



## COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA REQUEST FORM

ALL REQUESTS WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO BE PLACED ON THE COURT AGENDA MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON ON THE TUESDAY PRECEDING A TUESDAY MEETING. REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH. REQUEST THAT DO NOT HAVE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA. EIGHT COPIES OF DOCUMENTATION ARE NEEDED FOR THE COURT.

**NAME:** Bill Sinclair

**COURT DATE:** April 27, 2010

**ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY COURT:**

Discuss/Act on approving a Tax Abatement Policy for the County and all related matters.

**PROPOSED MOTION:** Move that the County adopt the proposed Tax Abatement Policy presented and discussed today [with changes noted in discussions, if applicable].

**REMARKS:**

A draft of the proposed policy was discussed in some detail during a Commissioners Court Workshop held on April 6, 2010. I have incorporated changes into the attached document that were suggested during and since that meeting.

HAS THIS ITEM BEEN BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS COURT PREVIOUSLY?   No    
IF SO, WHEN \_\_\_\_\_

FISCAL IMPACT \$   None  ;

FROM WHICH LINE  
ITEM: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TO: COUNTY JUDGE  
101 EAST RUSK, ROOM 202  
ROCKWALL, TEXAS 75087  
Phone: 972-204-6000  
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Commissioner Precinct 2



Chris Florance  
County Judge

Dennis Bailey  
Commissioner Precinct 3

David Magness  
Commissioner Precinct 4

## NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ROCKWALL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL MEET IN A REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 27, 2010, AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE ROCKWALL COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE, 101 EAST RUSK, CITY OF ROCKWALL, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:

- **INVOCATION;**
  - **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG;**
  - **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE TEXAS FLAG;**
  - **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS;**
1. Discuss/Act on approving the re-appointment of Ginny Progelhof, Pat Calhoun, Linda Garrett and Beverly Stibbens to the Rockwall County Library Advisory Board, and all related issues;
  2. Discuss/Act on appointing a representative to serve on the North Central Texas Council Of Governments (NCTCOG) Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC), and all related issues;
  3. Discuss/Act on setting a Public Hearing for proposed improvements to High Tower Lane, and all relate issues;
  4. Discuss/Act on approving a Tax Abatement Policy for the County, and all related issues;
  5. Discuss/Act on the Techshare Resource Sharing Addendum agreement for the Juvenile Information System with the Texas Conference of Urban Counties, and all related issues;
  6. Discuss/Act on approving an agreement with Patrick Baugh to apply for a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a fee of \$9,000.00, and all related issues;
  7. Discuss/Act on approving an agreement with Halff Associates, Inc. to provide engineering services for the SH 66 from SH 205 to FM 1777 road project #4 in the amount of \$1,467,831.00 to be paid out of the 2008 road bond election monies, and all related issues;
  8. Discuss/Act on approving an agreement with HNTB Corporation to provide engineering services for the FM 552 from SH 205 to SH 66 road project #7 in the amount of \$776,741.13 to be paid out of the 2008 road bond election monies, and all related issues;
  9. Discuss/Act on Rockwall County Veterans Memorial, and all related issues;
  10. Discuss/Act on new courthouse architectural/construction management/change orders, and all related issues;
  11. Discuss/Act on roads and road bond issues, and all related issues;



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County of Rockwall, Texas  
Commissioners Court Order Establishing a \_\_\_\_\_ DEPUTY  
Tax Abatement Policy

WHEREAS, taxing jurisdictions in Texas are authorized under Section 11.24 of the Texas Property Tax Code to provide tax abatements for historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, taxing jurisdictions in Texas are authorized under Chapters 311 [Tax Increment Financing] and 312 [Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement] of the Texas Property Tax Code to provide tax abatements for housing and economic development; and

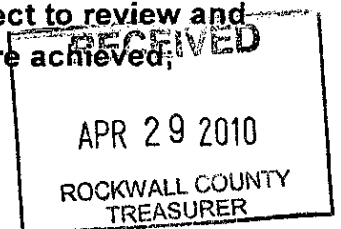
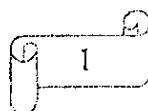
WHEREAS, the County is committed to the promotion of high quality development in all parts of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County is committed to the ongoing improvement of the quality of life for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the rapid growth of the County has placed current and future operating and capital demands on the County's resources;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners Court on the date set forth below hereby establishes the following policy regarding tax abatement:

1. It is the policy of the County's governing body to carefully consider the pros and cons of each application for tax abatement that is submitted in accordance with the "Tax Abatement Procedure and Application Form" established for this purpose;
2. The maximum term for any tax abatement agreement granted by the County by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners Court in a regularly scheduled meeting shall be ten years;
3. An upfront analysis shall be made of benefits accruing to each participating Rockwall County local governmental entity to identify the County's share of forecast contributions attributed to infrastructure expected to directly benefit any of those entities;
4. Any tax abatement agreement granted by the County shall be subject to review and evaluation over its duration to ensure that the proposed benefits are achieved;

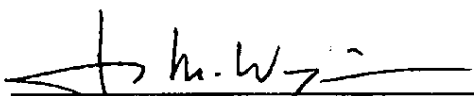


5. Any tax abatement agreement not achieving its stated goals pursuant to the review and evaluation process shall, at the sole discretion of the County, be subject to recapture of all or a portion of the abated taxes;
6. The "Tax Abatement Procedure and Application Form" shall be reviewed periodically to update and revise as necessary based upon economic conditions, findings of deficiencies in the procedure, or any other factors warranting consideration for revision.
7. A copy of this and other policies established to guide the governing body of the County shall be provided to each newly elected member of the Commissioners Court prior to the first regular meeting of the court.

Established this 27 day of April, 2010.



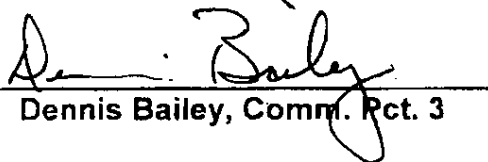
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ATTEST:



Lea Carlson, Deputy County Clerk

