

AGENDA ITEM 41**Comments from commissioners.**

Commissioner Heiligenstein commented on his Washington, D.C. trip, which included air quality, and transportation issues as well as the National Association of Counties conference. He discussed air quality issues, including the O₃ Flex plan discussed at an EPA meeting.

Judge Doerfler announced that Judge Skip Morse has been diagnosed with lung cancer, and that he has been transferred from Georgetown Hospital to Seton in Austin. He asked that everyone keep Judge Morse in their prayers.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECESSED AT 11:58 A.M. ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2002.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECONVENED AT 2:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2002.

AGENDA ITEM 42**Work Session on road bond contracts.**

Commissioner Boatright asked that project invoices be reviewed by the Commissioner of the precinct involved in order to keep informed on billing.

Judge Doerfler suggested that each Commissioner receive a complete copy of bills for his precinct.

Commissioner Boatright stated that he thinks it is the Commissioners' responsibility to review the bills for their respective precincts.

The court discussed the differences between county employees, subcontractors, contract labor and grant-funded positions. There was also discussion regarding the authority of other elected officials and department heads entering into written contracts approved in their budgets. The county's liability and the Court's specific authority to enter into a written contract versus other elected officials and department heads was also discussed.

There was discussion referring to transfers between General Obligation bond money and Certificate of Obligation money and their reimbursements.

The Court agreed that each Commissioner would review all of the bills for his precinct, and that standards should be set for reimbursable expenses for county contracts.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED AT 3:43 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2002.