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 COUNTY OF HAYS 0

ON THIS THE 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2001, 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
RUSS G. MOLENAAR	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4
LEE CARLISLE	COUNTY CLERK

AND THE FOLLOWING MEMBER WAS ABSENT: COMMISSIONER PCT. 3 WILLIAM "BILL" BURNETT

WHEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

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

19273 APPROVE THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2001

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Judge Powers to approve the Commissioners' Court Minutes of February 6, 2001 as presented by the County Clerk. All present voting "Aye".

19274 APPROVE PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Judge Powers to approve payment of county invoices in the amount of \$269,829.18 as presented by the County Auditor. All present voting "Aye".

Public Safety Services	\$ 774.00	Fines	\$ 417.48	Auditors Office	\$ 601.01
Treasurers Office	\$ 370.20	Extension Office	\$ 436.87	Grants Admin Office	\$ 324.18
Juvenile Probation Ofc	\$ 941.37	Election Admin	\$ 188.02	Transfer Station	\$ 3,672.22
Bldg Mtc Dept	\$ 6,664.48	Environ Health	\$ 42,909.83	Civic Center	\$ 463.96
Countywide Oper	\$ 7,628.46	Tax Assess/Collect	\$ 647.27	District Clerk's Office	\$ 675.45
Sheriff's Office	\$ 7,443.71	Jail Operations	\$ 23,998.60	County Judge's Office	\$ 245.69
Co Court at Law 1	\$ 379.54	District Attorneys Ofc	\$ 1,816.00	J.P. 1-1'	\$ 95.91
J.P. 1-2	\$ 357.29	J.P. 2	\$ 35.35	J.P. 3	\$ 18.23
J.P. 5	\$ 84.08	DPS	\$ 778.31	Constable 1	\$ 92.39
Constable 2	\$ 104.65	Constable 3	\$ 16.84	Constable 4	\$ 34.00
Constable 5	\$ 24,078.11	District Court Oper	\$ 3,907.37	Co & JP Court Operations	\$ 1,365.52
Computer Services	\$ 5,028.40	DPS/L&W	\$ 157.59	Fire Marshal/EMC	\$ 92.39
TABC Office	\$ 47.23	District Court Reprtrs	\$ 68.41	Assoc Judge/Family Law	\$ 30.67
Special Counsel Ofc	\$ 178.07	Comm Crt Exp	\$ 30.59	CJD/VOCA Grant	\$ 209.36
CJD/VAWA Grant	\$ 58.61	CAPCO/Waste Task Force	\$ 21.36	CAPCO/911 Adrrs Mtc Grant	\$ 206.80
General Fund Credit	<\$285.17>	R&B Operations	\$ 111,917.68	Precinct 1	\$ 108.14
Precinct 2	\$ 6.00	Precinct 3	\$ 28.85	Precinct 4	\$ 68.09
R&B General Fund Credit	<\$75.27>	Sheriff Abandoned Veh	\$ 129.44	Hays Co Parks Fund	\$ 403.33
Rec Mngmnt/Co Clerk	\$ 7,555.47	Health Svcs Grants	\$ 180.00	Law Library Fund	\$ 99.75
Sheriff Special Proj Fund	\$ 99.40	Courthouse Security Fund	\$ 65.04	Sheriffs Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 1,790.59
D.A.'s Drug Forf Fund	\$ 438.76	Family Health Svcs Fund	\$ 1,378.84	TDED Stellar Plastics Grant	\$ 2,072.63
Court Reporters Svcs	\$ 474.00	TDED/Ace in the Hills Grant	\$ 184.77	Disaster Buyout Mitig Fund	\$ 5,489.46

19275 APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT #01-12

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Judge Powers to approve Budget Amendment No. 01-12 as proposed by the County Auditor. All present voting "Aye".

