



WORKSHOP REGARDING THE HAYS COUNTY TRANSFER STATION [T1-1265]

Jerry Pinnix, Transfer Station Manager, spoke of problems with the recycling program. Expenses are greater than revenues. He spoke of problems in Dripping Springs at the unmanned sight. They have been unsuccessful in locating a new sight. Expenses last year were \$22,439.22 with revenues of \$462.73. Expenses in 1997 were \$16,993.56 with \$1,064.19 in revenues. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of trash that is left at the recycling sight in Dripping Springs. Commissioner Carter spoke of recycling in New Braunfels which is done at manned sights (mobile recycling). Jerry Pinnix advised that New Braunfels is losing money even though they are processing the material and receiving grants for equipment. He spoke of additional cost associated with processing recycling materials. New Braunfels is utilizing prisoners to assist in their recycling program. Jerry Pinnix spoke of amount of recyclables and materials being recycled. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of possible lease/sale of the transfer station in Wimberley. Jerry Pinnix spoke of solid waste revenues. He spoke of new fees being charge to the county for sorting recyclables and additional charges for picking up used oil at each site. Commissioner Molenaar suggested getting out of the transfer station/recycling business. Commissioner Burnett stated that he would put an item on the agenda next week for an RFP to lease the transfer station (losing \$70-80,000). We can mandate the hours, fees, and require them to recycle and have a hazardous waste program. He spoke of purchasing property in other parts of the county for recycling businesses. Jerry Pinnix spoke of county liability. Discussed subsidizing recycling. Jerry spoke of "citizens collection station" which does not require a permitting process. Judge Powers and Commissioner Molenaar suggested getting out of recycling all together. Jerry Pinnix stated that he felt like Hays County does need to get out of recycling and the transfer station. He feels like the money being used to fund this department could be better spent. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of transferring Transfer Station staff to the county park (Dudley Johnson Park). Allen Walther, Environmental Health Director, spoke of need for Household Hazardous Waste events. He feels like the county should continue funding those events. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of e-mail she received regarding "Green Guy Recycling" asking the county for support. Jerry Pinnix spoke of inability for the county to subsidize a "for profit business" such as Green Guys.

A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to adjourn. All voting "Aye".

MINUTES APPROVED IN OPEN COURT ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 1999.

**JAMES L. POWERS, COUNTY JUDGE
H A Y S COUNTY, TEXAS**

**LEE CARLISLE, COUNTY CLERK
H A Y S COUNTY, TEXAS**



**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HAYS**

ON THIS THE 23rd DAY OF MARCH A.D. 1999, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN REGULAR MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

**JAMES L. POWERS
DEBBIE GONZALES INGALSBE
H. S. "SUSIE" CARTER
WILLIAM "BILL" BURNETT
RUSS G. MOLENAAR
LEE CARLISLE**

**COUNTY JUDGE
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3
COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4
COUNTY CLERK**

WHEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND TEXAS FLAG.

17700 APPROVE PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to approve payment of county invoices in the amount of \$919,575.08 as presented by the County Auditor. All voting "Aye".



