGUE CONSTRUCTION REPRESENTATIVE CLARK MILLER AND THAT THE GMP (GROSS MAXIMUM PRICE) WILL NOT CHANGE. THE AUDITOR CONFIRMED THAT THE GMP WILL NOT CHANGE AND THAT WHEN THERE IS A \$130,000 SAVINGS, THAT THE MONEY TO PAY THE BILLS WILL COME

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FROM THE CURRENT GMP. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MAGNESS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GRINNAN WITH THE COURT VOTING 3-1, COMMISSIONER WIMPEE WAS ABSENT AND JUDGE FLORANCE VOTED AGAINST, TO ADD AN AUDIO-VISUAL SYSTEM AS QUOTED AT \$77,937.00 AND THAT THIS MONEY WILL COME FROM THE SAME SOURCE AS THE ABOVE MOTION AND IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH AVAILABLE TO PAY FROM THE SAVINGS THEN THE EXTRA COST WILL COME OUT OF THE CONTINGENCY AMOUNT WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN ADDED TO THE GMP.

WITH NO OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, JUDGE FLORANCE ADJOURNED THE SPECIAL MEETING AT 9:50AM.

LISA CONSTANT, COUNTY CLERK

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