



**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HAYS**

ON THIS THE 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2000, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN REGULAR MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

JAMES L. POWERS	COUNTY JUDGE
DEBBIE GONZALES INGALSBE	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1
H. S. "SUSIE" CARTER	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2
WILLIAM "BILL" BURNETT	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3
RUSS G. MOLENAAR	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4
LEE CARLISLE	COUNTY CLERK

WHEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

Judge Powers called the meeting to order and gave the invocation and Commissioner Burnett led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags.

PRESENTATION OF THE LAST FLAGS TO FLY OVER THE COURTHOUSE ON DECEMBER 31, 1999 TO THE HAYS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Commissioner Molenaar presented the last flags to fly over the courthouse on December 31, 1999 to Carol Whisenant, representing the Hays County Historical Commission, for preservation and safekeeping.

18442 ADOPT PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS OF HAYS COUNTY

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Carter to adopt Proclamation recognizing Women Entrepreneurs of Hays County. All voting "Aye".

**PROCLAMATION OF THE HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SALUTING THE WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS OF HAYS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, women own more than 550,000 businesses in Texas; and

WHEREAS, women-owned businesses employ one of every four Texas Workers; and

WHEREAS, women-owned businesses provide more than 1 million jobs and comprise roughly one-third of all the companies in the state; and

WHEREAS, women-owned businesses in Texas generated more than \$129 billion in sales in 1996, an increase of \$100 billion from 1992; and

WHEREAS, the women business owners who have made these contributions to the economy of Texas often have done so while nurturing and sustaining households and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Hays County Commissioners' Court gratefully salutes the women entrepreneurs of Hays County and declare the week of February 20 to February 26, 2000 as:

Women Entrepreneurs Week in Hays County

Adopted this the 15th day of February 2000

UPDATE ON THE REGIONAL WATER PLANNING PROCESS BY STOVY BOLIN OF THE BARTON SPRINGS/EDWARDS AQUIFER GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Stovy Bolin, General Manager of the Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Groundwater Conservation District made a presentation regarding Senate Bill 1. He spoke of being a voting member in Region K representing water districts. He spoke of joint meeting of the South Central Texas RWPG and Lower Colorado RWPG on February 23rd @ the San Marcos Activity Center. He spoke of deficits in Region K. Total unmet need is about 6,000 acre feet (10,000 acre foot deficit in Hays County). How do we meet those demands? The majority of demand in Region L is in San Antonio. There are discussions to bring LCRA water to Dripping Springs. GBRA has assisted in bringing Lake Dunlap water into San Marcos. Region L is much farther along in the process than Region K. There is unique stream and reservoir site designations. He spoke of need for a plan in order to qualify for state funding. He spoke of recharge projects ongoing (collecting runoff). These projects need to be identified in the regional plan so that they can receive some state funding. He spoke of need for the county to participate in the water planning process. He encouraged members of the court and/ or county staff to attend the joint meeting to be held in San Marcos. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of the newly created Glen Rose/Trinity Groundwater District. Mr. Bolin spoke of most of the deficit in Hays County is on the Trinity aquifer. He spoke of number of voting members on the Region L Board being limited but he encouraged participation by Hays County. There will be important decisions being made in the next six months.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Carr [T1-386] Read a statement from Sandra Ramage, President of the Board, CASA of Central Texas: *TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Gndy Stauffer, executive director of CASA of Central Texas, has been relieved of her duties effective 8 February 2000. An investigation by the Texas Office of the Attorney General and the San Marcos Police Department is being conducted regarding alleged financial improprieties in our organization. The Board of Directors is cooperating fully with the governmental investigations. No other comments can be made at this time, pending the on-going investigation.* She spoke of need to freeze funds being received from the County. Judge Powers stated that the funds were frozen last week.

18443 PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION TO ESTABLISH TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ON SPORTSPLEX ROAD IN DRIPPING SPRINGS [T1-420]

Judge Powers declared the public hearing open. No public input was received and public hearing was closed. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of Sportsplex Road which is owned by the Youth Association of Dripping Springs and which a portion of it is county maintained. He spoke of the number of school buses traveling this roadway and need to set a speed limit lower than 30MPH (this will be done when county engineer makes determination). Commissioner Molenaar suggested placement of "no parking" signs on the roadway at this time. He spoke of current situation which prevents fire and EMS from leaving their facility. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to establish traffic regulation of "no parking" on the county's portion of Sportsplex Road in Dripping Springs. All voting "Aye".

