

STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF HOOD

BE IT KNOWN THAT ON THIS THE 10TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2012, THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HOOD COUNTY WAS DULY CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION, IN THE 2ND FLOOR COURTROOM OF THE HOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 100 E. PEARL ST., GRANBURY, TEXAS, FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES, TO WIT:

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Hood County, Texas will be held on **Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at 7:00 PM** in the **2ND FLOOR COURTROOM OF THE HOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE** 100 E. Pearl St, Granbury, Texas 76048. At which meeting the following subjects will be discussed and the following matters acted upon.

AGENDA:

- I. Call to order
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Pledge to Texas
"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible"
- V. Special presentations
 - A. Joe Williams from Lake Granbury Waterfront Owner's Association.
- VI. Citizens' Comments pertaining to AGENDA ITEMS only.
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Minutes:
 - 1. Regular Commissioners' Court minutes for Dec.27, 2011.
 - B. Treasurer:
 - 1. Ratify payroll for Dec. 19, 2011 to January 1, 2012, paid on January 6, 2012.
 - 2. Ratify jury payroll paid January 4, 2012.
 - C. Personnel changes, new hires, and terminations
 - D. Authorize County Judge to sign EOC Grant. (FM)
 - E. Approve returning the location for all postings, meeting notices, and notices of public sales to the Hood County Courthouse at 100 E. Pearl Street.
- VIII. Business to be discussed and considered for approval:
 - A. **SUBDIVISIONS, ROADS AND PLATS**
 - 1. **Road Operations** – No agenda items.
 - 2. **Development and Compliance**
 - a. Consider and take appropriate action on expiring terms of Development Commission

Chairs 2 and 4.
 - B. **BUDGET AND FINANCE (AUD)**
 - 1. Consider budget line item amendments for the period Dec. 20, 2011, through Jan. 2, 2012, and take appropriate action.
 - 2. Consider payment of bills for the period Dec. 20, 2011 through Jan. 2, 2012, and take appropriate action.
 - 3. Consider and take appropriate action regarding fixed assets purchase for County Court at Law. (AUD)
 - C. **MISCELLANEOUS:**
 - 1. Convene into executive session per Texas Government Code 551.071 for consultation with attorney regarding pending litigation or a settlement offer with regard to Crossmatch.
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 - 2. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action.

ADJOURN

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Darrell Cockerham, County Judge
Mike Sympson, Commissioner Precinct 1
Dick Roan, Commissioner Precinct 2
Leonard Heathington, Commissioner Precinct 3
Steve Berry, Commissioner Precinct 4
Marlina Stuckey, Chief Deputy Clerk

REGARDING ITEM I: JUDGE COCKERHAM CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00 P.M. ON THE AFORESAID DATE OF JANUARY 10, 2012.

REGARDING ITEM II: THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY COMMISSIONER HEATHINGTON.

REGARDING ITEM III: THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY COMMISSIONER SYMPSON.

REGARDING ITEM IV: PLEDGE TO TEXAS LED BY COMMISSIONER BERRY.

REGARDING ITEM V: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS WERE GIVEN:

SHERIFF DEEDS PRESENTED A COMMENDATION LETTER AND CERTIFICATE AND ALSO A LIFE SAVING PIN TO DEPUTY JOSH LANE FOR HIS HEROIC ACTIONS ON DECEMBER 31ST FOR RESCUING PEOPLE FROM A STRUCTURE FIRE.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION, CERTIFICATES AND LIFE SAVING PINS WERE ALSO GIVEN BY SHERIFF DEEDS TO JAILERS DANIEL SWEENEY, KIMBERLEY FAIRCHILD, JIMMY FOWLER AND STEVEN QUINTANILLA FOR THEIR TEAM WORK IN SAVING THE LIFE OF AN INMATE WHO WAS HAVING A HEART ATTACK.

COMMISSIONERS DICK ROAN AND STEVE BERRY WERE PRESENTED WITH 5 YEAR SERVICE PINS.