AMENDMENT NO. 2001-12 FY 2001 BUDGET 2-13-01				
FUND NO. <u>01</u>				
FUND TITLE <u>GENERAL FUND</u>				
	APPROPRIATION BEFORE	AMENDMENT		APPROPRIATION AS
<u>LINE ITEM - EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
<u>AUDITOR (401):</u>				
01-401-5021 Staff	335,904		(3,600)	332,304
<u>COMPUTER SERVICES (456):</u>				
01-456-5712 Data Processing Equipment	56,100	3,600		59,700
<i>Authorize and transfer for cost of (2) laptops for budget prep and internal auditor use at satellite offices from personnel savings</i>				



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	<u>AMENDMENT</u>	<u>INCREASES</u>	<u>DECREASES</u>	<u>AMENDED</u>
<u>BULLETPROOF VEST GRANT (701):</u>				
01-701-5717 Law Enf Equipment	9,462	788		10,250
<u>CONSTABLE 3 (433):</u>				
01-433-5235 Law Enf Supply (2 vests)	500		(315)	185
<u>FIRE MARSHALL (472):</u>				
01-472-5719 Misc Equipment (2 vests)	9,500		(315)	9,185
<u>WASTE TASK FORCE OFFICER (726):</u>				
01-726-5719 Equipment (1 vest)	20,880	-----	(158)	20,722
		<u>788</u>	<u>(788)</u>	
<i>Transfer county matching portions to grant budget</i>				
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (411):</u>				
01-411-5021 Staff	265,186	2,753		267,939
01-411-5101 FICA/RET	46,197	459		46,656
01-411-5449 Temp Personnel	12,000		(6,803)	5,197
<u>TDH/REGIONAL ADMIN SERVICES -ENV HEALTH (466):</u>				
10-466-5021 Staff	119,792	3,077		122,869
10-466-5101 FICA/RET	30,720	<u>514</u>		31,234
		<u>6,803</u>	<u>(6,803)</u>	
<i>Transfer between line items to implement grade/step committee recommendations for Environmental Health, effective 2-1-01</i>				

Clerk's Note: There were no Utility Permits submitted by the Road Dept. for approval.

19276 APPROVE REFUND OF DOUBLE PAYMENTS AND/OR OVERPAYMENTS ON TAXES

The following applications were submitted by the Tax Assessor-Collector for approval of refund:

S Pt Lot 1A Blk 36 Westover Addition	\$ 1,439.06 double payment
Pt. Lot 16B Blk A Fieldstone	\$ 2,433.39 double payment
Lots 12-13 Blk 8 Victory Gardens	\$ 1,757.43 double payment
Lot 69 Laurel Estates #2	\$ 1,922.30 double payment

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Judge Powers to approve refund of double payments and/or overpayments on taxes as submitted by the Tax Assessor-Collector. All present voting "Aye".

19277 ACCEPT AUDITS OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 4 AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1 PLACE 2

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Judge Powers to accept audits of Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 and Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 Place 2 as submitted. All present voting "Aye".

19278 ACCEPT WIMBERLEY EMERGENCY SERVICES DIST. #3 ANNUAL REPORT

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Judge Powers to accept the annual report of the Wimberley Emergency Services District #3 as submitted. All present voting "Aye".



19279 APPROVE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HAYS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN SAN MARCOS AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASING TO SOLICIT BIDS [T1-39]

Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of action taken in August 1999 by the court to use tobacco money for the Health Department in Kyle and San Marcos. She spoke of committee that was created and input from other department heads and staff. She spoke of contract that was awarded for architectural services and the specifications are now available in the Purchasing Dept. Commissioner Carter asked about options to build structure out of metal. County Purchasing Agent Debbie Bilbrey showed her the plans & drawings. Commissioner Molenaar confirmed that the plans are for a metal bldg. Commissioner Carter asked about demolition of existing building. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of problems with the existing building. Personal Health Director Gay Helmly spoke of not having come to a final decision on the building at this time. Maintenance Supervisor Ron Knott spoke of history of this building and the amount of money that has been spent on repairs (\$110,000 - 115,000). Commissioner Molenaar spoke of this building not being a healthy building at this time. A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to approve specifications for the construction of the new Hays County Health Department in San Marcos and to authorize Purchasing to solicit bids. All present voting "Aye". [due to thickness of the document, a set of specs and plans will be available in the Purchasing Office for review]

