

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Curry, 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. \$637.00 from 010-562-4640, Towers repair & Maintenance to 010-562-4826, Insurance, Property and Dispatch for Property Insurance (Risk Management)**
- b. \$1,100.00 from 021-612-5720, Contingency to 021-612-3360 Uniforms for Precinct One uniforms**
- c. \$1,100.00 from 010-680-5700, Capital to 010-409-3100 Non-Departmental for Six Spokes laser desk plaques**
- d. \$1,250.00 from 024-615-5720, Contingency to 024-615-4828 Insurance – Mobile Equipment for Property Insurance for equipment**
- e. \$984.26 from 023-614-1090, Temporary Employee and \$265.74 from 023-614-4250, Schools and Conferences to 023-614-4828 Insurance – Mobile Equipment for Precinct Three Property Insurance for equipment**
- f. \$20,000.00 from 021-612-5720, Contingency to 021-612-3500 Road Material for Precinct One Road Materials.**
- g. \$20,000.00 from 024-615-5720, Contingency to 024-615-1090, Temporary Employee for a New Hire position employee in Precinct Four.**

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 April 22nd, April 23rd and April 30, 2025***
- b. Approve Departmental Reports***
- c. In-Between Expense Report in the amount of \$5,962.52***
- d. Expense Register in the amount of \$143,494.55***
- e. Payroll in the amount of \$85,279.92***
- f. No Culvert Applications***
- g. Building and Use Request from Hamilton County Youth Athletics Association to use the parking lot for a for a Fundraiser – Fish Fry Saturday, May 31, 2025, 8:00am – 4:00pm.***
- h. Bonds – Courtney Renfro, Deputy Sheriff and Sixto Rocha, Deputy Sheriff***

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.

No Hamilton County Personnel Update.

No Hamilton County Treasurer's Report.

No Hamilton County Investment Report.

Hamilton County Facilities Report:

The area around the old Tower site have been cleaned up and Commissioner Clary suggested building 10x10 enclosures around the guidewires in order to protect them from damages. Judge Yates received a bid to replace the damaged shingles caused by a previous hail storm on the Courthouse roof and will be seeking other bids as well as speaking to the Historical Commission in regards to possibly replacing the shingled roof with a metal roof.

Communications Update:

The Communications Department answered 2,641 calls for Service in April which is 217 more calls than April of 2024. 419 of the calls were for 911. The National Average time to answer a 911 call is 7 seconds, Hamilton's answer time is 4 seconds, well below the National average. The Repeater in Hico has gone down twice within the past week but there were no communication or interruption for dispatch services. CTCOG is sponsoring Lacy Alexander to become a CPR certified instructor. Law Enforcement and employees will be able to obtain their CPR certificates through instruction from Lacy moving forward.

Law Enforcement Update:

104 - Reports Written

Arrests - 23; 8 Felony and 15 Misdemeanor

Traffic Stops – 307 resulting in 142 cited violations and 168 warnings

Bailiff – 5 days for a total of 10 hours

Civil Process – Served 23 Civil Process Cases

Total Calls for Service Answered 1,029

Drug Seizure – under 2oz of Marijuana and less than 4g of Amphetamines seized.

Deputy Jamie Fry and Deputy Micah Looke were promoted to Sargent.

No discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.

The current printer at the Sheriff's Department and Jail is an older model that parts and toner may not be available to obtain much longer. The current contract for the printer expires next month. The new 5-year Ricoh copier/ printer for the Sheriff's Department and the Jail will increase the monthly fee by \$16.00. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion for the Sheriff's Department to enter into a new contract with Ricoh. The Court approved the new printer/copiers with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court took action with a 4-0 vote on the approval for Hamilton County to request Bank Depository Bids. Commissioner Wagner made the motion to approve and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The County will post the notice in the newspaper for three weeks.

Rachel Geeslin, Hamilton County Clerk, notified the Court of an increase in OSSF Septic Permit fees. The new fees are as follows:

Commercial System = \$550.00

Aerobic System = \$450.00

Conventional System = \$350.00

Re-Inspection Fee = \$100.00

Janie Stanosch, Hamilton County Auditor, provided the Court with the Texas Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax, Motor Vehicle seller financed sales tax and Texas emissions reduction plan surcharge collection from "Received tax Commission" from the Texas

Comptroller of Accounts. The tax revenue amount received is \$48,049.79 and will go into the General Fund.

The Court discussed the acceptance of Donations to the Sheriff's Department for a Drone program. The Sheriff's Department received a generous \$25,000.00 with specific instructions of implementing a Drone program. The donation will provide for four Drones and two drone pilots with no extended to the tax payers. Treasurer Tonya Cox requests that all donations be made in the form of a check. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the acceptance of the donation to the Sheriff's Department for the Drone program with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Sheriff's Department received another donation in the amount of \$25,000.00 for a Taser and Officer Safety Program. Tasers are only offered in a 5-year program, the donation would cover the first two years of the Taser program and then the Sheriff's Department would need to add the Taser Program into their budget the remaining three years. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Departments acceptance of the donation and Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the acceptance of the donation to the Sheriff's Department for the Taser program with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court discussed the ADA Coordinator position needed before required compliance in 2027. Treasurer Tonya Cox has spoken to the Court and agreed to take the required certifications required in order to fill the position. Mrs. Cox feels that Carl Taylor should also be involved in order to assist her with the manual labor possibly needed at times. Commissioner Clary made a motion to appoint Tonya Cox as the Hamilton County ADA Compliance Coordinator followed by Commissioner Curry that seconded the motion. The Court approved Tonya Cox as the Hamilton County ADA Coordinator with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Doug McClure with Biz Protech provided a brief over view on the future upgrades to the Commissioners Auxiliary Courtroom. The Court discussed options such as having a tv on a cart or actually mounting them to the walls; discussion on internet and wireless connections, securing the future equipment and the ability to "add on" more computers or equipment as needed. Biz Protech will rework the quote and provided to the Court at a later date.

The contract with Motorola for telecommunications Equipment will be discussed on a future agenda.

Workshop for FEMA/TDEM will be held Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

There was no discussion or action taken on the Hamilton County Phase II Communications Tower – Motorola, subcontractors. This will be addressed on a future agenda.

Adjourned at 10:13 am

County Judge



Attest:

County Clerk

Rachel Geeslin

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