

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioner Curry, Commissioner Johnny Wagner, Commissioner Ogle and Commissioner Clary. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Commissioner Clary led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

There were no Open Comments.

Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) to consider:

- a. \$12,345.81 from 010-560-4635, Vehicle Purchase to 010-560-4590, Service Contracts for Motorola Solutions- Sheriff's Department for Camera/Body Cams, Cloud Annual.*
- b. \$664.50 from 010-630-4193, Autopsy to 010-650-4942 HCCAA for Home Meal Delivery.*
- c. \$20,000.00 – GET PAPERWORK!!!*

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 the Minutes from February 4, 2025 & February 11, 2025*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Approve Bills submitted for payment*
- d. Payroll in the amount of \$82,450.51*
- e. Payroll #2 - \$587.18*
- f. Expense Register in the amount of \$89,319.36*
- g. Culvert Application – Precinct 2, 1979 CR 404- Bahia Pipeline LLC*
- h. Building and Use Requests – Hamilton ISD Junior/Senior Prom "Grand March" on May 3, 2025, opening at 6:00pm and event begins at 7:00pm.*
- i. No Bonds*

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

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

New Hire:

*Brent Shelnutt, SO Hospital Security Officer
Quinton Sells, SO Peace Officer
Mashell Thompson, SO Jail Administrator
Sandy Layhew, PT Clerk position*

Resignation:

*Lexsa York, JP's Office
Tiffany Bryant, SO Jail Administrator
Lance Toon, SO Hospital Security
William Sanders (Pct. 2), Road Hand*

Position Changes:

Kimberly Kacmarczyk, Assistant Auditor from Part Time to Full Time.

No Hamilton County Treasurer's Report.

No Hamilton County Investment Report at this time.

No Hamilton County Facilities Update provided.

Communications department Update:

Lacy provided a brief update stating everything is running smoothly at this time. The Communications Department still has one position available, three staff members are currently in training and one staff member recently took the state exam and passed.

Law Enforcement Update:

Sheriff Boulton updated the Court about another facilities issue at the Sheriff's Department. The hot water heater was replaced but now the water circulator or possibly the water pump has gone out so the Sheriff's Department is without hot water again. Ashmore Plumbing is working on a quote to fix the issue. The Sheriff's Department along with Emergency Management and CTCOG will be hosting a free and open to the public, Church Safety Program at Chandler Craig Auditorium on March 8, 2025 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, lunch will be provided.

Sheriff Boulton presented the following Awards:

Civic Achievement Award – Micah Looke

Life Saving Award – William Hines

Commendation Award – Jamie Fry, Micah Looke, Kutter Shelnutt and John Donahoo

No Discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.

The Commissioners Court approved the requests from CTCOG determining physical addressing for Vista Ridge, Precinct 4, off of FM2414. The new assigned roads will be PR 2414, PR 2415 and PR 2416. Commissioner Clary made the motion followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the newly assigned roads with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Commissioner Ogle, Precinct three, request authorization from The Court to sell surplus property, such as old tin horns to the salvage yard. The materials to be sold to the salvage yard are located off of CR 219 and FM 3232. Commissioner Ogle made the motion followed by Commissioner Curry. The Commissioners Court approved the newly assigned roads with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Discussion on the Communication Equipment Funding:

The Commissioner Court approved an Order Authorizing the hiring of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP to provide Bond Counsel Services for Hamilton County with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained. Commissioner Clary made the motion and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion.

Vince Vialle with Specialized Public Finance Inc. provided a Tax Note Sale Overview for The Commissioners. The Commissioners Court approved the Order Authorizing the issuance of Hamilton County, TX Tax Notes, Series 2025 with a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Clary made the motion and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion; Judge Yates abstained.

The Court received bids from banks for Tax Notes from Specialized Public Finance Inc. Commissioner Clary made a motion to receive and accept the bids and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court accepted the bid from Presidio Short-Term Tax-Exempt Fund, LP with a 4- vote, Judeg Yates abstained. The Tax Note is at a 4.19% rate for a term of seven years.

Recess at 9:27 am

Reconvened at 9:44 am

FEMA Workshop began at 9:44 am

Representatives from TDEM in attendance by Teams meetings included:

Brandy Masterson, Holly Ragsdale, Chief Gunnels and Mckayla.

Representatives from FEMA via Teams meetings included: Eddie Delgado and Mary Bonilla.

Mary Bonilla with FEMA will be in Hamilton County Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 9:30 am to begin training Debbie Rudolph and Sandy Layhew on the submission of documents for project obligation.

FEMA Ended at 10:21 am

Adjourned at 10:21 am

[Signature]

County Judge

Attest:

Rachel Geese

County Clerk