DISCUSSION REGARDING SUBSURFACE DRIP IRRIGATION AND RECIRCULATING FILTERS [T1-166]

Commissioner Carter presented a resolution for consideration regarding recirculating filters and subsurface drip irrigation. She spoke of this being a non-binding resolution – we cannot force anyone to adhere to it. She feels like it is a good suggestion in order to recycle and conserve water while disposing of wastewater in a responsible manner. Subdivisions with large package plants could employ this and then they would not be releasing their effluent to a neighbor downstream. This would give the developers an alternative to keep that valuable water for irrigation of grassy areas of their subdivisions. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of battling in 1995 with this issue and it was incorporated in our wastewater regulations in 1997. He spoke of recycling being maintenance intensive and is not cost effective. He stated that he cannot justify signing this when he is not for it. He spoke of drip irrigation. Commissioner Ingalsbe stated that she wanted to be more knowledgeable of the recirculating filters and she has found out that it is a costly system - she asked Allen about this type of system. Environmental Health Director Allen Walther spoke of recirculating filters and how they work - they are required to be very large and are labor intensive as far as maintenance. A package plant is common place. He spoke of trials and problems with recirculating filter systems. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of increasing the price of homes when these types of systems are put in. [T1-293] Commissioner Carter spoke of Marty Rumbaugh (Engineer from Loomis/Austin) does this sort of subsurface drip irrigation system for many homes and does not challenge the aquifer. She supports this tool for conserving water – the intent of the proposed resolution is not for the every day homeowner that would have a hard time managing it but rather for the very large subdivisions where they are going to have a wastewater plant operator anyway. Allen Walther spoke of drip irrigation being used now on conventional septic tanks – he spoke of a management system designed in Israel that has been used for 10 years or more in the United States in which water is pumped out the septic tank, from primary treatment, and goes through a series of sand filters which backwash every time and end up in a drip irrigation system. He spoke of drip irrigations currently in place throughout the county. Allen Walther spoke of other management systems that use computer technology. Commissioner Molenaar advised that drip irrigation is already in place and permitted through TNRCC. Commissioner Carter spoke of two subdivisions in her precinct that are coming on line (Railyard Venture and Porter Creek Sub) - citizens are concerned. She suggested tabling at this time.

19280 GRANT A VARIANCE TO PLATTING REQUIREMENTS FOR "THE NARROWS RANCH" [T1-400]

Environmental Health Director Allen Walther gave staff recommendation for granting a variance. The entire 342+ acre parcel is held in co-ownership via an agreement on file in the county clerk's offices. About half the property is located in Blanco County. That co-ownership is contiguous to street access which is in Blanco County. A conservation easement is being established on the parcel pursuant to the Texas Uniform Conservation Easement Act. Although seven building envelopes are planned, neither they, nor any future improvements, may be conveyed outside the original ownerships without also transferring their undivided co-ownership interests in the entire parcel. A major consideration in the purchase and ownership agreement of this parcel is to protect and preserve the unique cultural and ecological feature known as "The Narrows" on the Blanco River. Total impervious cover for the entire project will be less than 0.3%. The existing ranch road, "Napa Trail" is held in common ownership and will be managed and maintained under an agreement between the owners. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Carter to grant a variance to platting requirements for "The Narrows Ranch". All voting "Aye".

