

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court*

*Regular Session*

*Tuesday, January 13, 2026*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry, Dickie Clary and David Ogle. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Commissioner Wagner led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.*

*There were no open comments today.*

*There were two Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) to consider:*

- \$85,000.00 from 022-613-5720; Precinct 2 Contingency to 022-613-5700; Precinct 2 Capital*
- \$100,000.00 from 024-615-5700; Precinct 4 Contingency to 024-615-5700; Precinct 4 Capital*

*Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) as presented and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:*

- a. Approve Minutes from December 23, 2025*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Longevity in the amount of \$14,395.05*
- d. Payroll in the amount of \$76,226.01*
- e. Payroll in the amount of \$80,223.67*
- f. In-between Bills in the amount of \$15,214.06*
- g. Expenses in the amount of \$177,220.00 (Motor Grader)*
- h. Expenses in the amount of \$144,917.32*
- i. Culvert Application – Precinct 2; CR 627 – after speaking with property owner the culvert is unnecessary*
- j. Bonds – John Donahoo, Sheriff Department*

***Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The Court approved the Consent Agenda with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.***

***Hamilton County Personnel Update:***

***Commissioner Clary stated his appreciation and gratitude for Mr. James Quigg, Precinct 4 Road Hand. Mr. Quigg retired after 22 years of service to Hamilton County.***

***New Hire***

***Javario Savannah – Sheriff's Department***

***Position Changes***

***Micah Looke to Chief Deputy, S.O.***

***John Donahoo to Captain, S.O.***

***No Hamilton County Treasurer's Report at this time.***

***Treasurer, Tonya Cox provided the Hamilton County Investments Report.***

***No Hamilton County Infrastructure Update at this time.***

***Communications Update:***

***Lacy provided the call volume totals for 2025. The Communications Department answered over 700 more calls in 2025 in comparison to 2024. Calls for service are still being answered in fives seconds or less. Mrs. Alexander informed the Commissioners Court that the Communications Department has been receiving multiple threatening and harassing calls in regards to the ongoing Sheriff situation. Lacy Alexander and Chief Deputy Looke will be pursuing these threatening and harassing calls moving forward.***

***Law Enforcement Update:***

***Captain Donahoo provided the Law Enforcement update on behalf of the Sheriffs Department.***

***Reports – 72 written***

***Arrests – Booked in 3 males and 2 females. 3 Felony charges and 4 misdemeanor charges***

***Traffic Stops – 198 stops resulting in 118 violations being cited for fines and 156 violations resulting in warnings***

***Bailiff – 3 days totaling 16 hours***

***Civil Process – Served 13 civil citations which took 21 attempts***

***Total Calls for Service answered – responded to 847 calls***

***Drug Seizure – seized under 2 oz. of Marijuana and under 3 grams of THC***

***Inmate Transport – completed 13 inmate transports***

***Open Records Requests – handled 33 records requests resulting in \$151.90 in revenue.***

***An Order Restricting Outdoor Burning was issued for Precinct One and Precinct Three. The Commissioners Court discussed the lack of rainfall received in portions of the County and Commissioner Ogle made the motion followed by Commissioner Wagner seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court voted 4-0 in favor of implementing a Burn Ban for portions of the County; Judge Yates abstained.***

***The Court listened to a presentation on the Rural Ambulance Grant Program HB300. The HB300 grant is a \$500,000.00 dollar grant specified for new ambulances. The cost of a new ambulance before getting outfitted is roughly \$350,000.00. The hopes are to be able to purchase two new ambulances with the Hamilton Hospital paying the remaining balance. Full details of the grant will not be available until February but the application deadline is January 30, 2026. The County will not be obligated to accept the grant once the rules have been published. Commissioner Ogle made a motion to apply for the grant followed by Commissioner Wagner seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court approved of HB300 grant application with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.***

***The 89<sup>th</sup> legislation increased the bid amount from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00 for Bid/Procurement procedures. Commissioner Wagner made a motion followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion to update the amount of the bid and Procurement Policy to \$100,000.00. The Commissioner Court approved to change the Hamilton County Procurement policy with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.***

***The Commissioners Court discussed the \$1,000,000.00 up to \$1,500,000.00 Texas Water Development Board Grant Agreement for outdoor warning sirens. Table Rock will be making a presentation during a future Commissioners Court meeting. Hamilton County has applied for the grant and already has the direct deposit funding set up for receipt of the***

*grant. Hamilton County will have to go out for bids since the amount of the sirens are above the \$100,000.00 cap per the procurement policy.*

*The Cybersecurity training fee increased to \$5.00 per employee. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the increase and Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Cybersecurity training financial increase with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*Commissioner Clary made a motion to ratify the contract for the Ricoh copier in Judge Yates office. The purchase was approved during the last scheduled Commissioners Court meeting. Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court ratified the Ricoh contract for the County Judge's office with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*The Commissioners Court determined that utilizing Elected Officials would be the most beneficial in establishing the Salary Grievance Committee.*

***Financial Workshop:***

- Outside Audit should begin in January and should be completed by March*
- Commissioner Clary reminded the Chief Financial Officer it's the time of year when \$280,000.00 is transferred out of the General Fund into the precincts (current taxes revenue)*
- \$60,000.00 transferred out of the General Fund into Special and Dedicated fund – Radio Equipment Maintenance*

***FY 2025-2026-2027 Budget Workshop:***

*The Commissioners discussed the need to amend the adopted budget in order to receive grant funds. Commissioner Clary made a motion to amend the original budget followed by Commissioner Ogle. The Commissioners Court approved amending the budget by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained. The Special Revenue Budget will be a clean financial tracking system for all grant funds received.*

***Workshop for Hamilton County Phase II Tower:***

*The project is still on track with its projected completion date. Both the Hamilton and the Hico generators are due for maintenance. Both of the generator's warranties expired in October 2025. Lacy Alexander is currently waiting on quotes to have both generators serviced.*

***9:45 am - Recess until Wednesday, January 14, 2026***

**Reconvene at 10:00 am, January 14, 2026**

**Workshop for FEMA – DR4879:**

- **New PDMG – LaPorcha Morgan – FEMA**
- **All but one project has been obligated**
- **CR 216 – FEMA requests resubmission of the damaged culvert. Pictures had been previously submitted as confirmed by Brittany (TDEM) but FEMA lost them in the mix**
- **Debbie Rudolph should be receiving the spread sheet for the Cat. 2 costs, administrative allocations**
- **The low water crossing on CR 225 – scope of work was signed this morning and is pending award at this time**
- **January 28, 2026 at 10:00 am – next scheduled FEMA meeting.**

**End DR – 4879 at 10:19 am**

**Workshop for FEMA – DR4781 began at 10:19 am:**

- **Commissioner Clary requested the status on the request for advance funding submitted one month ago**

**Projects awaiting payment (open/complete/obligated):**

- **766098**
- **950606**
- **950604**
- **950607**

**Projects needing closeout paperwork:**

- **761260**
- **766071**
- **766081**
- **766087**
- **966014**

**Projects at Large Project Review (unobligated):**

- **758248**
- **766072**
- **766073**
- **766075**

- 766078
- 766089


***Projects pending award (at FEMA):***

- 766093
- 766101
- 766102
- 766103
- 766105
- 766110

***FEMA – DR 4781 ended at 10:40***

***Commissioners Court was adjourned at 10:40 am.***

  
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Judge James Yates

Attest:   
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County Clerk

