



STATE OF TEXAS ①  
 COUNTY OF HAYS ①

ON THIS THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY A.D., 2001, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN REGULAR MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

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

**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.

**ADOPT PROCLAMATION REGARDING TEXANS BUILDING CHARACTER**

County Extension Agent Richard Parrish spoke of Texans Building Character Program - instilling character traits in Texas youth. The Extension Service offers the Texans Building Character program in response to local needs and through special initiative for families and youth funded in part by the Texas Legislature. He spoke of meetings that were held and the formation of the Texans Building Character Program (primarily focuses on youth). He explained the six pillars of character (1) trustworthiness (2) Respect (3) Responsibility (4) Fairness (5) Caring, and (6) Citizenship. County Extension Agent Susan Schramm spoke of character education and BLT they are doing at the Hays County Boot Camp (35-40 youth) - they also do a nutrition program. Richard Parrish spoke of request for them to work with the Mitchell Center. They are trying to teach basic character which should be taught in the home. He read the proposed resolution.

***Texans Building Character in Hays County***

**WHEREAS,** *the next generation will be the stewards of our communities, nation, and planet in extraordinarily critical times, and the present and future well-being of our society requires an involved, caring citizenry with good moral character; and*

**WHEREAS,** *people do not automatically develop good moral character; conscientious efforts must be made to help young people develop the values and abilities necessary for moral decision making and conduct; and*

**WHEREAS,** *effective character education is based on the core ethical values which comprise the "six pillars of character" and form the foundation of democratic society: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship; and*

**WHEREAS,** *a statewide partnership of organizations involved in the education, training, or care of Texas youth have joined in a collaborative effort called Texans Building Character; and*

**WHEREAS,** *character education is, first and foremost, an obligation of families; it is also an important obligation of governmental entities as well as schools, businesses, faith communities, and youth and human service organization; and*

**WHEREAS,** *businesses large or small, in the public or private sector, will benefit from a work force that manifests the six core ethical values,*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** *The Hays County Commissioners' Court, do hereby endorse the "six pillars of character", commend the Texans Building Character program on its goal to strengthen the moral fiber of the next generation, and urge all County employees to seek out opportunities to incorporate these core ethical values into their work with young people in park and recreation activities, Community Policing activities, and community events, and encourage all citizens, corporate and individual, to model these traits of good character in an ongoing commitment to promote character development and ethical behavior in the young of our community, and call on the employees and people of Hays County and interested groups to embrace the six pillars of character and seek out opportunities to incorporate these six pillars in the workplace and in their working with the public in their everyday lives.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Judge Powers to adopt Proclamation endorsing the "Texans Building Character in Hays County", and to furthermore direct county staff to include this information in county employee's payroll envelopes. All voting "Aye".



**19288 APPROVE THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2001**

A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve the Commissioners' Court Minutes of February 13, 2001 as presented by the County Clerk. Commissioner Burnett and Commissioner Molenaar were not present during casting of votes. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Carter, and Judge Powers voting "Aye"

**19289 APPROVE PAYMENT OF COUNTY INVOICES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve payment of county invoices in the amount of \$ 123,026.00 as presented by the County Auditor. Commissioner Burnett and Commissioner Molenaar were not present during casting of votes. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Carter, and Judge Powers voting "Aye".

