



April 20, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Opening & Introductions:

The April meeting was held at Honors Hall. Al Ranzou opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

Members present were: Cemex, CTTC, Chemical Lime, Detex, Fed-Ex Services, Great American Products, ITM, NB Smokehouse, Priority Personnel, RnR, Star Manufacturing, Symons and VIP Staffing

Guests present were: Marvin Taylor from Meda Technical, Matt Drienzo from Compass Recycling, Samantha Orozco from Texas Freight, Quest Daniel from Lionheart Solutions and Tom Hornseth Comal county engineer.

Officer Reports:

Paul updated the members on the financial status

Committee Reports:

Scholarship: We have one application and one pending arrival.

Featured Program:

Tom Hornseth, Comal County Engineer was the featured program.

Tom briefly described his role. The county engineer is an appointed official that works for the commissioner's court. The main duties of the engineer are to run the road department. Other duties include overseeing the recycling program, permits, and inspections. Tom has held this position since 1992.

Tom talked about the Justice Center project. It is a \$37.8 million project. The ad valorem tax impact for the justice center is \$.015 per \$100 evaluation. Comal country is still the lowest tax rate in the area. There is an election in May for certificates of obligation to finance the project. The new center will be a 20-25 year facility.

Along with the new Justice Center, the old court house is being restored. The original court house was built in 1898. The county has received \$3.5 mil in grant money and the county is contributing \$5.5 mil. The court house needs to be restored to the original design in order to

receive the grant funds. The county is currently vacating the court house. Asbestos abatement will be done in the next 30 days. As part of the restoration, the sky bridge to the annex, extra jails and additions will all be removed. The court room balcony will be restored. Modern HVAC, plumbing and electrical will be installed per current codes. When completed in 2 years, the commissioner's court will move into the court house.

Tom talked about road upgrades.

US281 from the Guadalupe River to the Blanco county line. (Txdot pass thru financing)
Hwy 46 (loaned \$16 mil to Txdot to get project underway)

Tom mentioned that the engineer's website has a lot of useful information and progress reports.

www.cceo.org. Tom can be reached at rabthh@co.comal.tx

Special Presentation:

Sandi Boyd and Klaus Weiswurm presented the completed manufacturing information video that NBMA helped finance. The video is located on the web at www.alamo.edu/academies. Click on the video links.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 11:45am May 18, 2010 at Honors Hall. The program is Jim Wesson from the Christus Hospital.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul Webber

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