Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, April 8, 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. Judge Yates led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

There were no Open Comments.

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

- a. \$10,000.00 from 010-560-4635, Vehicle Purchase to 010-560-4540, Vehicle Repair & Maintenance for Sheriff's Department Vehicle Repairs
- b. \$5,000.00 from 021-612-5720, Contingency to 021-612-3500, Road Materials and Supplies for Precinct 1 Blasting work needed.

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 March 25, 2025 and March 28, 2025
- b. Approve Departmental Reports
- c. Approve Bills submitted for payment
- d. Payroll in the amount of \$85,687.55
- e. Expense Register in the amount of \$89,467.29
- f. Approve Certificates of Continuing Education- See Departmental Reports
- g. No Culvert Applications
- h. No Building and Use Requests
- i. Bonds Quinten Sells, Deputy Sheriff and Mark Clark, Justice of the Peace Clerk

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 - Courtney Renfro, Sheriff's Department, Full Time

Tonya Cox provided the Hamilton County Treasurer's Report and stated that as of March 2025 the total Cash on Hand is \$2,499,841.31 and Investments in the amount of \$6,120,921.09. Mrs. Cox also provided the first Quarterly Report of 2025.

Hamilton County Facilities Update:

A local bank has donated a beautiful painting for the Courthouse. The Historical Commission will need to approve the hanging of the donated picture in order to stay within the guidelines of the Historical Commission. Judge Yates will discuss how and where the picture can be displayed once the Historical Commission comes to perform their every 5th year inspection and review of the Courthouse. Judge Yates is also working with BizProtec in hopes of upgrading the technology in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Annex. More information will be provided at a future meeting date.

The Communications Department provided the call volume update for the month of March. 1,897 calls for service were received in comparison to 1,695 calls in Mach of 2024. April 13, 2025 – April 19, 2025 is Telecommunicators Week.

Sheriff Boulton provided the law Enforcement Update:

94 Reports written, increase of 6.82% from previous month

Arrests - 21 total, 10 Felony and 11 Misdemeanor, increase of 50% over February arrests

Traffic Stops — 431 total stops resulting in 173 cited violations and 183 warnings, Traffic stop increase of 12.53%

Bailiff – 9 days total of 16 hours

Civil Process – 25 Served

Total Calls for Service answered — 1,214 which is an increase of 16.73% from February Drug Seizure — under 2oz of Marijuana At Large Warrants — 4 Filed

Commissioner Clary made a motion to terminate the Burn Ban and Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The Burn Ban was terminated effective immediately by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court discussed several topics to be discussed at the FEMA workshop meeting to be held at 9:30 am, Wednesday, April 9, 2025. The Damage Inventory from Mary at FEMA is still incorrect and missing several roads and scopes of work.

Discussion on the Communication Tower Equipment, Hamilton County Phase II is still in holding. The Commissioners are still waiting to receive all the sub-contractor's documentation for insurance coverage. Will discuss more at a future scheduled meeting.

Adjourned at 9:27 am

County Judge

County Clerk