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ON THIS THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH A.D., 2003, 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
LINDA C. FRITSCHÉ	DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

WHEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

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

20902 ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RELATING TO THE HAYS COUNTY PARKS PLAN/2001, \$3.5 MILLION PARKS BOND PACKAGE [T1-30]

Kathryn Nichols (former member of Open Space & Parks Advisory Board) urged to the court to move forward with this project. Grants Administrator Richard Salmon answered questions from Commissioner Carter – he explained what this person will do – it is outreach - trying to get the word out to everyone, trying to get different groups to know about the program and how to get the money and keep these projects going. Commissioner Carter felt like the Grant Administrator could provide the administrative services. Richard Salmon advised that he helps get the grants but others are needed to administer them. Jim Green advised that he is not opposed to this as long as it is not a permanent county employee with benefits and not a decision making position. Commissioner Burnett advised that it would not be a new county employee – it would be on a contract basis and it would be paid for out of grant funds. Jackie Craig (former Parks Board member) feels like citizens will not be supporting this issue if it will cause a tax increase – she spoke of their being a Parks Administrator and could he be used for this service? Commissioner Molenaar advised that the Parks Administrator stays pretty busy and we are looking for people with expertise. A motion was made by Commissioner Burnett, seconded by Commissioner Molenaar to go out for request for proposal for administrative services relating to the Hays County Parks Plan/2001, \$3.5 million Parks Bond Package. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Molenaar and Judge Powers voting "Aye". Commissioner Carter voting "No".

PRESENTATION BY MARK JORDAN AND JOHN MCLEOD OF LCRA ON FLOODING ISSUES IN HAYS COUNTY [T1-344]

Mark Jordan and John McLeod from LCRA appeared before the court. Mark Jordan spoke of the Texas Colorado River Floodplain Coalition, Flood Map Modernization Program that is underway (effort get FEMA dollars to help update and digitize flood maps), and Study on Onion Creek Watershed (but not yet in Hays County) to look at flood elevations, potential flood areas might be, and develop alternatives to control those flood damages. The TCRFC is a group of 50 cities and counties that have joined together through an interlocal agreement to work better together to make more effective their floodplain management programs. They formed after the devastating floods that hit central Texas in the 1990's – they include cities and counties from the Gulf of Mexico to the Edwards Plateau - they will use their regional leverage to attract federal and state grant dollars and support legislation to better help local authorities to address flood issues. He spoke of federal dollars that have been obtained by the coalition. He provided a booklet "Quick Guide" regarding floodplain management in Texas. The coalition has already gotten \$447,000 from FEMA to update and digitize flood maps – they are currently in the process of applying for more FEMA grant dollars. They have also used their regional leverage to attract federal dollars to help complete its hazard mitigation planning requirements. They are also attracting Corps of Engineer dollars – have been successful in getting congress to appropriate \$2 million for flood control feasibility studies. There is a \$250 membership fee to join the coalition. The coalition has an executive committee made up of elected representatives that set the policies, goals, and strategies – it is an established 5013c corporation so it can use membership fees and not have a tax consequence and use those as they see fit for their own activities. John McLeod (LCRA Engineer) spoke of agreement with US Army Corps of Engineer to do a basin wide feasibility study (4 studies ongoing) – he spoke of Onion Creek Flood Feasibility Study – a 2 phase project – they look at flood control and environmental restoration. They would like to see Hays County participate in this coalition – Onion Creek runs through Hays County. Mr. McLeod spoke of having a 50/50 cost sharing on projects. He spoke of involvement of coalition if the county joins. There are other programs that could be included besides those in the Colorado River Basin. [T1-950] Mark Mathis (BSEACD – Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District) stated that they feel like the time has come for them to become a player in this – recommended Recharge Enhancement Projects and Restoration Projects would be for the Onion Creek Watershed for the Onion Creek Phase II Scoping. They would like for the Commissioners' Court to become a player also – the study would help both Hays County and BSEACD.