19281 RELEASE ROAD CONSTRUCTION SECURITY FOR ELLIOTT RANCH PHASES 1 & 2

[T1-458] Environmental Health Director Allen Walther advised that these roads are to be privately maintained, therefore no maintenance bond is required. The streets have been inspected and have passed final inspection with all deficiencies corrected. A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to release road construction security for Elliott Ranch phases 1 & 2. All voting "Aye".



19282 AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF KYLE RELATING TO THE WIDENING AND EXPANSION OF FM 1626 AS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION NO. 17808 [T1-475]

Judge Powers spoke of having talked to Mayor Adkins regarding this issue. Mr. Knight spoke of benefit to Kyle – the biggest concern is Lehigh Cement. The City of Kyle needs money to purchase R-O-W. Some of the property has been donated. Commissioner Carter spoke of property that has not been donated - Lehigh property may have to go through eminent domain. She spoke of agreement with Travis County re: SH45 that is a good example – specifies which properties will be procured, tells the acreage, and the agreed price - she spoke of TxDot cautioning release of money before you obtain a deed. Special Counsel Jacqueline Cullom Murphy spoke of sec 2.1 of the agreement addresses acquisition of right-of-way. The court could add a provision to require the City of Kyle to come back to the Court before the final offer. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of previous resolution authorizing funding for this project including R-O-W purchase. He spoke of intent of money being allocated was to purchase R-O-W and any remainder to be used for the overall project to speed it up. Judge Powers spoke of need for Court to receive updates so that we will know how money is being spent. He stated that he would not support putting in more money, once we are committed to this number, simply because we did not feel we were in the loop. Commissioner Molenaar suggested adding a provision requiring an itemized list of what our money is going for. Commissioner Ingalsbe asked about the county's obligation for funding this project. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of priority is to purchase R-O-W and any other items would have to be itemized and approved by the Court. Commissioner Carter voiced her concern about the money budgeted being in the Road Dept. Right-of-Way line item – she referenced Section 3.2 which she felt did not make sense. Jacqueline Cullom Murphy spoke of Section 3.2 of the agreement regarding when the county will give Kyle the money: *Section 3.2 Payment to Kyle. Provided that TxDOT shall have first approved the EIS for the Project. Hays County will pay Kyle the sum of \$300,000.00 within thirty (30) days after Kyle obtains and records special warranty deeds, or court orders, conveying to Kyle not less than sixty-six percent (66%) of the additional right-of-way required to be obtained for the Project.* Need justification for funds and how they are being spent (accountability). Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of previous resolution adopted by the Court was not specific as to how funding was to be spent - we do need accountability. Jacqueline Cullom Murphy spoke of giving Kyle the authority to condemn the needed land. [T1-799] A motion was made by Judge Powers, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to adopt Resolution supporting the construction of FM1626 to Bunton Overpass and authorize the County Judge to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Kyle relating to the widening and expansion of FM1626 as previously authorized by Resolution No. 17808, and furthermore, the City of Kyle will give us an itemized accounting of all the expenses related to this project on a monthly basis so that we have some idea of how this money is being spent and authorize Jacqueline Cullom Murphy to work with Mr. Knight from the City of Kyle to keep the county informed. Jacqueline Cullom Murphy advised that this would be accomplished by adding a provision that the City of Kyle has to itemize any expenditures and add a provision that if any condemnation of Hays County land is to occur, that the City of Kyle will come back to the Commissioners' Court for acceptance. Mr. Knight spoke of this being a trust issue – the City of Kyle needs the money to proceed with this project. Judge Powers stated that the Court wants the City of Kyle to know that the County is not obligated for any additional funds. All present voting "Aye".

19283 CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2001, TO ESTABLISH TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ON YORK CREEK ROAD. (SPEED LIMIT 30 MPH) [T1-878]

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Judge Powers to call for a public hearing to be held on February 27, 2001 to establish traffic regulations on York Creek Road (Speed Limit of 30 MPH). All present voting "Aye".

