

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court*

*Regular Session*

*Tuesday, March 11, 2025*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, March 11, 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 Wagner led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.*

*There were no Open Comments.*

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

- a. \$3,900.00 from 010-560-4635, Vehicle Purchase to 010-560-4060, Sheriff Donations.*

*Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) as presented and Commissioner Ogle 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 18, 2025 & February 25, 2025*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Approve Bills submitted for payment*
- d. Payroll in the amount of \$84,675.62*
- e. Expense Register in the amount of \$174,697.12*
- f. Approve Certificates of Continuing Education- See Departmental Reports*
- g. No Culvert Applications*
- h. Building and Use Requests – Hamilton Chamber of Commerce to use the Lawn of the Courthouse and Parking Lot on May 3, 2025, 5:00 am – 6: 00 pm for may Day Activities.*

- i. *Bonds: Nicole Clepper, Deputy Court Clerk for Justice of the Peace, Stephanie Guthrie, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector, Brent Shelnutt, Deputy Sheriff, Mashell Thompson, Jail Administrator.*

*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:*

*Amelia Ruben – New Hire in Communications Department  
Ernest O'Dell – Resignation in Communications Department*

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

*No Hamilton County Investment Report at this time.*

*Hamilton County Facilities Report:*

*The County Clerk's Basement had another leak from the ceiling. Carl Taylor has identified the issue and is currently working on fixing the leak. No major damages to report at this time.*

*Communications Update:*

*Lacy Alexander is hosting the TLETS/TCOL training in the conference room of the Annex building for the next several days. Over 17 attendees from various Counties and multiple Law Enforcement and Emergency Management departments are in attendance. The Hamilton County Emergency Communications call volume for the month of February was 1,532 which is 109 more calls for service in comparison to February 2024.*

*Law Enforcement Update:*

*Sheriff Brad Boulton provided the February 2025 Monthly Report stating:*

*Reports – 88*

*Arrests – 14*

*Traffic Stops – 383 resulting in 135 written citations containing 155 violations and 122 written warnings containing 149 violations*

*Bailiff – 7 days totaling 35 hours*

*Civil Process – 41 served*

*Total Calls for Service answered – 1,400*

*Drug Seizure – under 2oz. of Marijuana; less than 2 grams of Methamphetamines  
At -Large Warrant – 5 Filed*

*No discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.*

*Mike Hinnenkamp and JoAnn Friebele spoke to the Court in regards to SB1754 and Abatements relating to renewable energy in hopes of obtaining a Resolution of support from Hamilton County. Mr. Hinnenkamp and Ms. Friebele have been working with Senator Birdwell to create SB1754 which would eliminate the Tax Abatements for foreign countries to apply for Tax Abatements for renewable energy which in turn would allow Hamilton County to collect the full taxable amount from the renewable energy properties utilized. The Resolution of support from Hamilton County along with other counties resolutions will hopefully assist in the passing of Senator Birdwell's' proposed SB1754. The Commissioners would like to have more time to review the SB1754 as well as the proposed draft of the Resolution that was provided. No action at this time.*

*The Court discussed the benefits of utilizing Kimberly Kacmarczyk as a payroll backup for the Hamilton County Treasurer's Office. Judge Carpenter and the Auditor, Janie Stanosch have already approved the utilization of Kimberly Kacmarczyk in the Treasurer's Office.*

*The Hamilton FFA is requesting Precinct four to provide the equipment and labor to dig holes for their upcoming Land Judging contest. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved Precinct four to dig the holes and provide the labor needed for the FFA's Land Judging contest with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the invitation for Bids for a pre-owned Motor Grader for Precinct four. Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion, The Commissioners Court approved the invitation for Bids for a pre-owned Motor Grader with a 4-0 vote, judge Yates abstained.*

*The Commissioners Court received a quote of \$6,917.00 to repair the elevator in the Hamilton County Annex Building. The Court agreed to upgrade the Order Agreement from Schindler Elevator Corporation and proceed with the necessary repairs.*

*Recessed at 9:34 am*

*Reconvened in FEMA-DR4781 and/or TDEM Texas Severe Storm Workshop at 9:44 am.*

*In attendance:*

*Hollee Ragsdale – TDEM*

*Bradi Masterson – TDEM*

*Erin McDonald – Cohn Reznick a TDEM affiliate*

*Virtual Attendance:*

*Mary Bonilla– FEMA*

*Daniella Scott – TDEM*

*Elbert with the FEMA Mitigation Team*

*The Commissioners Court and various members of TDEM and FEMA reviewed several County Roads within projects to check for accuracy within the projects. Debbie Rudolph reminded Mary Bonilla that she is still waiting on the FEMA spreadsheet needed to submit the requested data. Mary stated she would have the spread sheet to Mrs. Rudolph before Tuesday, March 18, 2025. Brandy Masterson and Erin McDonald will be training Debbie Rudolph and Sandy Layhew today in the Grants Portal program. Commissioner Clary asked Mary if Eddie Delgado has already made the calculation change Commissioner Clary and Mr. Delgado had discussed in a previous meeting. Ms. Rudolph and Commissioner Clary requested an updated spreadsheet reflecting the calculation changes. Mary Bonilla will be attending the next scheduled Commissioners Court meeting scheduled for March 25, 2025 in person.*

*FEMA out at 9:43 am*

*Adjourned at 9:44 am*



*County Judge*

*Attest: Rachel Geeslin*

*County Clerk*