PUBLIC COMMENT [T1-1003]

Susan Pittman (Wimberley resident) spoke of having a son in the Marines in Iraq right now who is fighting for our country and is willing to give his life to protect what is right and good about our nation. Her concern today is about an article in the newspaper indicating that the county is ready to get on with what was called the "delay in mosquito spraying". She feels like spraying for adult mosquitoes is not an effective method of control, it makes some people very sick and gives others flu-like symptoms, pollutes the water, ruins the ecosystem which naturally controls mosquitoes (making the mosquito problem worse in the long run), and makes people more susceptible to mosquito borne disease among other things. She feels like the most effective way to control mosquitoes is to reduce mosquito breeding sites – she suggested vaccinating horses and stock tanks and watering troughs with mosquito larvae eating fish. She spoke of permethrin being an endocrine disruptor that contributes to drinking water pollution. Mrs. Pittman invited members of the court to the 21st National Pesticide Forum to be held in Austin on April 25-27, 2003 – will include a workshop on West Nile as well as many other topics that would benefit the citizens of Hays County.

20903 APPROVE THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2003

A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve the Commissioners' Court Minutes of March 18, 2003 as presented by the County Clerk. All voting "Aye".

20904 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 \$307,949.10 as presented by the County Auditor. All voting "Aye".

Public Safety Svcs	\$ 573.75	Fines	\$ 289.01	Auditor's Office	\$ 670.55
Treasurer's Office	\$ 50.21	Extension Office	\$ 222.41	Grants Admin Office	\$ 16.83
Juvenile Prob Office	\$ 2,493.55	Election Admin	\$ 50.00	Comm & Soc Svcs	\$ 2,083.34
Indigent Care	\$ 922.62	Building Mtc. Dept.	\$ 6,580.42	Environ Health	\$ 201.29
Civic Center	\$ 744.84	Countywide Oper	\$ 52,151.76	Tax A/C	\$ 214.33
District Clerk's Office	\$ 708.36	Sheriff's Office	\$ 7,340.77	Jail Operations	\$ 31,456.10
Human Resources	\$ 393.80	Co Court at Law 1	\$ 281.45	District Attorneys Ofc	\$ 1,983.39
J.P. 1-1	\$ 289.80	J.P. 1-2	\$ 376.54	J.P. 2	\$ 348.29
J.P. 4	\$ 397.11	J.P. 5	\$ 396.68	DPS	\$ 242.28
Constable 1	\$ 303.81	Constable 2	\$ 183.25	Constable 4	\$ 434.12
Constable 5	\$ 17,330.07	District Court Oper	\$ 22,735.61	Co & JP Court Oper	\$ 4,436.46
Precinct 2	\$ 81.45	Precinct 4	\$ 239.22	Veterans Adm Office	\$ 1,723.31
Computer Services	\$ 5,017.62	Juvenile Prob Dept.	\$ 207.36	DPS/L&W	\$ 191.56
Fire Marshal/EMC	\$ 145.00	Comm Court Exp	\$ 340.50	CJD/VOCA Grant	\$ 261.40
CJD/AWA Grant	\$ 344.81	CJD/Truancy Ofcr	\$ 80.00	CJD/Juv Acct Grant	\$ 90.00
General Fund Credit	<\$31.35>	R&B Operations	\$ 119,501.51	Hays Co Parks Fund	\$ 145.10
Rec Mng/Co Clerk	\$ 1,096.77	Health Svcs Grants	\$ 2,185.23	Juvenile Center	\$ 3,377.99
Courthouse Security	\$ 42.60	Family Health Svcs	\$ 15,195.22	Justice Court Tech	\$ 619.00
Road Bond Constr S.2001	\$ 192.00				

20905 APPROVE UTILITY PERMIT #01639

A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to approve Utility Permit #01639 on CR181/Fisherstore Road issued to Verizon. All voting "Aye".

