

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF HOOD

Be it known that on this the 6th day of August , 2013, the Honorable Commissioners Court of Hood County was duly convened in a special session, in the Central Jury room at the Hood County Justice center at 1200 West Pearl St., Granbury, Texas, for the following purposes to wit:

Pursuant to the Texas open meetings act, notice is hereby given that a special called workshop meeting of the Hood County Commissioners will be held on **Tuesday, August 06, 2013, at 3:30 PM**, in the **JP 1 & 2 Courtroom in the Hood County Justice Center**, 1200 W. Pearl St., Granbury, TX 76048. The following subject will be discussed:

Agenda

- I. Call to order.
- II. Discuss and take appropriate action for professional services regarding the hiring of an outside attorney. (CJ)

Adjourn.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Darrell Cockerham, County Judge  
James Deaver, Commissioner Precinct 1  
Jeff Tout, Commissioner Precinct 3  
Steve Berry, Commissioner Precinct 4  
Mary Burentt, County Clerk

**REGARDING ITEM I:** Judge Cockerham called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. on the aforesaid date of August 6th, 2013.

**REGARDING ITEM II:** Judge Cockerham asked the attorneys from the Haynes & Boone Team to introduce themselves'. Anne Johnson took the lead and introduced John Turner, Andrew Guthrie and Jeff Civins. Anne explained the process for seeking party status and any subsequent hearings. There was a lengthy discussions about the process. Judge Cockerham stated the Purchasing Department would have to be exempt from the competitive bidding process for the services of an attorney under LGC 262.024(a)(4) professional services under discretionary exemptions. Commissioner Berry requested an executive session for further discussion.

Judge Cockerham recessed the meeting to convene the Executive Session.

Judge Cockerham reconvened the Open Session.

Motion made by Commissioner Berry to exempt the Purchasing Department from the competitive bidding process for the purchase of Attorney Services Pursuant to LGC 262.024(a)(4) "Discretionary Exemptions" for professional services. Seconded by Commissioner Deaver. All voted aye. Motion carried. See attached.

Motion made by Commissioner Tout that Hood County agree to work with the City of Granbury and the citizens of Hood County to fight the Brazos River Authority's request to sell additional water from the Brazos River watershed and contribute up to \$100,000.00 along with the City of Granbury with money contributed after August 26, 2013 by both entitled used to define matching funds,

contingent upon Hood County receiving party status and that we will retain the law firm of Haynes and Boone for our attempt to gain party status. This contract will allow the County Judge to sign contract after review by the County Attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Berry. All voted aye. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:45 P.M..

APPROVED:

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DARRELL COCKERHAM, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

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MARY BURNETT, COUNTY CLERK