

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court*

*Regular Session*

*Tuesday, March 24, 2026*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry, Dicky Clary and David Ogle. 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 today.*

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

*The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:*

*a. Approve the Minutes from March 10, 2026.*

*b. Approve Departmental Reports*

*c. Payroll in the amount of \$77,901.47*

*d. Expenses in the amount of \$777,531.02*

*e. In-Between Bills in the amount of \$3,572.59*

*f. No Culvert Applications to consider*

*g. Building and Use Requests*

*\* Hamilton County Child Protective Services to use the Courthouse lawn from April 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026 to place flags around the Courthouse for Child Abuse Awareness month.*

*\* Democratic party requests the use of the Courthouse parking lot on March 28, 2026 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am – for a No Kings gathering*

*h. Bonds – Stephannie Guthrie, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector; James D. Clifton, Reserve Deputy Sheriff; Ona Elizabeth Lingle, Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector*

*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:***

***New Hire:***

***Haylee Guerra, Sheriff's Department***

***Alvis Thomason, Precinct Three***

***Robert Nunley, Precinct Three***

***Resignation/Terminations:***

***Jimmy Powers, Precinct Three***

***Position Changes:***

***Kenneth Pollard, SO Hospital Security promoted to Sergeant***

***Hamilton County Treasurer's Report:***

***Treasurer, Tonya Cox, asked the Court for permission to apply for a Tractor Supply credit card since Tractor Supply does not do charge accounts. The Court will be getting more information from tractor Supply before making their final decision.***

***No Hamilton County Investment Report at this time.***

***Hamilton County Infrastructure Update:***

***Commissioner Clary just wanted to thank Carl Taylor for the weed and grass maintenance he has been providing to the tower site.***

***Communications Update:***

***Lacy Alexander stated she has an employee that will be in training for the next 4-6 weeks and the department is still short two employees at this time. Lacy also thanked the County employees for assisting her family last week in their time of need.***

***Law Enforcement Update:***

***Sheriff Boulton stated the department has one person in the background stages and is hoping to have a new Deputy within the next few weeks.***

***There was no Financial Director's Update provided at this time.***

**Burn Ban:**

***Commissioner Clary made a motion to ratify the order to remove the Burn Ban followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court ratified the termination of the Burn Ban with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.***

***Phil Vaughn presented the Hamilton County 2025 Audit prepared by Armstrong, Vaughn & Associates, P.C. Mr. Vaughn stated there were no major issues with the audit and they were overall pleased with the clean results. Suggestions for improvement for the County include; clearing account reconciliations, custodial bank balances monitoring and statement submission and discussion on the TCDRS contribution rate. Hamilton County is now up to date with the required audits.***

***The Court discussed the FNE Install Hamilton Acceptance Certificate. The FNE is the cold start Motorola tower equipment. The cold start installation is complete and Maxine Johnson has sent the Certificate of Acceptance to be signed by the Court. Commissioner Clary made a motion followed by Commissioner Curry. The Commissioners Court approved the FNE Install Acceptance Certificate with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.***

***The Commissioners Court approved the use of County workforce and equipment to dig holes for Hamilton ISD and Hico ISD for the land judging contest with a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Clary made a motion followed by Commissioner Ogle seconding the motion; Judge Yates abstained.***

***The Memorandum of Understanding between DPS and Hamilton County Sheriff's Department is an agreement to keep a Hamilton County Deputy certified in order to weigh 18 wheelers when needed. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to accept the Memorandum of Understanding followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court accepted the Memorandum of Understanding between DPS and Hamilton County Sheriff's Department with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.***

***The Commissioners Court selected twelve members from the Grand Juror list in hopes of receiving three new members of the Salary Grievance Committee. The selection was made by the Judge Yates by randomly selecting the names listed on folded pieces of paper in a box.***

***The Commissioners Court discussed the quote from Civic Plus for the new Hamilton County website. The quote for the first year is \$9,724.00 and then annually \$8,632.00. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the quote followed by Commissioner Ogle seconding the vote. The Commissioners Court approved the agreement with Civic Plus with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained. The funding for this agreement will not take place until the***

***new budget cycle therefore the Commissioners will not be signing the agreement until that time.***

***No further information at this time on the SB 3 Outdoor Warning Sirens Alert grant.***

***No further information at this time on the SB 5 Ambulance Grant agreement.***

***No discussion on the FY2025-2026-2027 Budget.***

***Phase II Communications Tower:***

- ***Cold start installation completed***
- ***Microwave will be delivered and installed toward the end of April, beginning of May***
- ***Antenna installation will be mid-May***
- ***“Go live” mid to late June***

***Recess 9:52 am***

***Reconvene in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 10:00 am***


***Out of Executive Session at 10:42 am***

***Regular Session reconvene at 10:43 am***

***The Court took a vote on the hiring of Adrian Jones as the new County Financial Director. Commissioner Clary made the motion followed by Commissioner Ogle seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court accepted Mr. Adrian Jones as Hamilton County’s Financial Director by a 5-0 vote. The entire Commissioners Court and Judge Yates congratulated Mr. Jones and welcomed him to Hamilton County.***

***Adjourned at 10:44 am***

  
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Judge James Yates

Attest:   
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County Clerk

