

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioner Johnny Wagner and Commissioner Clary. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Judge Yates led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

There were no Open Comments.

There were no Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) to consider.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve the Minutes from December 10, 2024 and December 20, 2024*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Approve Bills submitted for payment*
- d. Payroll #1 in the amount of \$84,342.21*
- e. Payroll #2 in the amount of \$83,759.40*
- f. Longevity in the amount of \$12,894.34*
- g. Expense Register in the amount of \$101,013.98*
- h. No Culvert Applications*
- i. No Building and Use Requests*
- j. Bonds – Angela Tubbs, District Clerk and Rachel Geeslin, County Clerk*

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Court approved the Consent Agenda with a 3-0 vote.

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

New Hire – Sheri Poe, Deputy District Clerk and David ogle, Commissioner Precinct 3

Resignation – Ronald Craig, Precinct 4 Road Hand

Position Changes – Hollie Whitten to Communications Supervisor, Melissa Erexson to Full

Time in Communications Department and Angela Tubbs to District Clerk

No Hamilton County Treasurer's Report at this time.

Treasurer, Tonya Cox, provided the Court with the Hamilton County Investment Report.

Hamilton County Facilities Report:

Sheriff Boulton updated the Court about the Water Heater at the Sherriff's Department. Sheriff Boulton stated the water heater should be delivered today and hopefully installed by the end of this week. Monday, January 6, 2025 the heater went out in the jail and then Friday, January 10, 2025 the heater went out in the offices of the Sheriff's Department.

Communications Update:

Lacy Alexander provided the Court with the 2024 call volume statistics for the Communications Department. December 2024 had an increase of 208 calls vs December 2023, annual over all calls in 2024 showed an increase of 1,212 compared to 2023. Lacy provided a call statistics sheet from CTCOG as well. The average time to answer a 911 call is 5 seconds or less, which is in compliance with the State requirements. Lacy attended a meeting with CTCOG last week discussing various grants offered through CTCOG. The application deadline for the CTCOG grants is February 13, 2025, more information will be provided at a later date in regards to the available grants.

Sheriff Boulton provided the Law Enforcement Update:

65 Reports

9 Arrests (3 Felony & 6 Misdemeanor)

155 Traffic Stops = 66 Citations & 102 Warnings issued

58 hours of Bailiff

17 Civil Processes served

739 Total Calls for Service answered

Drug Seizure = > 2oz. Marijuana and .9 grams of Methamphetamine

Sheriff Boulton stated that the previous administration failed to submit required NIBERS reporting to the state for about 6-8 months, 145 missing reports in total. Without proper reporting the Sheriff's Department is disqualified from applying for grants. Sheriff Boulton stated that with several members of his staff they plan on submitting 13 reports a

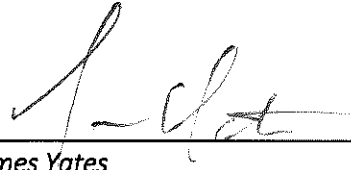
day in hopes of bringing the Sheriff's Department back into compliance in regards to the required reporting.

No discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to Ratify the District Judge's Order Appointing District Clerk, Angela Tubbs, and Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The Court approved the ratification of the District Judge's Order Appointing Angela Tubbs with a 3-0 vote.

Sheriff Boulton provided the Court with prices and information on the two vehicles being purchased for the Sheriff's Department with the SB22 Grant funds. The first vehicle will be a F250 unmarked administrative vehicle at \$54,631.00 plus another \$3,000.00 to finish outfitting the vehicle. The second vehicle is a 2020 Ford Explorer at \$49,995.00 plus about another \$2,800.00 to finish outfitting it. The purchase of the two vehicles will allow for two of the older patrol trucks to be used within the Commissioner precincts.

Adjourned at 9:28 am



Judge James Yates

Attest: Rachel Geesh
County Clerk

