

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 9, 2012**

REGENTS PRESENT: Mr. John D. Hicks, Chair; Mr. Don L. Nicholson, Vice Chair; Ms. Mary Jane Nelson, Secretary; Mr. Carroll M. Forrester; Ms. Michele Fortunato; Dr. Gene Norman; and Mr. H. Bryan Poff

REGENTS ABSENT: Dr. Paul L. Proffer and Dr. David C. Woodburn

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Robert Austin, Vice President of Student Affairs; Mr. Lee M. Colaw, Chief Information Officer; Mrs. Ellen Robertson Green, Chief of Communication and Marketing; Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, Vice President of Academic Affairs; and Dr. Paul Matney, President

Mr. Jacob Mayer – representing *Amarillo Globe News*
Mrs. Lori Merriman – Executive Secretary, President’s Office
Mr. Wayne Moore – representing Sprouse, Shrader, Smith P.C.
Mrs. Jeanette Nelson – Budget Manager, Business Office
Mrs. Theresa Rider – Associate VP of Finance, Finance & Administrative Services
Mr. Greg Rohloff – representing *Amarillo Independent*
Mrs. Brenda Sadler – Exec. Asst., Pres’s Off. and Asst. Secy. to the Board of Regents
Mr. Robert Sanders – Legal Counsel
Mr. Mark White – representing Sprouse, Shrader, Smith P.C.
Mr. Joseph Wyatt – Communications Coordinator, College Relations

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hicks, Chairman. Mr. Poff gave the invocation.

TAX RATE PROPOSAL INCREASE FOR 2012 APPROVED:

In accordance with provisions of Section 26.04 of the Texas Property Tax Code, the Randall County Tax Assessor/Collector will publish a legal notice on August 9, 2012, stating that the effective tax rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2012 is \$0.18795 per \$100 of assessed value. The rollback rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2012 published in the legal notice is \$0.20124 per \$100 of assessed value.

Section 26.05 of the Property Tax Code requires a taxing unit to hold two public hearings on a tax rate if the recommended tax rate for the year exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate. The recommended tax rate is \$0.19950.

Mr. Hicks read the following motion: “I move that property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.19950, which is effectively a 6.15% increase to the tax rate.” Mr. Nicholson moved, seconded by Mr. Forrester to approve the 2012 tax rate increase. The motion carried unanimously.

TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED REGARDING THE TAX RATE FOR 2012 AND DATE SET TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE FOR 2012:

Ms. Nelson made the following motion: “I move that we set the dates for two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for August 17 and August 20, 2012 at 12:00 noon in the Palo Duro Room on

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the Washington Street Campus.” Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Forrester made the following motion: “I move that we set the date to adopt the 2012 tax rate for August 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., in the Palo Duro Room on the Washington Street Campus.” Ms. Fortunato seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REGENT REPORT/AMARILLO MUSEUM OF ART UPDATE:

Ms. Fortunato distributed handouts regarding the Scott Hyde exhibition, “Making Magic,” and the George Rodrigue exhibition, “Blue Dogs in Texas.” A limited edition by George Rodrigue, titled “Big Texan Sky,” is available for purchase in the museum shop; a portion of the proceeds from the print sales will go to AMoA’s education program.

Dr. Matney related that Bill Crawford, Dean of Health Sciences, will be retiring on August 17; Mark Rowh has been named the new dean.

CONSIDERATION OF EAST PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT:

At 12:30 p.m., Mr. Hicks announced there would be a closed meeting so the Amarillo College Board of Regents could discuss the consideration of East property development under the Texas Government Code 551.087, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations. At 1:10 p.m., Mr. Hicks reconvened the Amarillo College Board of Regents open meeting, having concluded its closed meeting. No final decision, action or vote was taken during the closed meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Jane Nelson, Secretary