

Orders of Commissioners Court
Bexar County, Texas

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2008

Commissioners Court Work Session was called to order by County Judge Nelson W. Wolff at 9:25 a.m.

Present at roll call:

Nelson W. Wolff, County Judge;
Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1;
Lyle Larson, County Commissioner Precinct No. 3;
Tommy Adkisson, County Commissioner Precinct No. 4;
Tommy J. Tompkins, County Auditor (Rep. by Susan Yeatts);
Gerard Rickhoff, County Clerk (Rep. by Leonor Salazar);
Susan Reed, District Attorney (Rep. by Ed Schweningen);
Keith L. Charlton, Executive Director - Criminal Justice Planning & Coordination Department;
Joe Aceves, Executive Director - Infrastructure Services Department;
David J. Morgan, Chief Information Officer - Information Services Department (Rep. Carmella Guerrero);
David Smith, Executive Director - Planning & Resource Management Department/Budget Officer;
Aurora Sanchez, Executive Director - Community Investment Department; and
Gary O'Bar, Purchasing Agent.

When the following proceedings were had to-wit:

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of John Hart Small expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He was raised in Elmendorf, Texas, and attended Elmendorf Elementary School (Class of 1947), Central Catholic High School (1951), St. Mary's University (BBA -- Accounting, 1963), and Southwest Texas State University (MS -- Interdisciplinary Studies, 1985). A veteran of the Korean War with eight years of service (two regular and six as reserve), he attained the rank of Corporal and proudly served as NCOIC of the Communications and Message Center, 7962nd Engineer Supply Control Office, Headquarters Europe. From 1965 to 1970, he worked for now Bishop John Yanta as Director of Operations of SANYO. From 1971 to 1996, he worked for the City of San Antonio in several positions, including five years as Operations Manager of the Model Cities Department and fifteen years as City Auditor. In 2005, the Bexar County Commissioners appointed him as a representative of the County on the Board of City South Management Authority, a position he held until his passing. He was also very active in the Bexar County Sheriff's Department Reserves for ten years before joining the Precinct Two Constable's Office with 34 years service as Lt and Master Peace Officer for Jimmy Willborn, a wonderful man. Always active in civic and community affairs, he was a member of Beethoven Hall, Herman Sons, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Non Commissioned Officers Association, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, the Atascosa County Farm Bureau, and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He was a life member of the American Legion, the VFW, the NRA, the TSRA, and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition of which he was a past Director. He was also Past President of the Bexar County Deputy Constable's Association and Past Secretary of the Bexar County Sheriff's Reserves. Aside from family and ranching, he considered his most enjoyable times to be the time spent with the Sheriff Department's Metro Squad - a unit consisting of personnel from the City, County, State, DA, and DEA to work narcotics. He served as Secretary of that organization and was assigned to drive the paddy wagon, to dispatch, and to criminal investigation, working with Sgt. Kenneth Bilhartz and Lt. Alfred Carreon. After selling his part of the JLC Ranch on the Medina River to Toyota Motor Corp, he spent much of his time in recent years enjoying himself at Fairview and San Jose, his ranches twelve miles east of Pleasanton, and running cattle with his business partner Tim Pennell. He is survived by his wife Patricia Walsh Small, their children, John Edward Hart Small, Patrick Henry Small, and Elizabeth Trueheart Small and one granddaughter; and from his first marriage, his children, Deborah Lynn Hahn, Sheryl Ann Small Truitt and Loraine Kay Moczygemba; and three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of John Robert Rickhoff expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. The son of German immigrants, he was the first in his family to graduate from high school and college from St. Louis University High School, the University and the Law School in 1938. He was deeply thankful of his Jesuit education and established an endowed scholarship at the law school. He served in the U.S. Navy Intelligence Service during World War II in Alaska and the Pacific Theater. After being honorably discharged, he began his law practice and a lifetime interest in politics. He was elected to the Missouri legislature at age 30, and later as a City of St. Louis alderman. Among his early clients were his parents who he represented as they became naturalized citizens, later helping other families achieve their citizenship and engendering lifelong friendships. In 1963 he was among the first Republicans elected in St. Louis County, serving as Judge of the 13th Judicial Circuit for 21 years. He was humble, hard working, honest, a loyal friend and a mentor to many young professional. He is survived by his children, John Jr., Tom, Lynn, Jim, Gerry, Mary Anne and Mike; and 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Araceli Blanca Rodriguez expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. She enjoyed fishing, sports bike riding, shopping and spending time with her family. She is survived by her parents Jesse Rodriguez and Gracie P. Rodriguez; her daughter, Ximena; and brother Chuy Rodriguez III and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Ben Cantu Jr. expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1954; he then attended Texas Lutheran College on a football scholarship, and is an alumnus of St. Mary's University. In his career he always worked for the number one brewery in Texas: Pearl Brewery (El Paso), and Schlitz (San Antonio & Rio Grande Valley). He went on to own Border Beverage, Inc., the Miller Brewing Company Beer Distribution Company, which encompassed five South Texas counties. Under his direction, Border Beverage received many industry awards for excellence and achievement culminating with the prestigious Miller Masters Award as the #1 Miller Distributor in the State of Texas in 2000. He moved to Laredo in 1980, and forever fell in love with South Texas. He had a love of playing golf and cards with all of his friends at the Laredo Country Club, especially, his good friends Pancho & Ramon Salido. His love for the South Texas outdoors was enjoyed while hunting with his family and friends at the hunting camp of Somosiete. He also enjoyed boating and fishing at South Padre Island. He selflessly gave his time and contributions to community institutions and charitable causes. Some of the most notable were to L.I.F.E. Downs, the Zapata County Fair Association, many FFA participants, the Laredo Art League, the Laredo Parks and Recreation department, and the Laredo Women's City Club. He is survived by his wife Beverly Buchanan Cantu; daughter, Traci C. Tracey; sons, Vince Cantu, Mark Cantu and Rick Cantu and five grandchildren.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Flex Martinez expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He served in the US Navy, retired from the US Postal Service after 34 years as a letter carrier. He was a longtime member of Holy Name Catholic Church. He coached girls CYO track and softball at Holy Name for over 30 years and the softball field was dedicated and named after him. He is survived by his wife, Odelia (Odie) Martinez; daughters Elizabeth M. (Liz) Smith and Esther Maldonado.

