

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
MARCH 13, 2008**

**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:**

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

JUDGE FLORANCE CALLED THE WORKSHOP MEETING TO ORDER AT
9:30AM TO DISCUSS:

• **DISCUSSION OF ROAD AND BRIDGE EQUIPMENT AND TERP
PROGRAM:**

JIMMY RAY, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM CDS ENTERPRISES WHICH IS
A GRANT WRITING COMPANY FOR THE TERP PROGRAM, EXPLAINED
TO THE COURT THAT TERP IS A BUY-OUT PROGRAM ALLOWING OLD
EQUIPMENT TO BE REPLACED WITH NEW EQUIPMENT WHICH HAS
LOWER EMISSIONS. THE TERP MONEY IS OFFERED BY THE STATE
OF TEXAS. THE GRANT SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS APRIL 11TH, 2008.
THIS ITEM WILL BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

• **DISCUSSION OF NEW COUNTY LIBRARY:**

COMMISSIONER MAGNESS REVIEWED THE PROGRESS OF THE NEW
LIBRARY:

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- THE GRAND OPENING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2008.
- DURING THE UPCOMING BUDGET PROCESS, THE COURT WILL ADDRESS THE CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE STAFFING FOR THE NEW LIBRARY. ALONG WITH OTHER STAFFING ISSUES, I.E. SECURITY.
- A TOUR WILL BE SET UP FOR THE COURT AND THE LIBRARY BOARD TO SEE THE CURRENT PROGRESS.
- KATHY MELSTON, LIBRARY DIRECTOR, ADDRESSED THE DONATION MONEY DISBURSEMENT PROCEDURE THAT IS CURRENTLY BEING USED.
- BARBARA COLESON, FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY, STATED THAT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT MONEY DONATED TOWARD THE NEW LIBRARY IS NOT CO-MINGLED WITH COUNTY FUNDS BUT THAT ANY PROPERTY PURCHASED WITH DONATED MONIES BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF THE COUNTY. THE PURCHASES/EXPENDITURES WILL STILL BE REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE COURT. MAINLY, THE ITEMS INCLUDE BOOKS, FURNITURE AND COMPUTERS.
- **DISCUSSION OF NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM:**

COMMISSIONER MAGNESS REVIEWED THE PROGRESS OF THE NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM:

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- THE HUB FOR THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM HAS BEEN MOVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT CENTER TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER.
- CUT-OVER TO THE NEW PHONE SYSTEM IS STILL SET FOR MARCH 21, 2008
- THE OLD PHONE AND THE NEW PHONE WILL REMAIN ON EACH DESK DURING THE CUT-OVER PROCESS.
- TRAINING FOR THE NEW SYSTEM WILL BE OFFERED TO EMPLOYEES ON FOUR DIFFERENT DAYS AT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER.
- A NEW COUNTY COURT JURY HOTLINE NUMBER BE GIVEN OUT PRIOR TO THE CUT-OVER SINCE JURY SUMMONS ARE SENT OUT TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.

****SHORT RECESS – 10:40AM TO 10:50AM****

- **DISCUSSION OF HOUSE BILL 2006 AND EMINENT DOMAIN:**

COMMISSIONER MAGNESS DISCUSSED HB 2006 WHICH WAS VETEOED BY THE GOVERNOR. HOWEVER, HB 1495, LANDOWNERS BILL OF RIGHTS DID PASS ON FEBRUARY 1, 2008.

- **DISCUSSION OF LONG RANGE FACILITY PLANNING:**

COMMISSIONER GRINNAN PRESENTED TWO PROPOSED SOLUTIONS, PLANNED BY COMMISSIONER GRINNAN AND COMMISSIONER MAGNESS, TO REMEDY THE OFFICE SPACE PROBLEM FACED BY THE

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COUNTY OFFICES. THE INTERIM PLAN WOULD WORK DURING THE
TIME IT WOULD TAKE TO BUILD A JUSTICE CENTER FACILITY.
NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AND WITH NO FURTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA;
JUDGE FLORANCE ADJOURNED THE WORKSHOP MEETING AT 11:35AM.

LISA CONSTANT, COUNTY CLERK

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