Public Safety Services	\$ 184.00	Fines	\$ 70.00	Auditors Office	\$ 179.30
Treasurers Office	\$ 53.82	Grants Administration	\$ 29.70	Juvenile Probation Ofc	\$ 451.33
Election Administration	\$ 58.92	Indigent Care	\$ 45.54	Transfer Station	\$ 810.04
Bldg Mtc. Dept.	\$ 7,560.08	Civic Center	\$ 79.80	Countywide Operating	\$ 11,079.86
Tax A/C Office	\$ 395.33	District Clerk's Office	\$ 97.87	Sheriff's Office	\$ 2,790.16
Jail Operations	\$ 7,709.81	Co Court at Law 1	\$ 35.00	District Attorney's Ofc	\$ 375.19
J.P. 1-2	\$ 185.65	J.P. 2	\$ 338.75	J.P. 3	\$ 255.00
J.P. 4	\$ 204.00	Constable 2	\$ 46.45	Constable 3	\$ 27.94
Constable 4	\$ 85.39	District Court Operations	\$ 4,688.38	Co & JP Court Oper	\$ 1,684.15
Computer Services	\$ 695.90	County Court at Law 2	\$ 35.00	DPS/Lic & Wghts	\$ 437.05
Fire Marshal/EMC	\$ 107.64	TJPC CCAP Grant	\$ 6,440.00	Assoc. Judge/Family Law	\$ 47.30
Commissioners Crt Expenses	\$ 167.83	R&B Operations	\$ 58,940.41	Precinct 1	\$ 53.32
Precinct 2	\$ 127.91	Precinct 4	\$ 5.75	R&B General Fund Credit	<\$244.34>
Hays Co Parks Fund	\$ 15.42	Records Mngmnt/Co Clerk	\$ 10,191.00	Health Svcs Grants	\$ 140.87
Law Library Fund	\$ 2,624.04	Sheriff Special Projects Fund	\$ 409.50	Medical & Dental Insur	\$ 400.00
Sheriffs Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 1,972.35	Family Health Svcs Fund	\$ 158.23	Court Reporters Svc Fund	\$ 371.00
TDHCA New Canaan Grant	\$ 408.36				

**19290 APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT #01-13**

A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve Budget Amendment #01-13 as proposed by the County Auditor. Commissioner Burnett and Commissioner Molenaar were not present during casting of votes. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Carter, and Judge Powers voting "Aye".

AMENDMENT NO. 2001-13 FY 2001 BUDGET 2-20-01				
FUND NO. 01				
FUND TITLE GENERAL FUND				
LINE ITEM - EXPENDITURES	APPROPRIATION	AMENDMENT		APPROPRIATION
	BEFORE	INCREASES	DECREASES	AS
	AMENDMENT			AMENDED
<b>EXTENSION OFFICE (403):</b>				
01-403-5489 Telephone	5,000	1,000		6,000
01-403-5101 FICA/RET	13,036		(1,000)	12,036
<i>Transfer for data lines and installation from Personnel savings-request from Computer Services</i>				
<b>JUSTICE OF THE PEACE 3 (427):</b>				
01-427-5331 Continuing Ed	250	250		500
01-427-5449 Temp Personnel	500		(250)	250
<i>Transfer for training expense</i>				

**19291 APPROVE UTILITY PERMIT #01452**

A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve Utility Permit #01452 on CR157(Goforth Road) to Time Warner Cable as submitted by the Hays County Road Department. Commissioner Burnett and Commissioner Molenaar were not present during casting of votes. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Carter, and Judge Powers voting "Aye".



**Clerk's Note:** There were no Applications for refund of double payments and/or overpayments on taxes submitted by the Tax Assessor-Collector.

**19292 ACCEPT AUDITS OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 2 AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 5**

A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to accept audits of Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 and Justice of the Peace Precinct 5 as submitted. Commissioner Burnett and Commissioner Molenaar were not present during casting of votes. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Carter, and Judge Powers voting "Aye".

**19293 APPROVE SPECIFICATIONS FOR A 3500 GALLON MOUNTED WATER TANK FOR THE ROAD DEPT. AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASING TO SOLICIT FOR BIDS.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve specifications for a 3500 gallon mounted water tank for the Road Department and authorize Purchasing to solicit for bids. Commissioner Burnett and Commissioner Molenaar were not present during casting of votes. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Carter, and Judge Powers voting "Aye".

**19294 HARMON HILLS SECTION 1 RESUB OF LOT H-13 \* PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL PLAT APPROVAL [T1-375]**

Judge Powers declared the public hearing open. No public input was received and the public hearing was closed. Environmental Health Director Allen Walther spoke of one lot being divided into 3 lots and he gave staff recommendation for final approval. A motion was made by Judge Powers, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve final plat approval for "Harmon Hills Section 1 Resub of Lot H13". Commissioner Burnett and Commissioner Molenaar were not present during casting of votes. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Carter, and Judge Powers voting "Aye".