DISCUSSION TO CORRECT THE MISSTATEMENTS MADE IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONCERNING THEIR DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND COMPARISON WITH OTHER AGENCIES [T1-1092]

Chief Deputy Sheriff over Operations Regis DeArza assured the court that they enjoy a very good working relationship with the San Marcos Police Dept. and other law enforcement entities in the area – he read statute (Code of Criminal Procedures Article 2.17 & 2.20) addressing duties of the Sheriff and his Deputies. They have the same basic educational requirements as the San Marcos Police Dept. (SMPD) and other law enforcement agencies – the vast majority of the newly hired employees of the Sheriff's Office are required to work in the jail before being considered for a position as a peace officer. This requirement also allows the Sheriff's Deputies to attend an 80 hour basic corrections officer's course and attain a corrections officers certification. TCLOESE requires that a law enforcement applicant attend a certified peace officers academy (a basic peace office course requires a minimum of 576 classroom hours covering specific subjects). The Hays County Sheriff's office (HCSO) has its own TCLOESE Certified Academy and requires its candidates to attend a 760 hour basic peace officer's course – the SMPD routinely sends its newly hired personnel through the Sheriff's Office Academy whenever possible and the vast majority of instructors at the academy are Hays County Sheriff Office Law Enforcement Officers. A newly appointed Sheriff's Deputy who was hired one year ago will have attended 80 hours of corrections officer training and will hold a corrections officer certification as well as having attended 760 hours of peace officers training and hold a peace officers certification before being allowed to attend a field training program (4 months of on-the-job training under the watchful eye of a Certified Field Training Officer). A law enforcement candidate who enters the Hays County Sheriff's Office without any college credit will attain the equivalent of approximately 23 college credit hours of education within the first year or two of employment.



At the present time, the HCSO has 80 certified peace officers (21 hold bachelor degrees – 5 hold associate degrees – 58 have attended or are now attending college with an average of 57 college credit hours each – only 15 deputies are without some amount of college education). Twelve of the 80 Deputies hold a TCLOESE Masters Peace Officer's license – 20 hold an Advance Peace Officer's License – 16 hold an Intermediate Peace Officer's License and 32 hold a Basic Peace Officer's License. Chief DeArza gave population figures within the various city limits and the county. The Cities of San Marcos and Kyle have their own police departments – the Sheriff's Dept. has jurisdiction within those city limits as well as all the other cities and the entire county. He compared figures for calls responded to by the Sheriff's Dept. and the San Marcos Police Dept. and he spoke of differences in telecommunication services – the Sheriff's Office operates a jail facility with a staff of 105 correction officers and 17 civilians which houses 362 inmates at full capacity – the HCSO commands a county-wide SWAT team with 14 HCSO members and 6 SMPD members – the HCSO commands a countywide Crisis Negotiation Team with 5 HCSO members and 5 SMPD members and 1 member from SWTSU. The HCSO participates in the Hays County Narcotics Task Force with 5 HCSO members and a drug dog and 4 SMPD members – the HCSO participates in the Hays County Alcohol Enforcement Team – the SMPD no longer participates. The HCSO has a 6 member traffic enforcement unit with 3 motorcycles, has a mounted patrol unit, and operates and maintains a special armored SWAT vehicle and a mobile command vehicle (both obtained free of charge from the military surplus program). They participate along with SMPD and SWTSU in the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center (a statewide training program designed to provide training for federal, state, and local law enforcement officers throughout Texas). Chief DeArza advised that it is true that 4 of their officers left for employment in Caldwell County Sheriff's Office (meaning lower pay), however, they left for higher positions – one is the Caldwell County Sheriff, one is the Chief Deputy, one is now a Patrol Captain, and one is the Assistant Commander of their Narcotics Task Force. He spoke of comparison made to Hays County and Bastrop County – he gave the differences in populations figures. He felt like it was not right for Hays County Sheriff's Dept. Officers to work side by side with San Marcos Police Officers for considerably less pay. Commissioner Carter thanked Chief DeArza for verification of what she said last week – she spoke of Gil Peyton (a former County Law Enforcement Officer) providing her with differences between sheriff's departments and police departments and some were those that Chief DeArza had touched upon. She spoke of differences between County and City law enforcement (training, warrant service, traffic enforcement, etc.) and she feels like what she said before were not misstatements and she did not say anything about Bastrop County Sheriff. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of revenue brought into the Justices of the Peace offices from law enforcement. He spoke of traffic enforcement that is being done by the HCSO in subdivisions and bringing in revenue for the county. He feels like we have the most elite Sheriff's Dept. in the State of Texas and he feels like they do an outstanding job. He spoke of himself teaching officers how to deal with young people. Commissioner Carter advised that J.P.2 has the largest revenues because of DPS (License & Weights).

