

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Lloyd Huggins, Keith Curry and Dickie Clary. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Commissioner Wagner led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

Open Comments:

Charlie Rodriguez spoke to the Commissioners Court about supporting the First Responders and gaining citizens support by offering opportunities for meet and greet with all First Responders. The first coffee event was held in Hico on December 12, 2023 and the next coffee meet and greet will be held at Wenzel's on February 12, 2024 at 7:00am. Mr. Rodriguez collaborated with Black Rifle Coffee Company and for every bag of coffee sold Black Rifle Coffee Company donates a bag of coffee. Mr. Rodriguez delivered 21 bags of coffee to Hamilton Police Department, Hamilton Sheriff's Department and Hamilton Communications Department.

Commissioner Huggins requested a budget adjustment in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Bridge Replacement to Road and Bridge surplus for more road base in order to continue fixing the roads. Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The court approved the line-item transfer with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes from January 9, 2024*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Expense Register in the amount of \$109,823.04, Payroll in the amount of \$66,128.66 and Longevity checks in the amount of \$17,738.59*
- d. Certificates of Continuing Education for: Sandy Layhew-completed 20 hours CDCAT and Mariah Whitehead – Acknowledgment of Paternity Certification*
- e. No Applications for Culvert Installation*
- f. No Building and Use Requests*
- g. Bonds – John Donahoo – Deputy Sheriff*

Commissioner Clary made a motion and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The court approved the Consent Agenda with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Hamilton County personnel update; John Donahoo, Deputy Sheriff started with the Hamilton County Sheriff's department on January 8, 2024.

There were no Hamilton County Facilities updates provided.

Linda Goodwin, Communications Department Manager, provided call volume logs from CTCOG stating call volumes have increased from 17,818 calls in 2022 to 39,249 in the year 2023. On January 17, 2024 at 9:00 am the city of Hamilton experienced a mass power outage and the generator kicked on yet the phone lines were still down therefore all 911 calls were routed through Mills County in where Mills County Dispatched to Hamilton County via a cell phone. The Communications Department phone system was back up and fully functioning by 10:30 am, January 18, 2024.

The court discussed Ratifying Precinct 1 using County equipment and personnel to clean up after the Hamilton County Livestock Show. Commissioner Huggins made a motion and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The court approved the use of equipment and personnel with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the contract with Hamilton County and Hamilton Public Library. Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion and the court approved the contract with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The County Clerks request for Tyler Eagle Recorder to be moved to the cloud will be tabled in order to gather more information needed. This item will be placed on a future agenda.

Hamilton County Master Gardner's Association requested permission to use the front sidewalk of the Annex building for their annual HCMGA Spring Vegetable Fundraiser on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 7:00am-5:00pm. Commissioner Huggins made a motion and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The court approved the used of the sidewalk at the Annex building with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The court discussed the need to modify the Agreement of Access and Use dated July 26, 2022 between Hamilton County and Pathway Tel-Com (see the attachment). Commissioner Huggins made a motion and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The court approved the modification agreement with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

No discussion on the FY2023-2024 Budget.

Adjourned at 9:24am.



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Hamilton County Judge

Judge James Yates



Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Rachel L. Geeslin".

Hamilton County Clerk