19284 CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2001, TO ESTABLISH TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ON OLD MARTINDALE ROAD. (SPEED LIMIT 30 MPH) [T1-888]

A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to call for a public hearing to be held on February 27, 2001 to establish traffic regulations on Old Martindale Road (Speed Limit of 30 MPH). All voting "Aye".

DISCUSSION REGARDING LAW ENFORCEMENT INSURANCE FROM THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (TAC) [T1-895]

Personnel Director Stephanie Trahan advised that our current carrier, National Casualty Company, is no longer going to carry our Law Enforcement insurance (coverage expires 4/2/01). She spoke of quote received from TAC shows to be very competitive. She asked the court if they wanted to go out for bids or go with the TAC policy (no bidding required because it is a government pool). Commissioner Molenaar asked if all law enforcement personnel are covered by this policy? Victor Ualle (TAC Representative) advised that it would require classification of individuals and accounting of each person. They want positions reported. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of misunderstanding before on who was covered. Victor spoke of classification (by position and not by name) – positions covered under the policy would have to perform law enforcement activities. County Auditor Bill Herzog stated that he would rather have all insurance under TAC. Exact figures are needed before the court takes action. Commissioner Molenaar spoke in support of TAC insurance. Jacqueline Cullom Murphy asked for a list of legal counsel used by TAC for the benefit of the Sheriffs Dept. No action taken



19285 AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND TWO PRIVATE NON-PROFIT FOUNDATIONS FOR UP TO \$20,000 AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACT IF APPROVED [T1-1084]

The Hays County Health Dept is building a new facility using Tobacco Funds and has budgeted \$ 40,000 for an emergency generator in the project. The Texas Dept. of Health, Bureau of Emergency Management has a grant program , which might provide one-half of the total funding (\$20,000). Hays County currently has emergency backup generators at the Justice Center, LEC, and Courthouse for use during an emergency. This project will help the County Health Department to provide emergency service during disaster events such as the flood of October 17, 1998 in which power was cut off for over 9 hours. Similar grant applications will be sent to two non-profit foundations. Personnel Director Gay Helmly spoke of wiring the building for a generator and they are looking for additional funding for the generator (we have a 50/50 chance of obtaining the needed funds). A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Judge Powers to authorize the County Judge to submit grant applications to the Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Management and two private non-profit foundations for up to \$20,000 and to execute a contract, if approved. All present voting "Aye".

DISCUSSION REGARDING REVISED INDIGENT BURIAL POLICY FOR HAYS COUNTY [T1-1110]

Commissioner Ingalsbe advised that it has been 5 years since any price adjustments have been made to the cost of Indigent Burials. She has spoke to all four funeral home representatives that provide Hays County with this service and all agree on and are requesting the cost for these services to be increased, due to additional costs and price increases that they are confronted with. She asked for direction from the court to see if we want to go out for bids or negotiate with these funeral homes? She spoke of a 2001 survey of prices charged by funeral homes belonging to the Austin Memorial & Burial Information Society (covers the Austin, Round Rock, Georgetown, Taylor, Elgin, Lockhart, Bastrop, and San Marcos area). Current prices by Hays County Funeral Homes are as follows:

SERVICES FOR	CURRENT PRICE	REQUESTED PRICE
Oversized Adult	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 1,495.00
Adult (regular size)	\$ 925.00	\$ 1,495.00
Child	\$ 575.00	\$ 1,150.00
Infant	\$ 475.00	\$ 800.00

Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of comparison of costs on the survey. Commissioner Carter asked to check with Comal County on their pricing. Commissioner Ingalsbe advised that the funeral homes in Comal County at this time are in the process of preparing something to be presented to their Commissioners' Court. Commissioner Carter asked for a criterion of what qualifies a person for indigent burial. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of criteria already in place at the Health Dept. (Application For Burial Assistance) which is stringent – if they can donate money to upgrade the funeral, they are automatically denied. She wants direction from the court (go out for bids, negotiate with funeral homes, etc.) Judge Powers suggested going out for bids to see what is out there. Purchasing Agent Debbie Bilbrey advised that it is difficult in these situations - she spoke of right of family to determine which funeral home will be used - she suggested negotiating rather than going out for bids. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of what is provided by funeral homes (graveside service, minimal casket, transporting to gravesite, open & closing of grave, and a temporary grave marker). Commissioner Carter stated that if the taxpayers are picking up the tab, they should be the ones to decide where to take the body.