18444 PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION TO ESTABLISH TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ON CR101 (FITZHUGH ROAD) AND CR185 (TRAUTWEIN ROAD) [T1-483]

Judge Powers declared the public hearing open. No public input was received and the public hearing was closed. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of blind intersection at CR101 and CR185 (brush and privacy fence on private properties). Road Director Ernest Garcia spoke of contacting the property owners at this intersection and they will not let the county trim down the brush. He spoke of privacy fence blocking the view and fact that people do travel fast on CR101 which creates a hazardous situation at this intersection. He recommended a 3-way stop with warning devices. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to establish traffic regulation: a 3-way Stop with warning devices at the intersection of CR101/Fitzhugh Road and CR185/Trautwein Road. All voting "Aye".

18445 APPROVE THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2000

A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve the Commissioners' Court Minutes of February 8, 2000 as presented by the County Clerk. All voting "Aye".

18446 APPROVE PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve payment of county invoices in the amount of \$149,802.21 as presented by the County Auditor. All voting "Aye".

Temp Transfers	\$ 1.00	Public Safety Svcs	\$ 2,993.51	Fines	\$ 294.25
Auditors Office	\$ 476.02	Treasurers Office	\$ 410.01	Extension Office	\$ 336.67
Grants Admin Ofc	\$ 94.57	Juvenile Prob Ofc	\$ 1,388.19	Election Admin	\$ 336.68
Transfer Station	\$ 2,313.75	Bldg Mtc Dept	\$ 7,131.03	Civic Center	\$ 1,511.69
Countywide Oper	\$ 8,404.54	District Clerks Office	\$ 569.04	County Clerk's Office	\$ 647.49
Sheriff's Office	\$ 17,157.53	Jail Operations	\$ 12,464.37	County Judge's Office	\$ 242.34
Co Court @ Law 1	\$ 310.00	District Attorneys Ofc	\$ 1,098.57	J.P. 1-1	\$ 44.21
J.P. 2	\$ 278.00	J.P. 4	\$ 13.59	J.P. 5	\$ 259.38
DPS	\$ 23.64	Constable 4	\$ 42.31	Constable 5	\$ 104.44
District Court Operations	\$ 3,915.14	Co & JP Court Oper	\$ 3,212.11	Computer Services	\$ 3,631.08
DPS/L&W	\$ 235.54	TJPC CCAP Grant	\$ 31,424.00	Assoc Judge/Family Law	\$ 41.89
Special Counsel Office	\$ 600.10	Comm Court Expenses	\$ 56.92	CJD/VOCA Grant	\$ 317.08
CJD/VAWA Grant	\$ 49.16	CJD/Truancy Ofc Grant	\$ 9.75	General Fund Credit	<\$303.08>
R&B Operations	\$ 2,205.73	Precinct 1	\$ 75.71	Precinct 2	\$ 183.01
Precinct 3	\$ 39.27	Health Svcs Grants	\$ 220.84	Courthouse Security Fund	\$ 55.40
Sheriffs Drug Forf Fund	\$ 5,847.15	Family Health Svcs Fund	\$ 16,335.13	Tobacco Settlement Fund	\$ 22,703.46

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18447 APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 00-11

A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve Budget Amendment No. 00-11 as proposed by the County Auditor. All voting "Aye".

AMENDMENT NO. <u>00-11</u> FY 2000 BUDGET <u>02/15/00</u>
FUND NO. <u>01</u>

FUND TITLE <u>GENERAL</u>				
LINE ITEM - EXPENDITURES	AMENDMENT	INCREASES	DECREASES	AMENDED
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE 1-1 (424):				
01-424-5473 Copier Lease	800		650	1,450
01-424-5411 Office Equipment Maintenance	200			(150) 50
01-424-5335 Time Payment Expense	543			(500) 43
			<u>650</u>	<u>(650)</u>
Transfer for copier upgrade/replacement as repair not cost beneficial				
FUND NO. <u>12</u>				
FUND TITLE <u>LAW LIBRARY</u>				
LINE ITEM - EXPENDITURES	AMENDMENT	INCREASES	DECREASES	AMENDED
LAW LIBRARY (447):				
12-447-5712 Equipment	1,000		(350) 750	
12-447-5441 Library Maint	1,200	350		1,550
Transfer for increase in Law Library upkeep				

18448 APPROVE UTILITY PERMITS

The Road Department submitted Utility Permit #00-403 on CR163/Nutty Brown Road issued to Southwestern Bell Telephone for a fiber optic cable. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve Utility Permit #00-403 on CR163 issued to Southwestern Bell Telephone. All voting "Aye".

