

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2007**

REGENTS PRESENT: Ms. Lilia B. Escajeda, Chair; Mr. Carroll M. Forrester, Vice Chair; Mr. Frank O. Nelson; Mrs. Sharon Oeschger; Mr. H. Bryan Poff, Secretary; and Dr. David C. Woodburn

REGENTS ABSENT: Ms. Michele Fortunato; Mr. John D. Hicks; and Mr. Prenis O. Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven W. Jones, President; Mr. Terry Berg, Dean of Finance & Administrative Services; Mr. Victor Fite, Dean of Informational Systems & Technology; Dr. Brad Johnson, Vice President and Dean of Development; and Dr. Paul Matney, Vice President and Dean of Instruction

Mr. Jino Dinapoli, representing KAMR-TV, Channel 4
Ms. Ellen Robertson, Director of Communications
Mrs. Brenda Sadler, Exec. Asst., Pres's Off. and Asst. Secy. to the Board of Regents
Mr. Robert Sanders, Legal Counsel

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Escajeda, Chairman.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2007:

In accordance with provisions of Section 26.05 of the Texas Property Tax Code, a notice of public hearings regarding the proposed tax rate for 2007 was published in the newspaper on August 10, 2007.

At this time any person and/or persons wishing to come before the Board of Regents regarding the proposed tax rate for 2007 for the Amarillo Junior College District were given the opportunity to be heard. There was no public opposition to the proposed tax rate.

THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE SECOND HEARING AND THE MEETING TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE ANNOUNCED:

Mr. Nelson announced that the second public hearing on the proposed tax rate is set for August 20, 2007 at 12:00 noon in the Palo Duro Room on the Washington Street Campus and the date to adopt the 2007 tax rate is set for August 28, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., in the Palo Duro Room on the Washington Street Campus.

SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY OBTAINED THROUGH SHERIFF'S SALE AUTHORIZED AND TAX DEEDS EXECUTED:

Properties foreclosed for taxes and sold at a "Sheriff's Sale" must sell for a minimum bid which is the lower of the adjusted value or the taxes due plus costs of the sale. In some cases this puts the price above what people will pay at a "Sheriff's Sale." Those properties which do not sell are then held in trust by the county/school tax office. Board approval is required because the properties are held in trust by Potter County.

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Robert Miller, Potter County Tax Assessor/Collector, sold a property (2631 Sanborn) in a private sale, as this puts the property back in production and on the tax rolls. Information on this property is attached at pages 245 and 246. The motion should authorize the Chairman of the Board of Regents to execute the Tax Deed transferring this property to the successful bidder.

Mr. Nelson moved, seconded by Dr. Woodburn, to authorize the Chair of the Board of Regents to execute the tax deed. The motion carried unanimously.

PROPOSED BOARD POLICY MANUAL CHANGES:

A thorough review of the Amarillo College policies for naming of facilities has been completed. Johnson examined Board policy concerning the naming of facilities and determined new guidelines should be added to existing policy. This policy would replace all prior policies on this topic and provide more detailed guidance for decisions related to the naming of facilities for tribute or monetary consideration. The existing policy and proposed changes are attached at pages 247 through 251. No motion was made. More information and a formal request for change to the policy may be brought to the Board at a subsequent meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Jones distributed a letter he sent to legislators present at the recent Higher Education Subcommittee hearing in Austin. It gave a summary of the hearing outcomes.

Jones spoke of the Shiver-Megert Master Plan which was hand-delivered to the Board. Shiver-Megert representatives will be at the August 28 meeting to give a presentation regarding the Master Plan and the recommended project list (short-list) which he distributed. Jones asked regents to familiarize themselves with both documents and come with questions for the August 20 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

H. Bryan Poff , Secretary