Fines	\$ 327.25	Refunds/Voids	\$ 112.47	Auditors Office	\$ 833.95
Treasurers Office	\$ 507.26	Extension Office	\$ 1,062.33	Grants Admin	\$ 179.13
Juvenile Probation	\$ 130.24	Election Admin	\$ 188.97	Indigent Care	\$ 2,284.26
Transfer Station	\$ 5,234.03	Bldg. Mtc. Dept.	\$ 8,943.81	Environ Health	\$ 265.35
Personal Health	\$ 2,005.08	Civic Center	\$ 503.20	Countywide Oper	\$ 6,705.46
Tax A/C	\$ 517.37	District Clerk	\$ 1,474.29	County Clerk	\$ 2,396.73
Sheriff's Office	\$ 11,020.36	Jail Operations	\$ 44,602.73	County Judge	\$ 654.10
Human Resources	\$ 885.95	Co Crt @ Law 1	\$ 273.14	District Attorney	\$ 1,106.11
J.P. 1-1	\$ 272.37	J.P. 1-2	\$ 561.69	J.P. 2	\$ 189.72
J.P. 3	\$ 89.97	J.P. 4	\$ 76.39	J.P. 5	\$ 223.46
DPS	\$ 94.05	Constable 1	\$ 288.08	Constable 3	\$ 4.71
Constable 4	\$ 69.68	Constable 5	\$ 60.37	District Cr Oper	\$ 16,665.96
Co & JP Cr Oper	\$ 3,316.85	Veterans Adm	\$ 3.98	Computer Svcs	\$ 3,613.17
Co Crt @ Law 2	\$ 59.25	DPS/L&W	\$ 71.69	Fire Marshal/EMC	\$ 454.38
TABC	\$ 90.85	Dist Cr Reporters	\$ 708.07	Assoc Judge	\$ 209.50
VOCA Grant	\$ 11.06	VAWA Grant	\$ 68.83	911 Adds Mtc.	\$ 2.70
Juv Acct Grant	\$ 32,583.44	Gen Fund Credit	<\$1,014.59>	R&B Operations	\$ 82,732.21
Precinct 1	\$ 94.29	Precinct 2	\$ 49.05	Precinct 3	\$ 168.22
Precinct 4	\$ 141.85	Road Reconst	\$ 26,991.58	R&B Gen Credit	<\$695.91>
Sheriff Aban Veh	\$ 278.50	Rec Mng/Co Clk	\$ 121.50	Health Svcs Grants	\$ 7,511.57
Law Library Fund	\$332.52	Sheriff Spec Proj	\$ 99.00	Courthouse Security	\$ 53.18
Sheriff Drug Forf	\$ 270.00	Certif of Oblig '97	\$ 650,063.78	Ace in the Hill Grant	\$ 374.54

17701 APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 99-016

County Auditor Bill Herzog advised that this budget amendment is in regards to bond fund roads (road reconstruction fund). There was \$13 million budgeted for \$14.4 million worth of roadwork. The bond funds have run out and we must look to the road & bridge fund for the difference. He spoke of FEMA money (apprx. \$600,000 to be received) to be used for completion of some roads. Bill Herzog advised that if we do not want to borrow money, we will need to fund as proposed. Ray Dunkin (Concerned Taxpayers of Hays County) advised that Macel Sullivan is now president of their organization and he will be speaking on his behalf in the future. He voiced his concern about this item being on the consent agenda. Commissioner Molenaar stated that we have been talking about bond fund shortages for a number of years and this issue was anticipated. Ray Dunkin spoke of the McCarty Lane project being set back repeatedly and now there is a shortage of road bond funds. Commissioner Burnett spoke of ROW of 80 ft. vs. 60 ft. which affects only two property owners on McCarty Lane and will assure that there will be adequate area for drainage. Bill Herzog advised that this budget amendment recognizes the FEMA funds received (reimbursement for funds already spent to repair roads out of R & B maintenance funds). He spoke of estimates from 1994 which have changed and it is now more costly to make those improvements. Ray Dunkin advised that he does not want a loop in front of his property. Commissioner Carter spoke of reimbursing the Road & Bridge Operations maintenance funds with the money received from FEMA. She feels like the R&B crews need the money for county road maintenance. She does not feel like Doucet has contained the cost or the quality of our roads and we have gotten a lot of expenses on the part of an engineer that hasn't been responsible for anything. She stated that the only way we can be done with Doucet is by not continuing the bond projects. Commissioner Burnett advised that almost all the ROW on McCarty Lane has been purchased or donated. This budget amendment is not just for McCarty Lane, but for several roadways. Commissioner Burnett spoke of CR1492 road project and need for additional right of way at two low water crossings. Commissioner Molenaar advised that he is committed to complete bond roads. Sam Davis spoke about the consent agenda and he stated that he feels like passage without discussion would be against the taxpayers. Commissioner Molenaar suggested not putting anything in a consent agenda. Judge Powers advised that it is not the court's intent to hide things from the public. Bill Herzog advised that he tried to streamline the process by putting FEMA funds directly into the road bond construction fund rather than into the R&B Operations and then transferring it from there to road bond funds, which are short. Commissioner Carter spoke of the High Road bond project and use of county crews on this project. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of his initiating use of a county crew for road bond improvement projects to keep costs down. Ron Bischoff advised that there is still R-O-W to be acquired, plans to be designed & utilities that will require administrative assistance. Commissioner Carter feels like Doucet did not oversee the complete bond project on budget and they should have had a bond to back up what they were doing. Judge Powers spoke of law that requires that property owners have to be advised of what the property they are donating is worth. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to approve Budget Amendment No. 99-016 as proposed by the County Auditor. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Molenaar, and Judge Powers voting "Aye". Commissioner Carter voting "No".