20906 [PCT 2 # 03-2-024] **RUBY RANCH SECTION 6 BLOCK E LOT 8 * VARIANCE FROM PLAT NOTE #14 RESTRICTION** [T1-1552]

Property owner Karen Olson provided a handout regarding her request for a variance from plat note restriction (General plat Note #14) limiting use to a Class I onsite wastewater system. They desire to install a low pressure dose septic system which would be an adequate system for their lot size and the soils on their lot. They plan to install a rainwater collection system as their primary source of water for the entire house. The community well water will be used as backup water source only. They do not wish to use an aerobic system which would require a continuous maintenance agreement. Environmental Health Director Environmental Health Director Allen Walther spoke of many lots in this section that are smaller and the larger lots have been used in lot averaging. Commissioner Carter spoke of aerobic systems not being the best – they have so much maintenance and they can malfunction. Commissioner Burnett questioned whether we can legally allow a variance from plat notes. Commissioner Molenaar felt like we cannot allow a variance. Special Counsel Jacqueline Cullom Murphy spoke of not being able to answer the question today as to whether the court can grant a variance to a plat note. Commissioner Burnett stated that he can not support this request at this time. A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to Grant a variance from plat note #14 restrictions in Ruby Ranch Section 6 Block E Lot 8. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Carter, and Judge Powers voting "Aye". Commissioner Burnett, and Commissioner Molenaar voting "No".

20907 [PCT 4 #03-4-018] **SIERRA WEST SECTION 3 LOTS 39-41 AND SECTION 4A LOTS 3-5 * APPROVE FINAL PLAT AND WAIVE PUBLIC NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

[T1-1877] Environmental Health Director Allen Walther advised that no new lots are being created – they are amending common lot lines between Section 3 & 4A (3 lots in each section – total of 6 lots). He recommends waiving public notification and approving the final plat. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Carter to approve final plat and waive public notification requirement for "Sierra West Section 3 Lots 39-41 and Section 4A Lots 3-5". All voting "Aye".

20908 [PCT 4 #03-4-019] **LA VENTANA SECTIONS 4 & 5 [18 LOTS] * APPROVE FINAL PLAT**

[T1-1908] Environmental Health Director Allen Walther gave staff recommendation for final plat approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Burnett to approve final plat of "La Ventana Sections 4 & 5". All voting "Aye".



20909 [PCT 2 #03-2-025] **CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ABANDONMENT OF COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG A PORTION OF OLD HIGHWAY 2 IN THE BUDA AREA** [T1-1920]

Commissioner Carter spoke of long term communication with TxDot about a road that use to exist, but no longer does. Road Supt/Engineer Jerry Borcharding advised that you cannot see where the old road bed existing – it is no longer needed by the county. Special Counsel Jacqueline Cullom Murphy spoke of working on issue regarding value of the easement – she will have that information available at the time of the public hearing. A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to call for a public hearing to consider abandonment of county right-of-way along a portion of Old Highway 2 in the Buda Area. All voting “Aye”.

20910 **ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HAYS COUNTY ADULT PROBATION TO BE SENT TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE** [T1-1985]

Chief adult Probation Officer Lynda Turley spoke of 52% cut in their budget – she introduced District Director of the Adult Probation Department (for Caldwell, Hays & Comal Counties) George Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez spoke of the State of Texas being in a budget shortfall and in January the governor asked all state agencies to take a 7% cut in their budget for the remainder of the fiscal year. They are under the umbrella of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice - adult probation makes up 10% of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice budget and the Executive Director’s recommendation to the legislature was to cut adult probation by 52% (\$155 million cut for the State of Texas) – prisons are getting overcrowded and he wants to create more prison beds. Mr. Hernandez feels like cutting in this amount will be more costly to the people of Texas and local authorities – they average 170 caseloads per adult probation officer – if they are cut by this magnitude the caseload could be 300 and judges would less likely put people on probation. There is a potential for county jails to feel this impact. People on probation do payback to the community through community service restitution as well as making payments on fines (\$900,000) and in victim restitution (\$235,000). They are asking for the courts support of this resolution to be sent to various State officers and committees. Commissioner Carter suggested a more positive resolution setting out an amount in which they could provide services adequately. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Judge Powers to adopt resolution in support of the Hays County Adult Probation to be sent to the State Legislature regarding their budget. Commissioner Ingalsbe, Commissioner Burnett, Commissioner Molenaar, and Judge Powers voting “Aye”. Commissioner Carter abstained.

