

Tom Green County Commissioners' Court
June 1, 2004

The Commissioners' Court of Tom Green County, Texas, met in a Special Session June 1st, 2004 in the Edd B. Keyes Building, with the following members present:

Clayton Friend, Commissioner of Precinct #1
Karl Bookter, Commissioner of Precinct #2 (Arrived at 2:42 P.M.)
Jodie R. Weeks, Commissioner of Precinct #3
Richard Easingwood, Commissioner of Precinct #4
Michael D. Brown, County Judge

County Judge, Michael Brown, called the meeting to order at 2:37 PM

The Commissioners' Court met in Special Session to discuss the status of the Tom Green County Jail and the Roy K. Robb Post Adjudication Center.

The Court was advised that the Veribest ISD has initiated the year round school program for the Roy K. Robb Post Adjudication Center. Roy K. Robb addressed the court on the history of the facility. Judge Tom Gossett addressed the Court regarding the Juvenile Board and it's upcoming meeting.

Mary Byrne, Jail Commander, explained to the Court how the overcrowding in the jail was being handled and that even though some of the Tom Green County prisoners were having to be sent to other Counties for housing (at \$30.00 a day) that there was still \$12.00 a day, above that cost, made with the housing of Federal, out of County and City prisoners.

Mr. Kenny Burns was there to speculate on estimated cost of new housing or remodeling to meet jail standards and suggested a feasibility study on projected inmate population increases. He further explained that the estimated cost is between \$40,000.00 to \$45,000.00 per bed for standard housing and \$60,000.00 to \$80,000.00 per bed for isolation cells, and projected numbers of those needed would be based on the population. He advised the Court that it would take an estimated time of 12 to 18 months, at the minimum, to construct any type of facility.

The Court will look at projected growth and discuss further the best way to address the jail issues. There was a general agreement that this issue needs to be addressed before it becomes a mandated issue that could result in excessive cost due to fines or other procedures.

The Court was in agreement to maintain the Roy K. Robb facility as a juvenile facility, since it is continuing to be self-sustaining. They will continue to receive updates on the number of summer referrals as they continue to come in for the Summer Program.

There was no action taken by the Court.

Commissioner Bookter, Judge Pro-Tem, adjourned the meeting at 4:34 PM.

I, Elizabeth McGill, County Clerk of Tom Green County, Texas do hereby attest that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of the Commissioners' Court Meeting that met in Special Session on June 1st, 2004.

I hereby set my hand and seal to this record June 8th, 2004.

Elizabeth McGill, County Clerk and
Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court