

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

9:00 a.m.

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

Open Comments:

Richard Layne addressed the court with his feelings about the eclipse stating the county should run more numbers and gather more information in the future.

Mayor Rodney Craddick provided a report for the Community Center stating in the month of March over 2,911 meals were provided, estimated 145 per day. The Community Center received \$2,439.56 in donations during the month of March.

There was one Budget Adjustment (L.I.T.) to consider:

The County Clerks office is requesting \$12,000.00 from 010-403-1090, Temporary Employee to 010-403-4720, Software Maintenance in order to move Tyler Eagle Recorder to the cloud. Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the L.I.T. and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The court approved the \$12,000.00 transfer with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes from previous Commissioners Court, March 26, 2024.*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Payroll in the amount of \$74,248.69*
- d. Expense Register in the amount of \$98,868.73*
- e. No Certificates of Continuing Education*
- f. No Culvert Installation Applications*
- g. Building and Use Requests – St. John Lutheran Church to use two corner lots at HWY 281 and HWY 36 intersection for their BBQ Chicken fundraiser, Thursday, May 9th – Saturday, May 11, 2024. Hamilton Master Gardeners to use the front of the Hamilton Courthouse and Annex building, Saturday, April 27, 2024 for their Tree Event and Shredding truck.*

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h. No Bonds to consider

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the Consent agenda followed by a second from Commissioner Clary. The Commissioners Court approved the Consent Agenda with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

*Casey Schriber – New Hire, April 1, 2024 - Hamilton County Sherrif's Department
Dane Reehl – Resignation, March 29, 2024 -Commissioner Precinct 3*

Tonya Cox, Hamilton County Treasurer provided a report stating the Cash on Hand as of February, 2024 is \$4,241,760.61 and Investments in the amount of \$1,341,159.80.

There was no Hamilton County Facilities update provided.

Lacy Alexander provided the Commissioners Court with an update for the Communications Department. The call volume for the month of March was 268 calls more than the calls for March of 2023. Easter weekend 2024 received 181 calls for service in comparison to the Eclipse weekend which received 275 calls for service. April 14th-20th has been declared Public Safety Telecommunicators Week per Governor Abbott.

No action or discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.

Rusty Simmons presented the plat for The Ranches at Prairie Ridge. The new subdivision will be located on the East side of the County off of County Road 414 and County Road 431. All of the lots are 10.01 or greater. Commissioner Curry made a motion to accept the Plat and Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The court accepted the Plat by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The court took action on appointing two members of the Commissioners Court to work on the Committee for Law Enforcement Contract. Commissioner Curry made a motion to appoint Judge Yates and Commissioner Wagner and Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The court approved the appointment of Judge Yates and Commissioner Wagner to serve on the Committee for the Law Enforcement contract between the City of Hamilton and the County of Hamilton with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates and Commissioner Wagner abstained.

The court took action on adopting the proposed Hamilton County Investment policy. Commissioner Clary made the motion to accept and Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion. The court approved the proposed Hamilton County Investment policy by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Commissioners court took action on Appointing Judge Yates, Debbie Rudolph, Janie Stanosch and Mariah Whitehead as the points of contact for TAC County Information

Resources Agency (CIRA), Hamilton County e-mail system. Commissioner Clary made the motion and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The court approved Judge Yates, Debbie Rudolph, Janie Stanosch and Mariah Whitehead as the points of contact for CIRA by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Discussion on the FY 2023-2024 Budget:

not positive if you wanted this information in the minutes or not*

- a. Commissioner Huggins briefed the court about possibly needing more funds to repair damages caused by flood waters.*
- b. Commissioner Clary believes the Commissioners Court should call a Workshop to discuss the financial details of the Law Enforcement Contract on Tuesday, April 16th at 9:00 am in the Annex building in order to be prepared to take action in the next regularly scheduled Commissioners Court meeting.*

Adjourned at 9:37 am



James Yates

James Yates
Hamilton County Judge

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Hamilton County Clerk