18449 APPROVE REFUND OF DOUBLE PAYMENTS/OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES

Tax Assessor-Collector Luanne Caraway submitted the following requests for refund of double payments/overpayment of taxes:

Lot 38 Blk 1 Onion Creek Ranch	\$ 1,570.22
0.47 acres J.M. Veramendi Survey	\$ 6,909.26
Lot 12 Fitzhugh Place	\$ 1,129.73
Tindall Used Car Vehicle Inventory	\$ 607.84
Springlake Hills Lot 1 Blk A	\$ 3,210.64

A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve refund of double payments/overpayment of taxes as submitted by the County Tax Assessor-Collector. All voting "Aye".

18450 APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF LANGFORD COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT SVCS AS LABOR STANDARDS OFFICER FOR THE TDHCA GRANT AND THE FEMA MITIGATION

The Labor Standards Officer is assigned to oversee the labor portion of the contract and will be responsible for all labor law compliance. The Labor Standards Officer will be responsible for assuring compliance with all requirements, under Chapter 7 of the Texas Community Development Program, Project Implementation Manual, as applicable to the TCDP contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve appointment of Langford Community Management Services as Labor Standards Officer for the TDHCA Grant and the FEMA Mitigation. All voting "Aye".



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18451 AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A SONY DIGITAL IMAGING CAMERA FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Road Dept. is interested in purchasing a digital camera to better document, organize, and store photographs. From accidents, to flood damage assessment, to property discrepancies, the digital camera will help label, sort, and inventory all photographs taken by the Road Department. The quotes include a rechargeable battery, computer software, a charger, a shoulder strap, and a lenscap. Quotes were received from Walmart (\$498), Target (\$499.99), and Reliable (\$509). The lowest price was \$498 at Walmart, San Marcos. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the purchase of a Sony Digital Camera from Walmart at a price of \$498 for the Road Department. All voting "Aye".

18452 APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MARK CHAMBERS TO THE HAYS COUNTY/SAN MARCOS EMS BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve appointment of Mark Chambers to the Hays County/San Marcos EMS Board. All voting "Aye".

18453 APPROVE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SIGNATORIES FOR GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve resolution designating signatories for the Texas Community Development Program grant. All voting "Aye".

RESOLUTION

HAYS COUNTY

WHEREAS, Hays County has been funded by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs under the Texas Community Development Program, and

WHEREAS, Hays County needs to authorize certain individuals as signatories for contractual documents associated with this grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following individuals will also be designated to sign:

State of Texas Purchase Vouchers

Bill Herzog
Thomas Meadows, Jr.
Jim Powers

Requests for Advance or Reimbursement

Bill Herzog
Thomas Meadows, Jr.
Jim Powers

Passed and Approved the 15th day of February, 2000 by the Commissioners' Court.

Clerk's Note. Agenda Item #16 was pulled from the agenda - no action taken.[RESIGNATION OF FRANK AUSTIN FROM THE TRANSPORTATION BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE]

18454 APPROVE DUES DEDUCTION FOR FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE MEMBERSHIP

[T1-564] Dennis Gutierrez, President of the Hays County FOP, spoke of their organization (COPS for COPS). They have approximately 60 members that are Hays County employees (dues = \$15 per month). He stated that out of

this \$15, \$11.43 goes into their legal defense fund. They seek their own attorney for legal defense because that want someone that represents police officers and is familiar with what they do (99.99% of the time they will not seek an attorney from the county). He stated that deputies are not paid very much and they rely a lot on extra jobs. He spoke of strict guidelines - If members fall behind on dues for 3 months they are removed from legal defense for up to six months. They are a select group (must be law enforcement related) and he feels like they do meet the criteria for payroll deduction (15% membership). [T1-620] Craig Payne submitted a letter regarding this request (see copy of letter in file). He felt like to do so would be contrary to current public policy – a long-standing policy of the county has been to allow payroll deduction for very few and well deserved purposes, some of them being child support, insurance, retirement, and charity. If a program for payroll deduction were to be considered it would be offered to all the employees of the county and not to a select few. At least 15% of the employees must agree to participate before the Court would allow the payroll deduction to take place. He stated that the FOP is acting more like a Political Action Committee (PAC) with the intent to raise money much like the AFL-CIO labor unions do for political purposes. Although the FOP has not registered as a PAC, the FOP is heavily involved in the upcoming election with sponsoring a candidate forum and looking to endorse candidates. They have even been known to contribute money to candidate campaigns. He feels like it is not in the best interest of the citizens of Hays County for the Commissioners Court to support FOP by collecting their membership dues through payroll deductions – FOP that is not a bona fide employee association, but rather an organization that is politically motivated and looking for a mechanism to raise money for their political means. [T1-655] Sam Davis asked how many other law enforcement agencies are entitled to join this organization?, is this a nationwide organization?, if so why would we collect their dues? He questioned why this was on the consent agenda. [T1-714] Dennis Gutierrez stated that they are a national organization and all peace officers in Hays County are eligible for membership in their organization. He spoke of other counties

