

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 5, 2010**

REGENTS PRESENT: Mr. Prenis O. Williams, Chair; Mr. John D. Hicks, Vice Chair; Ms. Lilia B. Escajeda; Mr. Carroll M. Forrester; Ms. Michele Fortunato; Dr. Gene Norman; and Mr. H. Bryan Poff

REGENTS ABSENT: Mr. Don L. Nicholson, Secretary; and Dr. David C. Woodburn

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Terry Berg, Dean of Finance & Administrative Services; Mr. Lee M. Colaw, Chief Information Officer and Dean of Information Technology; Mrs. Ellen Robertson Green, Dean of College Communications and Marketing; Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Paul Matney, President; Ms. Danita McAnally, Dean, Assessment and Development; and Mrs. Damaris Schlong, Dean of Continuing Education

Mrs. Brenda Bernet, representing *Amarillo Globe News*
Mr. Bruce Cotgreave, Director, Physical Plant
Mrs. Gina Garrett, Chair, Classified Employees Council
Mr. Emil Ink, representing KAMR-TV, Channel 4
Mrs. Lori Merriman, Executive Secretary, President's Office
Mrs. Theresa Rider, Associate Dean 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
Ms. Lindsey Stiner, representing KVII-TV, Channel 7
Mr. Joseph Wyatt, Communications Coordinator, College Relations

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Williams, Chairman.

TAX RATE PROPOSAL INCREASE FOR 2010 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 5, 2010, stating that the effective tax rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2010 is \$0.18524 per \$100 of assessed value. The rollback rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2010 published in the legal notice is \$0.20128 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 \$0.18996.

Ms. Escajeda made the following motion: "I move that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.18996, which is effectively a 2.55% increase in the tax rate." Mr. Hicks seconded the motion to approve the 2010 tax rate increase. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the Amarillo College Board of Regents Special Meeting of August 5, 2010**DATE SET TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE FOR 2010 AND TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED REGARDING THE TAX RATE FOR 2010:**

Ms. Fortunato made the following motions: "I move that we set the dates for two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for August 13 and August 16, 2010 at 12:00 noon in the Palo Duro Room on the Washington Street Campus." And, "I move that we set the date to adopt the 2010 tax rate for August 24, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., in the Palo Duro Room on the Washington Street Campus." Mr. Forrester seconded the motions to set the two hearings on the proposed tax rate and the date to adopt the 2010 tax rate. The motions carried unanimously.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FOR EAST CAMPUS – HVAC PROJECT AND KACV-TV – 2007 BOND PROJECTS APPROVED:

New network equipment is needed to equip Buildings L, R, S, & T on the East Campus, and the KACV-TV data room. Equipment includes switches, wireless access points, patch cables and other miscellaneous components.

The estimated cost for the East Campus project is not to exceed \$280,130.39. The estimated cost for the KACV-TV project is not to exceed \$90,261.16.

Funds are available in the 2007 Bond Project.

Mr. Hicks moved, seconded by Ms. Fortunato to approve the East Campus equipment purchases. The motion carried unanimously.

REGENT REPORT/AMARILLO MUSEUM OF ART UPDATE:

Ms. Fortunato distributed handouts and posters from "Rock On!" The Art of the Music Posters from the 60s and 70s which is currently displayed at the AMoA; the exhibition is through September 5. Third Thursday, August 19, at 7:00, artist Victor Moscoso's "*Swirl Dance*" will be on exhibit. The AMoA Alliance Recycle Art Festival will be held September 10 and 11.

Dr. Matney related information regarding the Common Reader book at each member's place, "*Flags of Our Fathers*." The presentation will be on October 28. The National Science Foundation awarded AC with an \$800,000 grant for the Solar Energy program. Dr. Matney referred to the advanced copy of the *Strategic Plan through 2015* which each regent has been provided and said that an overview would be presented at the next Board meeting. The SACS-COC QEP team has been formed with 14 people serving and Drs. Lana Jackson and Judith Carter chairing.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Prenis O. Williams, Chairman