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Commissioners to study revamped accommodations

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A Randle-Rather Building Committee was formed during the regular meeting of the Gonzales County Commissioner's Court on Monday.

At the request of Pct. 2 Commissioner Donnie Brzozowski, the court formed a committee for the Randle-Rather Building. The committee members are Pct. 1 Commissioner Dell Whiddon, Pct. 2 Commissioner Donnie Brzozowski, and Oscar Ludwig.

During public comments, Justice of the Peace Deidre Voigt suggested the Randle-Rather Building committee include some of the people who would be relocating to the building to ensure provision of adequate services and a smooth transition.

The court hired the property and liability services of Gray and Company, a commercial insurance consultant. Representative Don Gray said, "The contract is for a flat fee of \$4,800. This includes reviewing the current policy for under- and over-insurance, and the new proposals.

"The current policy expires July 1. Time is short to discover and sign a new carrier. We will need RFPs returned by mid-June. I will take about a week to review them and make a recommendation."

The court adopted the revised Prioritized Project List for the TxDOT Road Grant (SB 1747). The revised order of road repairs is as follows: CR 210; CR 289; CR 381 and 384; and CR 284. The County's match requirement is \$1,031,177.

In a related matter, David Underbrink of Naismith Engineering, the county's TxDOT grant consultant, informed the commissioners court of a lawsuit filed by La Salle County against TxDOT. La Salle County claims the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program (SB 1747) monies are only for energy-industry impacted counties and that TxDOT has neglected to screen applications for that requirement. If La Salle wins the lawsuit, more monies would become available to all energy-industry impacted counties like Gonzales. The Cannon will continue to follow this story as it develops.

During public comments, Steve Hendershot voiced concern over the secrecy of GEDC's purchase of an unknown property for an undisclosed purpose. Hendershot said, "I would like the court to talk to their constituents regarding this process. I was just at the GEDC meeting and they refused to hear my public comments."

In other agenda items, the court:

- Approved bond for County Attorney Paul Watkins.
- Approved purchase of new security camera for JP #3.
- Declared sixteen computers and two copy machines as surplus, and ordered destruction.
- Declared scrap metal as surplus property, and authorized donation of proceeds for a public purpose.
- Approved bid specs for a 2014 pickup for Pct 2.
- Authorized request for proposals for architectural services for the Randal Rather Building.