

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Special Session

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioner Keith Curry, Commissioner Johnny Wagner, Commissioner Dickey Clary and Commissioner Loyd Huggins. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Judge Yates led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

Budget Adjustments:

- \$500.00 from 010-510-4500, Equipment Repair to 010-450-3100, Supplies for the District Clerks office.*
- \$10,000.00 from 022-613-1520, Road Hand 2 to 022-613-5700, Capital for the purchase of a work truck/18 wheeler in Precinct 2.*
- \$4,000.00 from 010-510-4640, Repairs & Maintenance to 010-409-4010, Audit for the FY 2024 Audit progress bill.*
- \$7,500.00 from 010-409-4740, IT Services and \$3,000.00 from 010-409-4800, Insurance Bond to 010-409-4060, Appraisal District for the 2024 4th quarter payment shortage.*

Commissioner Huggins made the motion to approve the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) 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 approved the following Consent Agenda:

- Payroll summary in the amount of \$71,846.15*

Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved the Consent Agenda as presented with a 4-0 vote; Judge Yates abstained.

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

Sheriff Justin Caraway submitted his letter of resignation to the Court. Caraway's tenure will end at 8:00 am on October 1, 2024.

The Court discussed the need to sign up for split billing on Retiree's Insurance due to the County not receiving the reimbursements in a timely manner. The County will pay their portion of the insurance and the Retiree will be billed directly for their portion of the insurance. The new split billing process will begin on January 1, 2025. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve and Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion. The Court approved the split billing for Retirees with a 4-0 vote; Judge Yates abstained.

Judge Yates provide the facilities update stating that the broken A/C unit in the Annex building was replaced on September 16, 2024.

Lacy Alexander provided the Court with a Communications Department update. Lacy stated that the electricians have replaced the straight wire with stranded wire on the generator so now it is fixed correctly. The Communications Department hired a new employee that started on September 16, 2024 and now there are only two positions left to fill.

Lacy Alexander received the prorated quote back from Kologik SaaS Solutions and stated the cost for the first year would be \$6,376.00.

The Court discussed the Law Enforcement personnel. Due to Justin Caraways resignation on October 1, 2024, there will be a vacancy in the Sheriff's Department. The Commissioners Court appointed Sheriff Elect, Brad Boulton, to begin his term on October 1, 2024. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve and Commissioner Huggins followed with a second. The Court accepted Caraway's resignation and Appointed Brad Boulton by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Budget Workshop FY 2024-2025:

The Commissioners Court review each line on the Proposed budget and made the following changes in the Proposed Budget that it considers warranted by law and required in the best interest of the Taxpayers.

- *County Judge – 010-400-1200, FEMA Salary Supplement - \$20,000.00*
- *County Judge – 010-400-2010, FICA Taxes - \$10,011.00*
- *County Judge – 010-400-2030, County Retirement - \$13,087.00*
- *Justice of the Peace Pct. 1 – 010-455-4300, Jury - \$2,500.00*
- *County Auditor – 010-495-1160, FEMA Salary Supplement - \$5,000.00*
- *County Auditor – 010-495-2010, FICA Taxes - \$9,428.00*
- *County Auditor – 010-495-2030, County Retirement - \$12,524.00*
- *Sheriff Department – 010-560-4720, Software Maintenance - \$22,000.00*
- *County Jail – 010-561-4720, Software Maintenance - \$11,000.00*
- *Communications Dept. – 010-562-1200, FEMA Salary Supplement - \$5,000.00*
- *Communications Dept. – 010-562-2010, FICA Taxes - \$31,147.00*

- *Communications Dept. – 010-562-2030, County Retirement - \$40,715.00*
- *Communications Dept. – 010-562-4300, Tower Ground Maintenance - \$5,000.00*
- *Communications Dept. – 010-562-4720, Software Maintenance - \$30,500.00*
- *Precinct 1 – 021-612-5720, Contingency - \$125,000.00*
- *Precinct 2 – 022-613-5720, Contingency - \$140,000.00*
- *Precinct 4 – 024-615-5720, Contingency - \$200,000.00*

Commissioner Clary made the motion to accept the changes made by the Court and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved the changes from the Proposed Budget to the Adopted Budget with a 3-0 vote; Judge Yates and Commissioner Huggins abstained.

The Record Vote to Adopt the Budget:

*Judge Yates – Yes
 Commissioner Wagner – Yes
 Commissioner Curry – Yes
 Commissioner Huggins – Yes
 Commissioner Clary – Yes*

The Record Vote to Adopt the Tax Rate of .4300 for FY 2024-2025:

*Judge Yates – Yes
 Commissioner Wagner – Yes
 Commissioner Curry – Yes
 Commissioner Huggins – Yes
 Commissioner Clary – Yes*

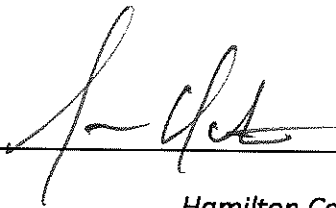
The Court recessed at 9:36 am

The Court reconvened at 10:04 am

FEMA discussions began at 10:05 am

The Commissioners met with Mike Bell from FEMA and Matthew Weeks with TEDM for a question-and-answer session. The Commissioners Court discussed the most efficient manner to submit the Damage Inventory Reports as well as reviewed the processes of reimbursement to the County. The deadline for submission of the damage Inventory is this coming Friday.

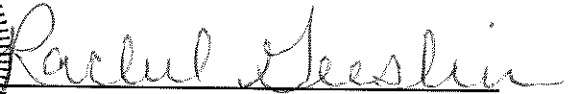
The Court adjourned at 11:00 am



Hamilton County Judge

Judge James Yates





Hamilton County Clerk