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and cities throughout the State that are considering payroll deductions for dues. The San Marcos Police Department is also considering this. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of how dues are spent (for legal defense and life insurance). [T1-764] Dennis Gutierrez stated that they “do not make money donations to any candidates, we have not”. Commissioner Carter felt like the taxpayers would appreciate only deductions available for all employees of the county and this is not something we can do for everyone. Commissioner Molenaar felt like the county does not pay a livable wage for law enforcement officers. Judge Powers stated that he has spoken to the County Treasurer regarding this issue and there is a cost to administrate this. He has a problem with the fact that they are active in endorsing candidates. He is very supportive of the FOP and they do provide a forum for candidates that has merit but he doesn’t want to see the county use its resources for this process. Commissioner Carter spoke of spending county funds and personnel promoting this organization and while we all support the Sheriff’s Department and FOP as being important to us, we really should not cross the line between political activity being promoted by the county and staying in our proper place. Commissioner Molenaar felt like everything the court does is a political issue. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to allow payroll deduction for dues for county employees that are Fraternal Order of Police members. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Burnett, and Commissioner Molenaar voting “Aye”. Commissioner Carter and Judge Powers voting “No”. MOTION PASSED.

18455 AWARD CONTRACT FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHT (28) PROPERTIES IN THE WIMBERLEY AREA THROUGH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM [T1-880]

Sam Davis asked who is the title company and who is the appraiser that is being considered (they are not listed on the agenda)? Commissioner Burnett stated that the names were not in the packet and documentation was not faxed to members of the court until Monday. They did get bid specs from the appraisers. Purchasing Agent Debbie Blbrey spoke of previous actions of the court instructed her to bring back the results. We received qualifications from 4 appraisal companies: Graham & Associates Inc. (San Marcos), Posey Properties (San Marcos), Crawford Appraisers (Wimberley), and Salinas Properties. The proposals have been reviewed and she recommended awarding contract for appraisal services to Graham & Associates Inc. on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services and on the basis of a fair and reasonable price. She

advised that we received qualifications from three title companies, however, she has not had time to visit with the title companies – the fees came in not “apples to apples”. We need to proceed with appraisal services. She stated that she is responsible for putting this on the agenda and Salinas Properties were added after her original information was faxed out. A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to award contract for real estate appraisal services to Graham & Associates of San Marcos for the 28 properties in the Wimberley Area through the Federal Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. All voting “Aye”. The Title Company contract will be awarded at a later date.

18456 AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH HBC ENGINEERING INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO COMPLETE CORE SAMPLING OF COUNTY ROADS 222 & 225 [T1-978]

Special Counsel Jacquelyn Collum Murphy spoke of Commissioner Carter’s request to check with Attorney Phillip Schmandt regarding core sampling on Windy Hill road as well and Lime Kiln/Hilliard Roads. This could be placed on the agenda next week if necessary. County Auditor Bill Herzog asked what fund line item will pay for this service? Commissioner Molenaar asked about using road bond money. Jacquelyn Collum Murphy spoke of trying to recoup the money out of litigation efforts (JKL Inc. litigation). Commissioner Carter requested including Windy Hill Road in the action to save the taxpayers money (fewer legal and engineering fees). Road Director Ernest Garcia advised that we will have to complete core sampling of Windy Hill Road. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to authorize the County Judge to sign an agreement with HBC Engineering Inc. for professional services to complete core sampling of County Roads #222 & 225 (Lime Kiln & Hilliard Roads) and to furthermore include Windy Hill Road, with payment of services out of contingency funds. All voting “Aye”.

18457 CONTRACT WITH E-COURT, INC. FOR COLLECTION OF COURT PAYMENTS OVER THE INTERNET FOR JUSTICE COURTS [T1-1083]

Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 Rex Baker, Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 Beth Smith, and Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 Andy Cable appeared before the court. Judge Baker spoke of E-Court Inc. being able to collect court payments over the internet. This would allow the county to expand the way in which we can get paid (credit card & electronic checks). They have an agreement with The Software Group to be able to take our data and put it on the E-Court site (it is a confidential item which requires a password). He spoke of accessing the internet and making your payment by credit card or electronic check with a 48 hour turnaround on credit card payment and 72 hour turnaround on electronic check to the county treasurers office. There is no charge to the county – the county receives the full amount due - there is a user fee for people to use this service. A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to contract with E-Court, Inc. for collection of court payments over the internet for Justice Courts. All voting “Aye”.