RESOLUTION

BE IT REMEMBERED, at the Commissioners’ Court held on March 25,2003 in Hays County, Texas, by unanimous decision, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS (ADULT PROBATION) has the primary mission to protect the community with 440,000 offenders now on probation across the state of TEXAS; and

WHEREAS, COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS (ADULT PROBATION) uses education, intervention and treatment programs proven effective with majority of offenders placed under their supervision to divert these offenders from the County Jail, State Jails, and State Institutional Division; and

WHEREAS, COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS (ADULT PROBATION) already faces large caseloads averaging more than 152 offenders per officer statewide with the local average of 170 cases per officer; and

WHEREAS, COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS (ADULT PROBATION) is a cost effective approach to offering rehabilitative opportunities to offenders in our community validated by research done through the Office of the State of Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council; and

WHEREAS, COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS (ADULT PROBATION) collects money for the victims of crime, fines and court costs for the Court, and supports itself, in large part, by the contribution of its employed and tax-paying offenders; and

WHEREAS, COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS (ADULT PROBATION) provides supervision of thousands of hours of community service work by the offenders in the community where the offender lives and works; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget reduction of more than 50% to COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS (ADULT PROBATION) by the State of Texas will result in increasing incarcerations of offenders in the County Jail, State Jails, and the State Institutional Division costing the citizens of Texas far more than the amount required to keep **COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS (ADULT PROBATION)** funded at the present rates;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE HAYS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ COURT HEREBY, recognizes the need to support the full continued funding of **COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS (ADULT PROBATION)** in order to protect the community, effectively intervene in the lives of offenders placed on probation, and to avoid the unnecessary and costly incarceration of offenders across the State of Texas.



20911 ADOPT A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE REQUIRE 911 SERVICE FEE BE DEDICATED FOR USE WITH THE COUNTIES FOR WHICH THEY ARE GENERATED [T1-2295]

GIA/911 Addressing Programs Manager Steve Floyd asked the court to adopt a resolution requesting the legislature to require 911 service fee be dedicated for use with the counties for which they are generated. The State has over \$60 million that has been collected and not distributed to counties and there is concern that the dedicated nature of this account could be changed and used for shortfalls in the State budget. Most of this money is not coming back to the counties at this time – only a small fraction is being sent to local entities. The 911 budget is in fact being cut every year. A motion was made by Commissioner Molenaar, seconded by Commissioner Ingalsbe to adopt a resolution requesting the Legislature require 911 Service Fee be dedicated for use with the counties for which they are generated. All voting “Aye”.

RESOLUTION

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HAYS**

**IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS**

WHEREAS, Hays County adopted a resolution on May 23, 1988 in support of the establishment of an enhanced 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Number and the implementation of the 9-1-1 fee and surcharge in Hays County, Texas and chose to participate in the 9-1-1 regional plan in accordance with Article 1432f, which is maintained by CAPCO; and

WHEREAS, with CAPCO, Hays County operates under Chapter 771, Health and Safety Code, Article 1432f, which authorized the Advisory Commission on State Emergency Communications (now known as the Commission on State Emergency Communications, CSEC) to establish in areas participating in the plan, a two-tiered funding structure to establish and operate the 9-1-1 systems. It places a monthly 9-1-1 service fee of not more than 50 cents a month per local exchange access line and a 9-1-1 surcharge on each customer receiving intrastate long-distance service fee of not more than one-half percent; and

WHEREAS, Hays County had the understanding that the funds generated from the service fee per telephone access line were intended only for 9-1-1 services and would be returned directly to the local level as designated by the regional plan; and

WHEREAS, Hays County Commissioners Court does not desire to see its citizens double charged for 9-1-1 service or suffer from diminished 9-1-1 services; and

