

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, September 10, 2013**, at **9:00 AM** in the **JURY SELECTION ROOM OF THE HOOD COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER** 1200 W. 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. Proclamation for Constitution Week.
- VI. Citizens' Comments pertaining to AGENDA ITEMS only.
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. Minutes:
    1. Regular Commissioners' Court minutes for August 27, 2013.
    2. Special called Commissioners Court minutes for August 23, 2013 (EOC).
    3. Special called Commissioners Court minutes for August 20, 2013(salaries, tax coll).
    4. Special called Commissioners Court minutes for August 16, 2013 (EOC).
    5. Special called Commissioners Court minutes for September 03, 2013. (budget)
  - B. Treasurer:
    1. Ratify payroll for the period 8/12/13 through 8/25/13 - paid 8/30/13
    2. Ratify jury paid through September 03, 2013.
  - C. Personnel changes, new hires, and terminations
  - D. Accept donation to the county of one carpet cleaning machine. (MAINT)
  - E. Accept the District Judge's salary orders. (AUD)
    1. Order Setting District Court Coordinator's Salary
    2. Order Setting Salaries for District Court Reporter and District Court Bailiff.
    3. Order Setting Salaries of Assistant Auditors.
  - F. Purchasing:
    1. Approve request to declare as surplus abandoned vehicles per the attached list from the Sheriff's Office and sell at the next Rene Bates online auction.
    2. Approve contract renewal of M.L.Phinney for RFP2011-015 Vending Machines & Services.
  - G. Approve renewing the contract for Constable Pct. 4 office, Absent Student Attendance Program (Truancy Prevention), with GISD and allow the County Judge to sign. (Con P4) addendum
- VIII. Business to be discussed and considered for approval:
  - A. **SUBDIVISIONS, ROADS AND PLATS**
    1. **Road Operations**
      - a. Discuss & consider the status of the roadway that runs from 1974 CR307 southward to the County line and take appropriate action.
    2. **Development and Compliance – no items**
  - B. **BUDGET AND FINANCE (AUD)**
    1. Consider budget line item amendments for the period August 20, 2013, through August 30, 2013, and take appropriate action.
    2. Consider payment of bills for the period August 20, 2013, through August 30, 2013, and take appropriate action.

3. Consider and take appropriate action to conduct a separate vote to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget, per LGC Sec. 111.008 (c).
4. Consider and vote on whether to adopt the proposed budget that was the subject of two public hearings on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 and Tuesday, August 27, 2013, for the 2013-2014 Hood County fiscal year, including changes as agreed; and take appropriate action.(LGC 111.008 and 111.009 and Tax Code Ch 26.). THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$1,527,894 OR 10.07%, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$275,185 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.
5. Consider and vote on whether to adopt the order to set the Hood County property tax rate at the Effective Rate of 0.383908 per \$100 valuation for the fiscal year 2013-2014 (which is effectively a 8.57 percent increase in the tax rate), in accordance with the budget adopted for 2013-2014; and take appropriate action. (LGC 111.010 and Tax Code Ch 26)

**C. MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. Consider and take appropriate action regarding Policy updates and new policies (PER) (TR):
  - a. New Hire Transfer Policy
  - b. Guidelines on Termination Policy.
  - c. Automated Time and Attendance Policy.
  - d. Compensatory Time Policy.
  - e. Employee Status Definitions.
  - f. Update on Travel Policy.
2. Consider and take appropriate action regarding approval of Law Enforcement Salary Matrix. (PER)
3. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Commissioners Court Schedule for 2013 – 2014. (CJ)
4. Consider a presentation from Texas Agri-Life (Jody Cason) on possible grant for septic system replacement. (Comp4)
  - a. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Texas Agri-Life presentation.
5. Hood County Historical Commission:
  - a. Consider and take appropriate action regarding approval a donation of \$500 to Hood County Genealogical & Historical Society towards repair of the air-conditioning unit at the Historic Granbury Depot, in order to help maintain the historic items collected at the Depot and keep them available to the citizens of Hood County.
  - b. Consider and take appropriate action regarding approval a donation of \$300 to the Friends of the Library visiting author fund to help sponsor Dr. Carla Kaplan, a Davis Distinguished Professor of American Literature; Ph.D., Northwestern University, whose new book, *Miss Anne in Harlem: The White Women of the Black Renaissance*, has ties to local history.
  - c. Consider and take appropriate action regarding approval of the location for the Nellie Robertson Historical Marker on the south side Courthouse lawn, to the east of the existing General Granbury granite marker.
6. Consider and take action on proposed interlocal agreement with the City of Fort Worth for continued participation in Fort Worth's environmental collection center household hazardous waste program. (EH)
7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Rockwall County and authorize County Judge to sign the agreement. (EA)
8. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the fees for the Constables and Sheriff, to go into effect January 1, 2014. (ConP4)

9. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the District Clerk's request for reimbursement for microwave and refrigerator. (ComP3)
10. Consider and take appropriate action concerning the hiring of an attorney to represent Hood County in our contract negotiations with Granbury Independent School District. (ComP3)
11. Consider and take appropriate action to approve adding a stuffer to payroll envelopes reminding employees of the ability to donate to United Way of Hood County through payroll deduction. (TR)

**ADJOURN**

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**DARRELL COCKERHAM, COUNTY JUDGE**

Notice of meeting/agenda posted at Hood County Courthouse Building (Outside Bulletin Board), 100 E. Pearl St., Granbury, Texas, on September 05, 2013 at 4:00 PM by M. Sutton.

**NOTICE**

**Policy of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability**

County of Hood does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. Personnel Director, Personnel and Governmental Affairs Dept. 1410 W. Pearl St., Granbury, Texas 76048, phone 817-408-3450 has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements in Section 35.107 of the Department of Justice regulations. \*Information concerning the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the rights provided thereunder, is available from the Personnel Director.

Hood County Reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.076(Deliberations about Security Devices), and §551.087 (Economic Development).