



STATE OF TEXAS \*  
 COUNTY OF HAYS \*

ON THIS THE 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER A.D., 2008, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN SPECIAL MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

<b>ELIZABETH "LIZ" SUMTER</b>	<b>COUNTY JUDGE</b>
<b>DEBBIE GONZALES INGALSBE</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1</b>
<b>JEFFERSON W. BARTON</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2</b>
<b>WILL CONLEY</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PCT. 3</b>
<b>KAREN FORD</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4</b>
<b>LINDA C. FRITSCHÉ</b>	<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>

AND THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY SHERIFF**

Russ Molenaar made public comment in support of Sherman Brodbeck.. Gary Conner made public comment in support of Bill Huddleston. Janet Perry made public comment in support of Bill Huddleston. Roger Kew made public comment supporting members of the court on whatever decision they make. Mike Davenport and Steve Avalos appeared before the court and Mike Davenport spoke in support of making an appointment from within the Sheriff's Department. James Reynolds made public comment in support of Bill Huddleston. Charlie Johnson made public comment in support of Sherman Bodbeck. David Wendel made public comment in support of Bill Huddleston

**25801 DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE HAYS COUNTY SHERIFF UNDER CHAPTER 87, SUBCHAPTER D OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE [T1-365]**

Judge Sumter spoke of the court requesting additional time for consideration last week. She spoke of executive session notice that was given. Commissioner Conley felt like all discussions should be in open session. Special Counsel Mark Kennedy spoke of Texas Government Code Section 551.074 that provides for a closed executive session – the majority of the court can vote to have an executive session. Commissioner Barton thanked the officers in the Sheriff's Department that continue to do their job and he gave his condolences to the family and friends of Sheriff Bridges. He spoke of criteria he is looking for in this position. Commissioner Conley spoke in support of an appointment from within the department. He stated that, for the record, the Republican Party has not made an endorsement for this position. Commissioner Ford spoke of interest in the position and she would like to see all deliberation in open court. Commissioner Ingalsbe spoke of sensitive information that may need to be in executive session but she would like the majority of the discussion to be in open meeting. She advised that she is ready and would like to make a decision as quickly as possible. [T1-853] **A motion was made by Commissioner Ingalsbe, seconded by Commissioner Ford to appoint Tommy Ratliff to the office of Hays County Sheriff and to recognize that this appointment will become effective immediately, to run through the remainder of the current term, and will continue until the next general election in 2010.** Commissioner Barton suggested that a short executive session be held to consider sensitive information before taking a vote. Commissioner Ford spoke in support of appointment of Tommy Ratliff. Judge Sumter spoke of all the candidates being well qualified. Commissioner Conley spoke of having been very involved in the Sheriff's Department over the last four years. He feels like the appointment should be made from within the department. [T1-1340] A motion was made by Commissioner Barton to lay the existing motion on the table to allow the court to convene into executive session to discuss background material regarding candidates. **MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.** Judge Sumter, Commissioner Conley, and Commissioner Barton spoke. **Commissioner Ford, Commissioner Barton, Commissioner Ingalsbe, and Judge Sumter voting "Aye". Commissioner Conley voting "No". MOTION PASSED**

Court was adjourned.

I, **LINDA C. FRITSCHÉ, COUNTY CLERK and EXOFFICIO CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT**, do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true and accurate record of the proceedings had by the Hays County Commissioners' Court on DECEMBER 22, 2008.



**LINDA C. FRITSCHÉ, COUNTY CLERK AND EXOFFICIO  
 CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF  
 HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS**