AMENDMENT NO. 99-016
FY99 BUDGET
3/23/99

FUND NO. 03
FUND TITLE Road and Bridge General

	Appropriation	Amendment	Appropriation
	Before		
as			
<u>Line Item – Expenditures</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>
<u>Amended</u>			
ROAD ADMINISTRATION (464):			
03-464-5386 R.O.W.	-0-	50,000	50,000
03-464-5399 Project Admin	-0-	20,000	20,000
03-464-5612 Construction	-0-	500,000	500,000
03-464-5612 Engineering	-0-	30,000	30,000
		<u>600,000</u>	
REVENUES:		<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Increases</u>
03-381-2438 FEMA/Flood Damage Grant	-0-		600,000

**17702 APPROVE THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1999**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to approve the Commissioners' Court Minutes of February 1999. All voting "Aye".

Commissioner Carter left the meeting at this time.

17703 MEADOW CREEK RANCH PHASE I REPLAT OF LOT 51 [T1-580]

Environmental Health Director Allen Walther advised that this subdivision proposal was seen by the court two years ago when an adjacent property was developed. Final plat approval was given to the adjacent property (Dripping Springs Ranch), however, there were minor deficiencies. The deficiencies were corrected in the private road, however, final plat approval was never received on this subdivision. Staff recommends final approval of the plat at this time. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to approve final plat of "Meadow Creek Ranch Phase I Replat of Lot 51". All present voting "Aye". Commissioner Carter was absent for this vote.

17704 REPEAL DISASTER DECLARATION/THREAT OF WILDFIRES (BURN BAN) [T1-612]

Commissioner Molenaar advised that he supports repealing the burn ban. Tony Ybarra, Fire Marshal/EMC, advised that we did have significant rainfall last week. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to repeal the Disaster Declaration/Threat of Wildfires (Burn Ban). All present voting "Aye". Commissioner Carter was absent for this vote. Commissioner Burnett asked about violations and citations being issued. Fire Marshal/EMC Tony Ybarra advised that a warning is given first and a second offense receives a citation. Commissioner Burnett spoke of citizens possibly taking it lightly because warnings are being given rather than receiving a citation. He would like for the policy to give the fire chiefs more latitude in issuing citations, if they feel like there is intent to violate the burn ban. Commissioner Molenaar suggested a workshop in a couple of weeks.

17705 ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2109 IN THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE [T1-698]

Luanne Caraway, Tax A/C., advised that the Tax Assessor Association submitted HB2109 which removes the liability of a taxing unit for underground storage tanks on property received by the taxing entity through foreclosure. Commissioner Burnett suggested some amendments to this resolution to make it more broad. Luanne Caraway felt like there are already laws to address other issues regarding foreclosed properties. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to adopt a Resolution in support of House Bill 2109 in the Texas Legislature. All present voting "Aye". Commissioner Carter absent for this vote.

RESOLUTION**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HAYS**

To all whom these presents shall come, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Hays County is engaged in the collection of ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, Hays County has to on occasion enforce collection of ad valorem taxes through the institution of litigation; and

WHEREAS, the property involved in said litigation may contain underground storage tanks; and

WHEREAS, said property may become the property of Hays County pursuant to the Texas Property Code; and

WHEREAS, Hays County desires to collect ad valorem taxes on all property in the County but does not intend to assume any liability associated with the foreclosure of property containing underground storage tanks; and

WHEREAS, there is currently pending in the 76th Texas Legislature, HB2109 by Representative Dennis Bonnen, that will clearly exempt Hays County and all other tax authorities in the State of Texas from any and all potential liability and responsibility associated with the acquisition of such property through tax foreclosure;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordered that the County Judge and Commissioners of Hays County, Texas hereby endorse and support HB2109 exempting taxing authorities from liability associated with the tax foreclosure of property containing underground storage tanks.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we set our hands this 23rd day of March, 1999.