18458 APPROVE FUNDING TO PRESERVE OLD DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL RECORDS/FILES AND COURT MINUTES (RECORDS PRESERVATION FUND)[T1-1197]

The District Clerk’s office had contracted with the State Library to film old criminal records. The Library completed as much of the project as they could within the funding provided them. The 76th Legislature cut some of the State Library’s funds and they are no longer able to help with preserving our old records. The Library could not complete the filming of our criminal records from the early 1900’s. Two Vendors have been looked at to complete this project and the best choice seems to be Ken Hensley (Precision Micrographics Inc.). Mr. Hensley retired from the State Library and was involved with the filming of our pre-1900 civil records. Approximate cost for this project is \$5,000 (from Records Preservation Fund). A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner

Carter to approve funding to preserve District Court old criminal records/files and court minutes out of the Records Preservation Fund in the approximate amount of \$5,000.00. All voting "Aye".

18459 AUTHORIZE PURCHASING DEPT. AND THE ROAD DEPT. TO BUY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADDRESSING SIGNS FOR RURAL AREAS OF HAYS COUNTY [T1-1222]

Summary: The purpose of this project is to make available 6"X12" reflective addressing signs for rural residents. These reflective address signs will help local Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement agencies identify residences at night and therefore help reduce their response time to an emergency. CAPCO, in past years, has paid for the signs through grant funding. Hays County, because of our population, did not receive the initial grant. After the initial grant has run its course, recipient counties have charged a \$3.00 charge for a two-sided sign. In order to keep track of the number of signs and money received, each commissioner should distribute the signs as well as track the money and receipts. This is a great program that could possibly save lives and help our emergency response times. [T1-1227] Carol Mitchell (Wimberley resident) spoke of Hays County badly needing street signs for emergency services throughout the county and she wanted to know if this signage benefits individuals. Commissioner Burnett spoke of difficulty in finding some houses without signage. This will allow Law Enforcement agencies, fire depts. and EMS to find houses for emergency services. He recommended going through commissioners because they have offices in each precinct. We will sell them for \$3 each. The Auditor is concerned about collecting the money and account for the inventory. He is willing to have this service provided by other departments. Steve Floyd (Environmental Health Dept./GIS) spoke of difficulty with finding homes when they are not adequate identified - this would be a standard identifier for emergency services. These signs are being used in other counties. Deputy Allen Bridges (Hays County Sheriff's Dept) spoke for law enforcement and the fire marshal and they support providing this service - he spoke of difficulty in finding homes in rural areas and we need these signs to keep our citizens safe. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of EMS spending a great deal of time locating homes. We can recoup the cost and this could be provided at a minimal cost. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of having one single resource for provide these signs to individual homeowners. Commissioner Burnett spoke of efforts to get funding - this is a small price to pay - he suggested each individual commissioner office because each one has an office in their precinct. Road Director Ernest Garcia spoke in support of this service. Purchasing Agent Debbie Bilbrey spoke of current contract with Custom Products for county signs and they will honor that bid for this. Commissioner Molenaar asked about street signs (9-1-1 program). Steve Floyd advised that when they are notified of missing signs, they notify the Road Dept. directly. [T1-1512] Craig Payne suggested letting Fire/EMS departments handle this - they could charge \$5.00 and they would make some money for their organization. Commissioner Burnett spoke of need to account for the signs financially. County Auditor Bill Herzog spoke of need to track inventory and dollars collected. Commissioner Burnett spoke of commissioners being able to receive signs and receipt books from the Treasurer's Office. Commissioner Carter felt like signs should be provided through non-political routes, such as the road department or 9-1-1, so that it doesn't look like the county is giving the commissioner an edge by providing these signs. She does not support using Commissioners office and staff for this service. A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to purchase 5,000 signs with 25,000 cut letters, through the county's contracted sign company, to be provided to each commissioner for distribution to individuals in rural parts of their precinct, coordinating with 9-1-1 to make sure that addresses are correct and getting receipts turned into the Auditors office through the Treasurer's office. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Molenaar, and Judge Powers voting "Aye". Commissioner Carter voting "No".

Court was adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED IN OPEN COURT ON THE 22nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2000.

JAMES L. POWERS, COUNTY JUDGE
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LEE CARLISLE, COUNTY CLERK
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