



STATE OF TEXAS *
 COUNTY OF HAYS *

ON THIS THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH A.D., 2014, THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS, MET IN SPECIAL MEETING. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, TO-WIT:

ALBERT H. COBB JR	COUNTY JUDGE
DEBBIE GONZALES INGALSBE	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 1
MARK JONES	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2
RAY O. WHISENANT JR	COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4
LIZ Q. GONZALEZ	COUNTY CLERK

WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONER WILL CONLEY, COMMISSIONER, PCT 3 ABSENT; AND THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE HAD, THAT IS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim McMeads – Wimberley Resident and Larry Hoffmann – Resident spoke.

DISCUSSION WITH VARIOUS REPRESENTATIVES FROM CENTRAL TEXAS COUNTIES, CITIES, AND OTHER QUASI-GOVERNMENT ENTITIES REGARDING REGIONAL WATER POLICY, THE POSSIBLE FORMATION OF A UTILITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND AN UPDATE ON HAYS COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO RESERVE FUTURE WATER SUPPLY

INTRODUCTION AND OPENING REMARKS:

Judge Cobb opened public hearing. Members present for this meeting were: Tom Word – Asst. City Manager – Pflugerville; Ron Morrison – Pct. 4 Commissioner, Williamson County; Valerie Covey- Pct. Commissioner, Wilco; Pix Howell – consultant; Lon Shell - Hays County; Mark Kennedy – General Counsel, Hays County; Kent Cagle – City Manager, Leander; Gerald Daugherty – Pct.3 Commissioner, Travis County; Bob Moore – Exec. Assistant to Commissioner Daugherty, Travis County; Dan A. Gattis – County Judge, Williamson County; Lanay L. Warren – Guest of Williamson County Commissioners; Keith Odom – Guest of Williamson County Commissioner; Todd Purcelll – City of Dripping Springs Mayor; Gingere Faught – City of Dripping Springs – Deputy City Administrator; Peggy Jones – Asst. Director, Edwards Aquifer Authority; Linda Kinney – Exec. Assistant for Commissioner Pct.4, Hays County; Jennifer Anderson – Exec. Assistant for Commissioner Conley Pct. 3, Hays County; Linda Kinney – Exec. Asst to Commissioner Whisenant Pct 4, Hays County; Linda Curtis – Independent Travis County; Graham Moore – Hays Caldwell Public Utility Agency; David Wilson – City of Kyle & Hays Caldwell Public Agency Utility; Mac Mculough – City of Wimberley Council Pl. 2; Don Ferguson – City of Wimberly (City Administration; Don B. Mendez – GBRA; Sam Brannon – Hays County Resident; Barbara Bondware – Wells, Knights & Partners; Susan Zimmerman – Hays County Resident; Herb Smith – Hays County Resident; Jack Hollon – Wimberley Resident; Linda Kaye Rogers – Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation Dist.; Matt Heinemann – Cypress Creek Watershed Protection Project; David Glenn – Hays Trinity Aquifer (VAG); Jim McMeans - Hays County Resident; Dianne Wassenrich – SMRF, Jon Cobb – DSWSC; Tara Pohlmeier – New Reporter, KTSW-FM89.9 – Hays County; Susan Nenny – Hays County Resident; Louis Parks – Hays County Resident; Kendall Bell – Endison Citizen Hays County; Bill Adams – Texas State Ph.D Candidate Water Policy; David Tuckfield, Al Law Group; Steve Thurber – City of Wimberley City Council; Jon Whito – Travis County TNR; Russell Wilde - Time Warner Cable News; Kevin Reley – K-EYE TV; Bettie Cross – K-EYE TV; Cathy Howell – Resident

PRESENTATION ON REGIONAL WATER POLICY AND THE CREATION OF A UTILITY DEVELOPMENT COPORPORATION:

Commissioner Whisenant gave a Presentation on what are the Policy Issues at hand. (1) Establish need (keep in mind that this is how the public educational piece of the effort get started.) (A) Review growth trends and project impacts (utilize existing information from CAPCOG, TXDOT, etc. since there is no need to create the wheel.) (B) Review of current sources (This information is readily available from a variety of sources both private and public.) (C) Review of current capacity (This effort will cause the greatest concern from the Cities since it will debunk their claims that have sufficient water for years to come.) (D) Identify available capacity (unfortunately, this is also readily apparent of a least made available on the LCRA's Web Site and the Edwards Aquifer GCD and Authority.) (E) Prioritize necessary project connections and development (2) Establish Impacts and Mitigation Strategies (This is where the public can see that there is a recognition of physical, environmental hydrological and political obstacles and barrier to distribution of groundwater.) (A) Identify impacts of transmission in various topographies of Central Texas (B) Identify impacts for prioritized projects (C) Identify infrastructure needs of Counties that have available water resources (D) Identify possible remuneration for Counties that export water (E) Identify best management practices for water resource development (F) Identify strategies for influencing new growth made possible by additional supply (3) Establish Protocols for Water



Resource Projects in the Region (a) Identify parameters for viable project considerations (B) Identify acceptable funding mechanisms and structures (C) Identify structures that assure that water resources are held (controlled) by the customers (D) Develop Contractual Models for multi-jurisdictional participation in regional projects (E) Identify necessary Legislative efforts to make possible regional solutions. General Suggestion of an Organization: Create a Utility Development Authority (or Corporation); under Subchapter D, Chapter 431, Texas Transportation Code, in compliance with the procedures and requirement of Chapter 394, Texas Local Government Code. Only Cities and Counties may have a Board Seat under this statute; allow one Elected Representative per member entity; Allow non-City or County entities to join through either Interlocal agreements or partnership agreements and sit as an "Executive Board Member" (non-voting member). Target primarily Central Texas for Membership.

UPDATE ON HAYS COUNTY'S WATER RESERVATION AND SUPPLY AGREEMENT:

(1) Contract Overview (2) Escrow Agreement and A.G Opinion (3) Initial and Extended Term Pricing (4) Long term Supply Option (5) Transfer and Assignability (6) Hays County's near-term objectives

GROUP DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS:

Have another Public Hearing in two weeks.

I, **LIZ Q. GONZALEZ, 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 March 31, 2014.



**LIZ Q GONZALEZ, COUNTY CLERK AND EXOFFICIO
CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF
HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS**