17706 AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO DRAW UP SPECIFICATION FOR THE OPERATION OF THE HAYS COUNTY TRANSFER STATION IN WIMBERLEY [T1-742]

Commissioner Burnett advised that agenda should be clarified that this is in regards to the "transfer station" and not "collection station". He would like to include in the motion the option for "lease/purchase of the transfer station". Attorney Jacquelyn Murphy spoke of following the statutory guidelines for publication. A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to authorize the Purchasing Agent to draw up a set of specifications for lease and operations of the Hays County Transfer Station in Wimberley and pursuant to Section 263.007 of the Local Government Code, in the same bidding process, we will let vendors make a bid for purchase of the Wimberley Transfer Station. All present voting "Aye". Commissioner Carter was absent for this vote. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of setting up a committee to review proposals.

17707 AUTHORIZE Y2K CELEBRATION/NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT ON THE COURTHOUSE GROUNDS [T1-811]

Cathy Dillon (Owner of the Crystal River Inn/San Marcos) spoke of proposal to set up a task force/steering committee to study doing an event next New Year's eve on the courthouse grounds. She feels like this is an extremely historic occasion and it will be a perfect time to bring the people of Hays County together for a one-time event. She would like to see a family oriented event. She spoke of possible elements of the celebration: ♦ hold the event around the courthouse square ♦ involve all communities in the county (and churches) ♦ involve all the 4 high schools in the county ♦ have music ♦ would need to have the San Marcos Utility involved ♦ the celebration be child friendly. Other considerations would be to have food booths, vendors, time capsule, historic display/slide show from different areas of the county. You would want to make sure the courthouse is prominently featured in the celebration. She spoke of funding for the event could be provided by cities, the county, and private donations. Judge Powers suggested that the special project subcommittee of the infrastructure committee could address this. He stated that he is not sure if the county can assist financially but he appreciates the idea. Commissioner Burnett stated that he has serious reservations in having the courthouse itself open on New Year's eve. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of Court never allowing alcoholic beverages on the courthouse ground and he is concerned about having children present when adults are drinking alcohol and the liability issues involved in that type of event. Cathy Dillon advised that this celebration could take place anywhere in the county but they wanted to start with the Commissioners' Court. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to have the County Judge to direct the Special Projects Subcommittee of the Hays County Infrastructure Committee to study and come back with a recommendation regarding a Y2K Celebration/New Year's Eve event on the courthouse grounds. All present voting "Aye". Commissioner Carter was absent during vote.

17708 APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE MCCOMB AS CHAIR OF THE HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF GAY HELMLY TO THE HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE [T1-1076]

Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of others who are interested in serving on this committee (part of the Infrastructure Committee) and will be appointed at a later date. Commissioner Burnett asked about limitation for members on the committee. Brad Bailey advised that committee's are limited to six at this time (1 chair & 5 members). Commissioner Molenaar advised that other people can be involved but not sitting on the committee itself. A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to approve appointment of Michelle McComb as Chair of the Health Care Committee and appoint Gay Helmlly to the Health Care Committee. All present voting "Aye". Commissioner Carter was absent during vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION [T1-1167]

Court convened into closed executive session to discuss litigation related to JKL Inc. (Lime Kiln/Hilliard Road/Windy Hill Road) and related to Mid-Tex Utilities. Upon completion of the closed session, the court reconvened into open meeting. **No action was taken by the Court**

Court recessed until 1:30 p.m.

17709 EXECUTIVE SESSIONS RE: PERSONNEL MATTERS AND SUBSEQUENT ACTION [T1-1229]

Court convened into closed executive session to discuss personnel matters. Upon completion of the closed session, the court reconvened into open meeting. The following action was taken. A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Carter to terminate the employment of George Aitken as Personnel Director. Commissioner Ingalsbe and Commissioner Carter voting "Aye". Judge Powers, Commissioner Burnett, & Commissioner Molenaar voting "No". **MOTION FAILED.** [T1-1242] A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to consolidate the Personnel Department and place it under the direction of the County Treasurer Michele Tuttle for a probation period of six months. All voting "Aye".