**19295 PARKER'S RIDGE \* PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL [T1-390]**

Environmental Health Director Allen Walther advised that this is a one lot subdivision comprising an 8.63 acre tract out of an original 70.00 acre tract. He gave staff recommendation for preliminary approval. A motion was made by Judge Powers, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve preliminary plat of "Parker's Ridge". Commissioner Burnett was absent for vote. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Molenaar and Judge Powers voting "Aye".

**19296 ALVAREZ SUBDIVISION \* PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL [T1-410]**

This is a one lot subdivision that is 4.316 acres with access on a public roadway (Francis Harris Lane). Environmental Health Director Allen Walther gave staff recommendation for preliminary plat approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve preliminary plat of the "Alvarez Subdivision". All voting "Aye".

**19297 APPOINT JON SCHNAUTZ TO THE HAYS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR A 2-YEAR TERM [T1-425]**

A motion was made by Judge Powers, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to appoint Jon Schnautz to the Hays County Historical Commission for a 2year term expiring December 31, 2002. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Molenaar and Judge Powers voting "Aye". Commissioner Carter voting "No".

**19298 AUTHORIZE HAYS COUNTY TO PURCHASE LAW ENFORCEMENT INSURANCE FROM THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (TAC) [T1-435]**

Personnel Director Stephanie Trahan spoke of redoing the application process over again for law enforcement coverage – the premium came back lower: two quotes = \$90,235 with punitive damage endorsement of \$1 million within basic coverage limit & \$98,438 with punitive damage endorsement of \$1 million in addition to the basic coverage limit. TAC Representative Victor Uballe spoke of punitive damage endorsement (must sue for punitive damages for this to kick in). A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to authorize Hays County to purchase law enforcement insurance from the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) in the amount of \$90,235. All voting "Aye".



**19299 ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONSERVATION AND REINVESTMENT ACT [T1-531]**

Commissioner Burnett spoke of purpose of CARA (Conservation and Reinvestment Act) – will reinvest nearly 3 billion dollars from the Federal Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Lease Revenue through various federal, state, and local conservation programs to be earmarked for conservation, wildlife habitat, historical preservation, wildlife conservation & restoration, and urban park & recreational programs. A majority of the money will go to Texas because of the vast amount of oil produced off the Gulf Coast (approximately \$2.5 billion). He stated that he had just received a message from Senator Hutchison's office requesting addition of wording to the proposed resolution. He read the resolution (with addition of: Whereas the Hays County Commissioners' Court wishes the majority of Federal money be weighted to state and local jurisdictions instead of the Dept of Interior. A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to adopt a Resolution in support of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA). All voting "Aye".

**RESOLUTION**

*A resolution of the Commissioners Court of the County of Hays, Texas hereby requesting the United States Senate approve the Conservation and Reinvestment Act, which includes over \$236 million per year in funding for conservation programs in the State of Texas.*

*WHEREAS, Hays County is committed to preserving our historical and natural resources to ensure that all citizens will have the opportunity to enjoy these resources; and the Conservation and reinvestment Act (CARA) includes programs that will preserve open spaces, wildlife and historic facilities; and*

*WHEREAS, passage of CARA will provide funds to state and local governments to aid in the preservation of these resources via the reinvestment of Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas revenues; and, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (H.R. 701) by a vote of 315 to 102; and*

*WHEREAS, the Hays County Commissioners' Court wishes the majority of Federal money be weighted to state and local jurisdictions instead of the Department of Interior.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners' Court of the County of Hays, Texas, to request the United States Senate approve the Conservation and Reinvestment Act.*

*PASSED AND APPROVED at a meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Hays County, Texas on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.*

**REPORT ON REDISTRICTING FROM THE TEXAS COUNTY JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS CONT. ED. CONFERENCE. (THE INSTITUTE ON COUNTY GOVERNMENT AT TEXAS A&M) [T1-636]**

Commissioner Carter spoke of A&M conference she attended which included information regarding redistricting. The presenters on redistricting were Baylor Law School Professors David Guinn and Mike Morrison. She advised that some advise they offered to avoid problems in redistricting were: stay with traditional redistricting principles, limit discussion of race (to retrogression and dilution), and list traditional redistricting principles as your criteria and honor those with your vote. She encouraged members of the court to read the federal register part XV dated Jan. 18, 2001.

**Court was adjourned.**

**MINUTES APPROVED IN OPEN COURT ON THE 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2001.**

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

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

