

HOPKINS COUNTY FISCAL COURT
REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENT CENTER
March 2, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Hopkins County Fiscal Court was held at Hopkins County Government Center and was called to order by Hopkins County Judge Executive, Donald E. Carroll. Invocation was given by Magistrate Mike Duncan. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established with all Magistrates being present except Wesley Lynn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 16, 2010 minutes - Motion by Magistrate Riggs and seconded by Magistrate Welch to approve the February 16, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY: See Statement Attached.

REPORT OF COUNTY CLERK: Nothing to report.

REPORT OF SHERIFF: Sheriff Latham informed the Court that the first Sheriff's Citizens Academy will start tonight.

REPORT OF JAILER: Nothing to report.

REPORT OF TREASURER A) General Fund in the amount of \$18905.55; Road Fund \$115631.76; Jail Fund \$13321.18, LGEA Fund \$12209.24; Total \$160067.73. Motion by Magistrate Duncan and seconded by Magistrate Welch to approve the Payment of Claims. Motion carried.

B) Exceptions: Motion by Magistrate Duncan and seconded by Magistrate Riggs to approve the exceptions. Motion carried.

C) Treasurer's Report - Motion by Magistrate Riggs and seconded by Magistrate Wilson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

D) Elected Official Salary - Motion by Magistrate Wilson and seconded by Magistrate Riggs to approve the Elected Official Salary. Motion carried.

Department Reports: Coroner Dennis Mayfield gave a report for the 2009 year.

Report of Magistrates/Committee: Mike Duncan stated that the Public Works Department has a few individuals retiring and will need to start interviews soon.

Old Business:

New Business:

A) Pauper Burial – Shirley Knight. Motion to approve pauper burial by Magistrate Riggs and seconded by Magistrate Rogers. Motion carried.

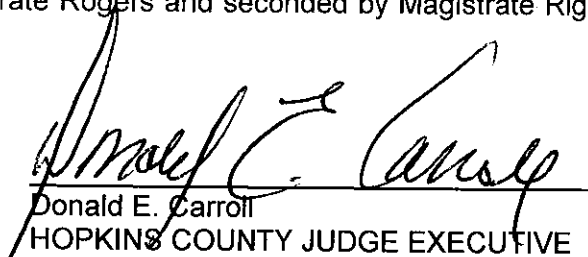
B) Resolution 2010-01 – Hopkins County Fiscal Court – Animal Control Facility. Motion to approve Resolution 2010-01 by Magistrate Riggs and seconded by Magistrate Duncan. Motion carried.

C) Resolution 2010-02 – Support of the Federation for American Coal, Energy and Security (FACES). Motion to approve Resolution 2010-02 by Magistrate Welch and seconded by Magistrate Groves. Motion carried.

Announcements: Service Pins to Kenneth Oates – 5 years; Phillip Cruce – 10 years.

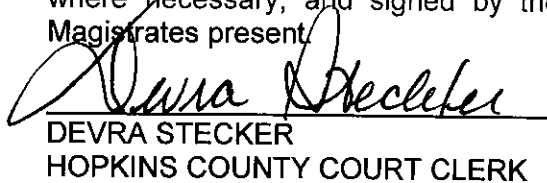
Grievances from citizens: Several individuals commended Magistrate Riggs and the Fiscal Court for their support of the Hopkins County Humane Society.

Adjournment: Motion by Magistrate Rogers and seconded by Magistrate Riggs to adjourn. Motion carried.


Donald E. Carroll
HOPKINS COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

Close of Court March 2, 2010

The foregoing minutes were presented by Fiscal Court Reporter Kim Blue, corrected where necessary, and signed by the presiding Judge with the approval of the Magistrates present.


DEVRA STECKER
HOPKINS COUNTY COURT CLERK



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Tuesday, March 2, 2010

STATEMENT OF TODD P'POOL, HOPKINS COUNTY ATTORNEY
FOR ENTRY INTO THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR
MEETING OF THE HOPKINS FISCAL COURT

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Last month, I received an email from our Treasurer concerning a proposed 2.7% increase of my present salary. The increase is directed from Frankfort as the annual Cost of Living Adjustment for elected officials and is actually mandated by law. Despite my efforts to decline the adjustment, I was told by our Treasurer and the State Local Finance Officer in Frankfort that I cannot decline the increase. This answer was also confirmed by the Prosecutorial Advisory Council staff when I made inquiry to their agency about this issue. I am satisfied with my current compensation, but state law, including Section 161 of the Kentucky Constitution requires and mandates the adjustment increase.

I am troubled by this situation for several reasons. First, my staff will not receive the 2.7% increase. While the law protects elected officials, many state employees will receive no such increase or worse, many will face termination because of the state budget crisis looming over the Commonwealth. Secondly, Hopkins County is facing an unemployment rate of nearly 10%. A few months ago my mother entered the unemployment ranks when she and many others were laid off from Ahlstrom Filtration, an automotive-related industry. That company, like many others, was forced to make tough decisions this year and hundreds of our families are out of work. Today, I have a job and I am blessed and thankful for it. My conscience simply will not allow me to accept any form of increase during this economic recession.

Ms. Jones was kind enough to perform the calculation of my total increase and provide that figure to me. Mr. Chairman, while I am satisfied that the Hopkins Fiscal Court is operating under the direction of state law today, I must voice my objection. I will accept the increase under protest and pursuant to the calculations provided by our Treasurer, today I will be donating these funds to the Door of Hope, the Family Foundation and the Boy Scouts of America.

Thank you for your service to the people of Hopkins County.