WORKSHOP CONCERNING HAYS COUNTY OFFICE SPACE ALLOCATION ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS [T1-1277]

Brad Bailey, Administrative Assistant to the County Judge, passed out proposed office space allocations: District Judge's request for a district courtroom in the courthouse. Maintenance Supervisor Ron Knott advised that there are no holding cells in the courthouse, therefore, it would not work out to have a district court in the courthouse. Staff costs for holding night court would be high. He advised that there is a hearing room at the Justice Center (J.P. 1-2) that could be utilized and there is a training room in the D.A.'s office that is being used for records storage that could be used for JP1-2 hearing room. The parking situation at the courthouse would also create a problem. Courthouse options: Various options were discussed for locating Special Counsel, Public Affairs and the Human Resources office. County Treasurer Michele Tuttle stated that she would like for Human Resources to be moved to the 2nd floor and possibly connected to her office. There is currently a duplication of personnel records (Treasurer's office & Human Resources/Personnel Dept). Commissioner Molenaar spoke of his concerns regarding structural soundness of the floor on the second floor of the courthouse. He recommended not changing the integrity of the building. Court discussed moving Human Resources to the Commissioners' Court workroom on the second floor and move Special Counsel to the current office space of Human Resources offices (current office of George Aitken & Jackie Jordan). Public Affairs (Bridget Moffatt) Office could be located in the front office area of Human Resources. Discussion was had regarding request by Homespun for office space in the courthouse annex and additional space needed by the District Attorney's Crime Victims Assistance office. Commissioner Molenaar stated that he was opposed to giving Homespun office space in the annex. County Clerk Lee Carlisle spoke of funds that are available for Homespun to pay for utilities. Commissioner Carter suggested a committee to study office space needs. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of ADA issues that must be addressed as well as security issues at the courthouse annex. Ron Knott advised that the elevator in the annex is out of state compliance as far as its structure (we have received waivers for the last 3 years) and it will take \$17-20,000 to bring it into compliance and you will still have a 50 year old elevator. Approximately \$50,000 is needed to bring the elevator into complete compliance. TxDot (Texas Dept. of Transportation) would be willing to put an office in the courthouse annex and Russell Lenz would be available at least once per week. Would require a very small space for map, etc. showing state road projects. Commissioner Burnett advised that his office in the courthouse could be utilized by TxDot. Brad Bailey advised that Congressman Ron Paul & Representative Green wanted to move into the courthouse (not the annex). Commissioner Molenaar spoke of moving the County Clerk to the Hi-Lo section of the justice center and moving the tax office to the records building. The annex is very expensive to maintain and operate and he spoke of court having discussed over the years the disposition of that building. He feels like the court needs to consider selling the building in the future. Luanne Caraway, Tax A/C, advised that the records building will not be adequate for her office. County Auditor Bill Herzog advised that the Hi-Lo lease has an option to extend to 2005 and a buy-out would be very expensive. Commissioner Molenaar stated that the plan was to move the County Clerk to the Hi-Lo building so that they would be located with all the courts and the County Clerk's Court Division. County Clerk Lee Carlisle spoke of having moved the County Clerk records all to the first floor of the records building. Commissioner Molenaar stated that the proposals today are filling up a building that we need to get rid of. Brad Bailey spoke of the Frost Bank building across the street on Hopkins Street from the records building is currently up for sale. Bill Herzog stated that over \$115,000 is being paid per year in rental space for satellite offices that could be used to finance a new building. Court agreed to put Special Counsel & Public Affairs in the old Human Resources office (3rd floor courthouse) and to put Human Resources in the office space next to the Treasurers office (2nd floor Commissioners Workroom). The court also agreed to let Commissioner Molenaar, Tax A/C Luanne Caraway, County Clerk Lee Carlisle, and Brad Bailey look at office space county-wide (space being leased) and report back to the full court. Brad Bailey spoke of county property inventory list and fact that there may be some locations available for a building site. NO ACTION TAKEN.