Commissioners Court will adjourn today's meeting in honor and memory of:

*John Hart Small
John Robert Rickhoff
Aracel Blanca Rodriguez
Ben Cantu Jr.
Felix Martinez*



Item – 1
August 26, 2008
Commissioners Court

Communications, including citizens who signed the registration/sign-in form and reports: (Record)

Stephen Surratt , ESD #4 – item 3
Dr. Charles Kimble



There being no objections item – 3 will be heard at this time.



Item – 3
August 26, 2008
Fire Marshal Emergency Management

Discussion was held regarding an Emergency Service Districts ability to create a Non-profit organization and serve on both boards simultaneously. (Record)

No action was taken.



Item – 2
August 26, 2008
Infrastructure Services

There being no objections item - 2 (Discussion and appropriation action regarding: Status report on the San Antonio River Improvements Project Museum, Mission and Eagleland Reaches and Authorizing the San Antonio River Authority to proceed with Visitor Tax funded improvements relating to the San Antonio River Improvements Project Mission Phases I and II, Eagleland, and Park Reaches for \$18,309,476 and proceed with Flood Control funded improvements relating to the Eagleland Reach Plunge Pool Wall project segment for \$697,992 for a total authorization amount not to exceed \$19,007,468.) will be deferred at this time.



Item – 4
August 26, 2008
Planning and Resource Management

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Bexar County FY 2008-09 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget including, but not limited to, the following areas: (Record)

- Human Resources
- Department of Public Safety
- Constables
- Justices of the Peace

No action was taken.



County Judge Nelson W. Wolff left the meeting at this time.
County Commissioner Lyle Larson is presiding officer.



Item – 5
August 26, 2008
Commissioners Court

The Court hereby ordered and approved a motion approving a request from County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, Precinct 4 to appoint James E. Lowak and Paul Wigginton to serve on the Bexar County Emergency Services District #12 to begin upon appointment and expire on December 31, 2008. (Record)

A motion was presented by County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, duly seconded by County Commissioner Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez, which motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Rodriguez, Larson, and Adkisson voting “Aye”.



Item – 6
August 26, 2008
Commissioners Court

The Court hereby ordered and approved a motion approving the agreement between Bexar County and the University Health System to provide on site healthcare services to persons in custody at the Frank Wing Municipal Court Building for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2008 at a first year cost of \$440,890.67. County to pay UHS \$406,976 (half to be reimbursed by COSA) for annual medical services plus an additional \$33,914.67 on time cost for medical fixtures. (Record-agreement to be filed later)

A motion was presented by County Commissioner Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez, duly seconded by County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, which motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Rodriguez, Elizondo, Larson, Adkisson, and Judge Wolff voting “Aye”.



County Judge Nelson W. Wolff returned to the meeting.
County Commissioner Paul Elizondo joined the meeting at this time.



Item – 7
August 26, 2008
Commissioners Court

The Court interviewed Cindy Cantu Segovia for possible selection of a Government Relations Manager, Exempt Table, Grade 11 (\$60,612 - \$93,336) at an annual salary to be determined by the Court, effective September 4, 2008. (Record)

No action taken at this time.



Commissioners Court met in Executive Session at this time pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code and the following items were discussed:

551.074 –
Personnel Matters:

(a)(1) To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. The following individuals may be considered during this executive deliberation:

a. Cindy Cantu Segovia

12:35 P.M.

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Commissioners Court returned to Open Session at this time and the following action was taken.

12:50 P.M.

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Item – 7
August 26, 2008
Commissioners Court

The Court hereby ordered and approved a motion approving the selection of Cindy Cantu Segovia to fill the position of Government Relations Manager, at an annual salary of \$81,500 effective September 4, 2008. (Record)

A motion was presented by County Commissioner Paul Elizondo, duly seconded by County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, which motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Rodriguez, Elizondo, Larson, Adkisson, and Judge Wolff voting “Aye”.

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A motion for adjournment was presented by County Commissioner Paul Elizondo, duly seconded by County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson, which motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Rodriguez, Elizondo, Larson, Adkisson and Judge Wolff voting "Aye." It is ordered by the Court that Commissioners Court of Bexar County, Texas be, and hereby stands, adjourned, *In honor and memory of John Hart Small, John Robert Rickhoff, Araceli Blanca Rodriguez, Ben Cantu Jr. and Felix Martinez* until Thursday, August 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

1:00 P.M.

NELSON W. WOLFF, COUNTY JUDGE
BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST: GERARD RICKHOFF
 COUNTY CLERK
 BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS
