

October 14, 1998
Emergency Meeting
Commissioners' Court

Judge Leath called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
Agenda item #1-Insurance

Our present insurance contract is with American Group Insurance Service. The representatives for this company are James Kohn and Paula McCauley.

Judge Leath told the Court that we have been hassling with the insurance company for several days. They keep telling us that our cards are not ready but will be here at any time. Last Friday they told him the cards were not ready, but they would send us policy and group numbers to give to the employees to give to Doctors and pharmacies. They did not do that either. We could not get a returned call from the insurance representatives Monday. Tuesday we were able to get through and were informed then that we do not have insurance. The company required a 15 percent rate increase before they would write the policy. We are in a position now to where none of the employees have insurance.

Judge Leath said that he contacted Buddy Cowart with Sabine Insurance and TAC, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, which was our previous insurance carrier. TAC has said that Blue Cross will pick us back up as of October 1, 1998 with no coverage lost and at the same quotation given. Several people have gone to the Doctor and gotten medicine. These visits were charged expecting the insurance company to pay when the cards were ready.

Buddy Cowart said that he could not guarantee that his company would go back and pick us up October 1, 1998.

Judge Leath said he recommends that we go back to Blue Cross since they will cover us from October 1, 1998 with no loss of coverage. This will cost us about \$10.00 per employee more a month, but we will not have to worry that we do not have coverage.

It was agreed by the Court that we need insurance today and cannot take the time to advertise for proposals again.

Commissioner Lynn Smith said that he will abstain from voting because his son-in-law works for Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Judge Leath moved to go back to TAC, Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Commissioner Will Smith seconded. Commissioners Clark, Dickerson and Will Smith and Judge Leath voted for. Commissioner Lynn Smith abstained. Motion carried.

Judge Leath said he plans to present this to the County Attorney this morning to see if we have any recourse. We are going to at least get our money back that we paid for the first month premium.

Commissioner Clark moved to adjourn. Commissioner Lynn Smith seconded. All voted for. Meeting adjourned.

Paul Leath COUNTY JUDGE

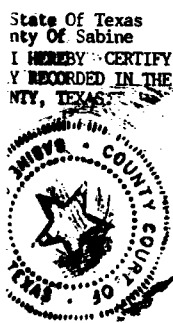
Keith J. Clark COMMISSIONER PCT. #1

Lynn Smith COMMISSIONER PCT. #2

Daryl Dickerson COMMISSIONER PCT. #3

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