

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BLINN COLLEGE**

**Board Room
Third Floor, Administration Building
Blinn College, 802 Green Street
Brenham, Texas**

Special Workshop Meeting, Tuesday, September 1, 2015, 12:00 p.m.

The Board of Trustees convened at 12:01 p.m. in the Board Room with the following members present: Mr. David Sommer, President, presiding; Mr. Douglas Borchardt, Vice President; Mr. Atwood Kenjura, Secretary; Mrs. Theodora "Teddy" V. Boehm; Mr. Charles Moser, and Mr. Richard Powell.

Board members not present: Mrs. Stacey Aschenbeck.

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sommer.

ITEM 2. REVIEW OF PROPOSAL TO ADOPT A 2015 TAX RATE THAT EXCEEDS THE EFFECTIVE RATE

Mrs. Boeker read the following statement regarding the proposed 2015 tax rate:

Each year the Washington County Appraisal District calculates an effective rate for each taxing entity. This rate is designed to give the taxing entity essentially the same property tax revenue as the prior year. The 2015 effective rate for Blinn College was calculated to be \$0.0557 per \$100 valuation. If the Board had adopted this rate at the August 13th meeting, a Washington County taxpayer with \$100,000 worth of property, would have been assessed \$55.70 in annual taxes for Blinn College.

As you are aware, the Board voted to propose a tax rate of \$0.0601 which is estimated to yield \$1,798,045 in property tax revenue, approximately \$144,834 in additional revenue from the effective rate. This would equate to \$60.10 in annual Blinn College taxes for a Washington County taxpayer with \$100,000 worth of property, \$4.40 more per year than the effective tax rate.

Two of the three required notices have run in the newspaper with the third scheduled for September 11th. Additionally, the appropriate notices have been posted on the College's website in accordance with the tax code.

ITEM 3. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2015 TAX RATE INCREASE

There was no public comment.

ITEM 4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR SECOND PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE ON PROPOSED 2015 TAX RATE INCREASE

Mr. Sommer announced that the second public hearing will be held Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room on the 3rd Floor of the Administration Building.

Mr. Sommer also announced that the meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate increase will take place on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room on the third floor of the Administration Building.

ITEM 5. AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS AND SURVEYING SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE PLANNING, PLATTING, AND DESIGN OF THE PHASE ONE BUILDING FOR THE BRYAN WEST CAMPUS (F.M. 2818 AND LEONARD ROAD)

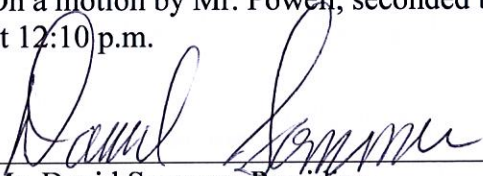
Mr. Richard O'Malley, Executive Director, Facilities, Planning and Construction, reviewed the request to negotiate for professional services related to the Geotechnical Investigations and Surveying Services required for the planning, platting, and design of the phase one building for the Bryan West Campus (F.M. 2818 and Leonard Road).

Mr. O'Malley responded to questions from the Board.

On a motion by Mr. Borchardt, seconded by Mrs. Boehm, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Administration to negotiate for professional services related to the Geotechnical Investigations and Surveying Services required for the planning, platting, and design of the phase one building for the Bryan West Campus (F.M. 2818 and Leonard Road), as presented by the Administration.

ITEM 6. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Kenjura, the Board meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.



 Mr. David Sommer, Presiding
 President



 Mr. Atwood Kenjura
 Secretary