WORKSHOP CONCERNING HAYS COUNTY PERSONNEL ISSUES AND GRIEVANCE SOLUTIONS

Administrative Assistance to the County Judge Brad Bailey proposed an employee grievance committee to address issues before they get to the Commissioners' Court. He advised that he will turn this over to the Treasurer since she will be over Human Resources/Personnel Dept. Commissioner Molenaar stated that he is not interested in having the public evaluate county employees. NO ACTION TAKEN THIS DATE.

STAFF REPORTS

Bridget Moffatt spoke of her duties as Public Affairs person for the Commissioners' Court. She will provide information to the news media and the elected officials will provide their own quotes. She asked members of the court to let her know what is going on in their precincts. She advised that there will be a monthly newsletter and she asked for ideas and input for the newsletter. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of unique situation in his precinct (various county offices housed there) and he would be willing to pay for a newsletter to go out to the citizens advising them of what the county is doing.

Michele Tuttle thanked the court for having the faith in her to put human resources under her direction. She spoke of plans to provide continuing education in house when possible. Commissioner Carter spoke of need to keep on top of continuing education and need to take a closer look at how many conferences people are going to and whether they are necessary.



A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to adjourn. All voting "Aye".

MINUTES APPROVED IN OPEN COURT ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 1999.

JAMES L. POWERS, COUNTY JUDGE
H A Y S COUNTY, TEXAS

LEE CARLISLE, COUNTY CLERK
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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HAYS

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JAMES L. POWERS
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PRESENTATION OF COUNTY EMPLOYMENT PINS

Hays County Service pins were presented to the following county employees: 10 year pin to John Dees, Deputy Sheriff ♦ 5 year pin to John Cavanaugh, Jail Medic ♦ 5 year pin to Clarence Harris, Road Maint. Worker Lead

PRESENTATION BY U.S. CONGRESSMAN RON PAUL RE: SURFACE WATER FOR HAYS COUNTY

Congressman Ron Paul advised that he and his office are available to the people and to members of the court. His local office is staffed by Jack Crow & Jim Green. He stated that he doesn't have all the answers but is willing to discuss the issues. He will take a large lead on what the commissioners' court asks him to do and will make himself available to deal with the court's concerns. Commissioner Burnett thanked Congressman Paul for the time he was given when he was in Washington to discuss the EPA rules. Congressman Ron Paul sent letters to Mark Rose (LCRA Gen Mngr) and Bill West (GBRA) in support of Hays County bringing surface water to the county via pipelines. He offered his assistance in this project.

17710 ADOPT PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH AND AUTHORIZE USE OF COURTHOUSE GROUNDS ON APRIL 9, 1999 FOR A PUBLIC GATHERING

County Clerk Lee Carlisle read the proclamation. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to adopt Proclamation declaring April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" and to authorize use of the courthouse grounds on April 9, 1999 for a public gathering. All voting "Aye".

**PROCLAMATION
 DECLARING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects every person in Hays County whether a victim/survivor of sexual assault or as a family member, significant other, friend, neighbor or co-worker; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for the statewide Sexual Assault Awareness Month, "Justice, Hope and Healing", communicates our true intention for sexual assault survivors and their loved ones. This theme incorporates the ideals of the various groups who work collectively to help victims; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Hays County are working to provide quality services and assistance to sexual assault survivors by helping to staff 24 hour hotlines, responding to emergency calls and offering support comfort and advocacy during medical exams and criminal justice proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Hays-Caldwell Women's Center volunteers and staff promotes sexual assault awareness and avoidance by offering education programs to schools, churches and civic organizations, and by actively participating in the Hays County Coalition Against Sexual Assault - which combats sexual assault by linking together persons and agencies throughout Hays County in a coordinated effort to rally citizen involvement in efforts that will reduce sexual assault through public education and changing public attitudes; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center will intensify its efforts to promote public understanding of sexual violence and victims of sexual violence through media campaigns, a Candlelight Vigil at the Hays County courthouse, Green Ribbon Week in area schools and other means for increasing community support for their agency and increasing awareness of the healing potential for survivors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners Court of Hays County, that the County Judge is hereby authorized to execute and submit this resolution to Hays-Caldwell Women's Center.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 30th day of March, 1999.