

Civic Center manager resigns 2 months after taking job

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Just more than two months after introducing Tamra Pogue as the new general manager of Hopkins County Regional Civic Center, county Commissioners Court announced her resignation following an executive session Monday morning.

The commissioners court went into the closed-door session to discuss personnel at the conclusion of the regular business meeting.

“There was a resignation later that day from Tamra Pogue and the court has accepted it,” Newsom said. “She has resigned, and that’s the only thing I can really tell you.”

The sudden resignation now leaves the Civic Center without a manager, but Newsom had confidence the situation will get worked out quickly.

Newsom said he talked with the Civic Center staff Monday afternoon and explained the situation to them.

Newsom said he told the staff, “We don’t have a manager right now. Pansy has retired and Tamra has resigned. You are just going to have to work really hard to keep the Civic Center going.

“They they assured me that they could and would do it,” he explained. “So, we’re counting on them.”

Newsom said he, Charles Helm and the Civic Center Board of Directors will be working more closely with the Civic Center staff to provide any assistance needed to “get through this time until we can find out what direction we are going to go with another manager.”

The county judge did not say just what steps the county may take to find a new manager for the Civic Center or set out any kind of timeline for the process.

Pogue was selected from more than 45 applicants to fill the manager’s office at the Civic Center when manager Pansy Bell retired.