

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 7, 2008**

REGENTS PRESENT: Ms. Michele Fortunato, Chair; Mr. Prenis O. Williams, Vice Chair; Ms. Lilia B. Escajeda; Mr. Carroll M. Forrester; Dr. Gene Norman; and Dr. David C. Woodburn

REGENTS ABSENT: Mr. John D. Hicks, Secretary; Mr. Don L. Nicholson; and Mr. H. Bryan Poff

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Robert Austin, Dean of Enrollment Management; Mr. Terry Berg, Dean of Finance & Administrative Services; Dr. Laura Grandgenett, Information Technology Chief Information Officer; Mrs. Ellen Green, Dean of College Communications and Marketing; Dr. Paul Matney, Acting President/Vice President and Dean of Instruction; Ms. Danita McAnally, Dean, Assessment and Development; and Mrs. Damaris Schlong, Dean of Workforce & Economic Development

Mr. Bruce Cotgreave, Director, Physical Plant
Mrs. Lissa Merchant, representing Classified Employees Council
Mrs. Lori Merriman, Executive Secretary, President's Office
Mr. Brad Newman, representing *Amarillo Globe News*
Mr. Clay Oats, representing KVII-TV, Channel 7
Mrs. Brenda Sadler, Exec. Asst., Pres's Off. and Asst. Secy. to the Board of Regents
Mr. Robert Sanders, Legal Counsel
Mrs. Vickie Shelton, Director, Purchasing

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE TAX RATE FOR 2008 ADOPTED:

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 7, 2008, stating that the effective tax rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2008 is \$0.15416 per \$100 of assessed value. The rollback rate for the Amarillo Junior College District for 2008 published in the legal notice is \$0.18496 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 \$0.18395.

Dr. Woodburn made the following motion: "I move that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.18395. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$4.14." Ms. Escajeda seconded the motion to adopt the 2008 tax rate. Mr. Forrester opposed the tax rate adoption. The motion carried.

Minutes of the Amarillo College Board of Regents Special Meeting of August 7, 2008**THE DATE SET TO ADOPT THE TAX RATE FOR 2008 AND THE PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED REGARDING THE TAX RATE FOR 2008:**

Mr. Williams made the following motions: "I move that we set the dates for two public hearings on the proposed tax rate for August 15 and August 18, 2008 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 2008 tax rate for August 26, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., in the Palo Duro Room on the Washington Street Campus." Dr. Woodburn seconded the motions to set the two hearings on the proposed tax rate and the date to adopt the 2008 tax rate. The motions carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 1185 – 2007 BOND PROJECT, CENTRAL PLANT UPGRADES AT PARCELLS HALL FOR AMARILLO COLLEGE, WASHINGTON STREET CAMPUS APPROVED:

RFP No. 1185, for Central Plant Upgrades at Parcels Hall for Amarillo College, Washington Street Campus, was advertised in the newspaper for sub-contractors and suppliers, by Page & Associates, Inc., Construction Manager-at-Risk.

Project includes the installation of an additional 295 ton rotary-screw water chiller and cooling tower, along with associated controls, motors, pumps, piping, and electrical equipment. Page & Associates, Inc. provided a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$886,513.00.

Funds are available in the 2007 Bond Budget.

Ms. Escajeda moved, seconded by Dr. Woodburn, to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price provided by Page & Associates, Inc. for the Central Upgrades at Parcels Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

PURCHASE OF HP-UX COLLEAGUE DEVELOPMENT SERVER APPROVED:

The purchase of this development server will allow Information Technology Services to install and test software updates without effecting the Colleague production environment. At present upgrades to software, such as operating systems, printing, and database upgrades, are installed and tested in the production environment. This purchase will allow more extensive testing of upgrades before migration to the production environment, as described in the IT Tactical Plan. The administration recommended the server be purchased from Hewlett-Packard Sales in the amount of \$28,188.22.

Funds are available from the Information Technology Services Programming Services budget for 2007-2008. The server will be purchased from the State of Texas Department of Information Resources contract.

Dr. Woodburn moved, seconded by Mr. Forrester to approve the purchase of the HP-UX Colleague Development Server. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Michele Fortunato, Chair