WHEREAS, Hays County Commissioners Court urges and supports expansion of state funding guidelines to permit inclusion of a broader range of technology and services which contribute to a unified, public safety 9-1-1 emergency communication system; and

WHEREAS, Hays County in 2003 is not receiving the full return of funding for 9-1-1 service while portions of past service fee funds are being held in a dedicated fund by the State totaling now over \$60 million; and

WHEREAS, these funds are not being returned in full directly to the local level, and service demands continue to increase;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF HAYS COUNTY:

The Court directs staff to work with our legislative representatives in support of protecting all funds generated for 9-1-1 service and promoting the full return of funding generated from service fees to the local regions; supporting the CSEC and CAPCO in funding requests for planning, development, provision and enhancement of 9-1-1 service; and joining other regional partners in support of full funding of 9-1-1 service as was the original intent of the legislature on behalf of the citizens of the State of Texas to provide quality statewide 9-1-1 service;

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th day of March, 2003.

20912 APPOINT DON SHAFER AND CAROL CALLAWAY TO THE CLAIBORNE KYLE LOG HOUSE COMMISSION [T1-2430]

A motion was made by Judge Powers, seconded by Commissioner Carter to appoint Don Shafer and Carol Callaway to the Claiborne Kyle Log House Commission. All voting “Aye”.



**DISCUSSION REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HAYS COUNTY SUBDIVISION
RULES AND WASTEWATER RULES THAT CAN BE MADE TO PROTECT THE
CITIZENS AND ENVIRONMENT OF HAYS COUNTY [T1-2443]**

Commissioner Carter spoke of new rules in Comal County having a 1 acre requirement with public water system & OSSF or if you have an individual water well you must have 5 acres. She feels like their rules are simple to work with and more protective of their county. Commissioner Carter spoke in support of the 5 acre minimum for lot sizes whether it is over the aquifer or not. She spoke of drainage in subdivisions being grievous and she felt like not all problems will be addressed under Senate Bill 873. Commissioner Carter spoke of need to include in our rules the requirement for paying rollback fees when plat is filed and more road improvement requirements that need to also be included. She spoke of utility companies that have spoken to her regarding need for new subdivision rules – they spend a lot of money on infrastructure – she spoke of problem with people putting structures in flooding areas. Commissioner Molenaar spoke of utility companies having a problem with resubdivisions – we are in the process of looking at our subdivision rules. Commissioner Burnett spoke of need to make all of our rules better.

Clerk's Note: Agenda Item #15 RE: STAFF REPORT FROM THE HAYS COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR. TOPICS WILL INCLUDE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PENDING ELECTIONS, ENHANCEMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT AND GOALS OF THE DEPARTMENT was PULLED.

**STAFF REPORT FROM THE HAYS COUNTY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT.
TOPICS WILL INCLUDE AN UPDATE ON THE DISTRICT COURTROOM
RENOVATION PROJECT AND THE JUSTICE CENTER REMEDIATION & REPAIR
PROJECT [T1-2858]**

Maintenance Supervisor Ron Knott gave a status report regarding renovation at the Justice Center: District Courtroom project is 95% framed, sheetrock installed, 60% electrical complete, 50% air conditioning complete, 50% lighting complete, all roughed-in plumbing completed bathrooms 85% complete – should be completed by June 1st or earlier. They have had over 1200 hours of community service labor. They have renovated the J.P. 3 Office space for security reasons and converted storage into two additional offices at a cost of \$6,000 – building owner agreed to share \$4500 of the cost. At the Justice Center he has coordinated and managed the mold and asbestos for mediation along with installing new flooring, plumbing leak repairs and air conditioning changes. He stated that he and Commissioner Ingalsbe let the last purchase order on the last leak repair that Gerloff specified – replacing 75 feet of 6 inch sewer line - the dehumidifiers will be installed in three weeks along with UV lights for all A/C units – the A/C ducts will then be cleaned. At the Election Office they painted it to match the new health building. Minor work was down at the J.P. 5 office and Juvenile Probation.

Court was adjourned.

MINUTES APPROVED IN OPEN COURT ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2003.

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

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