MR. JOE WILLIAMS FROM LAKE GRANBURY WATERFRONT OWNER'S ASSOCIATION ADDRESSED THE COURT AND THANKED THEM FOR THE RESOLUTION THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY PASSED IN REGARDS TO TRYING TO PREVENT THE BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY FROM BEING ABLE TO WITHDRAW AN INCREASE OF UP TO 60% MORE WATER FROM LAKE GRANBURY. HE ALSO INVITED THEM TO JOIN IN THE BUS TRIP TO AUSTIN ON JANUARY 25TH FOR A MEETING WITH TCEQ ABOUT THE BRAZOS RIVER AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR MORE WATER RIGHTS.

REGARDING ITEM VI: CITIZENS COMMENTS. NONE.

JUDGE COCKERHAM ASKED IF ANYONE WANTED TO PULL AN ITEM FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA. COMMISSIONER BERRY REQUESTED ITEM D BE PULLED.

REGARDING ITEM VII: MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER SYMPSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ITEM D. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROAN. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED. SEE ATTACHED.

COMMISSIONER BERRY ASKED SHERIFF DEEDS TO EXPLAIN THE EOC GRANT. SHERIFF DEEDS STATED THAT IT IS AN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER GRANT CONTINUATION THAT HE AND FIRE MARSHALL BRIAN FINE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON. THIS WILL HELP PROVIDE THE COUNTY WITH A LARGER COMMAND POST FOR DIFFERENT AGENCIES IN CASE OF ANY EMERGENCY WITHIN THE COUNTY.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER BERRY TO APPROVE ITEM D FOR THE EOC GRANT AND AUTHORIZE JUDGE COCKERHAM TO SIGN. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROAN. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED. SEE ATTACHED.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.A.2: DONALD LINNEY OF DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLIANCE REQUESTED THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF CAROLINE MEEHAN AND PAUL PAINTER FOR THE EXPIRING TERMS OF DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CHAIRS 2 AND 4.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER HEATHINGTON TO APPROVE THE REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERRY. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.B.1. AUDITOR STAN MCBROOM ADDRESSED THE COURT REGARDING THE BUDGET LINE ITEM AMENDMENTS. THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT \$300 TRAVEL EXPENSE FROM EACH JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OFFICE BEING TRANSFERRED INTO A NON-DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNT FOR THEIR USE OF AN ON-CALL VEHICLE. JUSTICE OF PEACE TUGGLE STATED THAT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS TO BE USED AS A TAKE-HOME CAR. THE COURT STATED THAT THERE WILL NEED TO BE A WORKSHOP FOR THIS DISCUSSION ALONG WITH A THE POLICY FOR COUNTY VEHICLES.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER SYMPSON TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY BUDGET LINE ITEM AMENDMENTS FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 20, 2011 THROUGH JANUARY 2, 2012. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ROAN. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED. SEE ATTACHED.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.B.2: AUDITOR STAN MCBROOM ADVISED THE COURT ON THE MONTHLY BILLS.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER HEATHINGTON TO APPROVE BILLS FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 20, 2011 THROUGH JANUARY 2, 2012. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SYMPSON. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED. SEE ATTACHED. COMMISSIONER BERRY MADE THE STATEMENT THAT THE BILL TO VISUAL INNOVATIONS WAS NOT ONLY FOR THE AUDIO IN THE COURTROOM BUT ALSO FOR THE FIBER FOR THE WHOLE BUILDING.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.B.3: COUNTY COURT AT LAW JUDGE VINCENT MESSINA ADDRESSED THE COURT REGARDING HIS REQUEST FOR TWO LAP TOPS.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER BERRY TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR TWO LAP TOPS. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEATHINGTON. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

REGARDING ITEM VIII.C: JUDGE COCKERHAM ANNOUNCED THAT COURT WOULD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 FOR CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION OR A SETTLEMENT OFFER WITH REGARD TO CROSSMATCH.

EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGAN AT 7:30 P.M. AND ENDED AT 7:38 P.M.

JUDGE COCKERHAM RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION AT 7:38 P.M.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER SYMPSON TO ACCEPT THE SETTLEMENT WITH CROSSMATCH. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BERRY. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

COURT ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.

APPROVED:

DARRELL COCKERHAM, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

MARY BURNETT, COUNTY CLERK