19286 CLARIFY THE STATUS OF THE ROADS IN BROOKMEADOW, SECTION 3, AS PUBLICLY OWNED AND TAX EXEMPT [T1-1358]

Tax Assessor-Collector Luanne Caraway spoke of roads in Brookmeadow Section 3 subdivision that currently has a delinquent tax account. The subdivision plat failed to dedicate the road to the public and therefore was not tax exempt. In order to clear up the delinquent tax roll, she needs a resolution by the Commissioners which would waive all delinquent tax, penalty and interest since such tax is now assessed to a tax exempt entity, that being the City of Woodcreek. All the taxing entities must approve this action. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Carter to adopt resolution clarifying the status of roads in Brookmeadow Section 3 as publicly owned and tax exempt roads. All present voting "Aye".

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, *the City of Woodcreek, for the first time since its incorporation owns all the roads within the city limits; and*

WHEREAS, *there is a total of 6 Sections of roads in the Brookmeadow Addition in the City of Woodcreek; and*

WHEREAS, *all roads of the Brookmeadow Addition, with the exception of Section 3 are shown on the Tax Rolls as publicly owned and Tax Exempt, and*

WHEREAS, *the Hays County Commissioners' Court realizes, this was an error and no fault of the City of Woodcreek, and wishes to remedy this situation,*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that the Hays County Commissioners' Court waives all delinquent tax, penalty, and interest to the City of Woodcreek on county and special road district taxes since such tax is now assessed to a tax exempt entity.*

PASSED AND APPROVED *on this the 13th day of February, 2001.*



PUBLIC COMMENT

[T1-1432] Sam Davis stated that it sounds like the proposal to be considered in executive session is a win win proposition. If it meets the county's needs for now and in the future, if its location is like we want, if it is at market or below, then it sounds like it is what we need to do. He spoke of county officials saying over the last few months that they need more office space.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.072, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY T. J. HIGGINBOTHAM RELATING TO THE COUNTY'S ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON RR 967 TO BE USED AS AN OFFICE COMPLEX FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND STAFF IN PRECINCT 2 [T1-1452]

Prior to going into closed meeting, the following discussion was had: T. J. Higginbotham spoke of office space needed by JP5 and Constable Pct. 5 – he has property on RR967 outside of Buda which has highway frontage and utilities (power, telephone, & water lines). His proposal is for a 1.563 acres and a building (15000 sq ft slab and roof finished out to 10,000 sf – 5,000 sf on the back end of building & 3,000 sf of future expandable space). He spoke of offices that could utilize that space and the accessibility of this building to all areas of the county. This property is in the ETJ of Buda. This property is considered commercial and not residential property. Judge Powers spoke of commercial development that goes in on state highways like RR967 and he would like to know what the City of Buda's plans are for this area. T. J. Higginbotham spoke of building plans and parking.

[T1-1740]

The court convened into closed executive session to consider a proposal submitted by T. J. Higginbotham relating to the county's acquisition of property located on RR967 to be used as an office complex for elected officials and staff in precinct 2. Upon completion of the closed session, the court reconvened into open meeting. Judge Powers advised that the Court is not ready to make a decision at this time simply because there are other options out there that we are still getting information on. He advised Mr. Higginbotham to not take his property off the market based on the courts indecisiveness – the court may want to buy their own property and build our own building. No action taken this date.

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES APPROVED IN OPEN COURT ON THE 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY.

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

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

