

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, May 28, 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. Commissioner Clary led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

There were no Open Comments.

There were several Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) to consider:

- a. Precinct 4 is requesting \$6,000.00 from 024-615-1090, Temporary Employee to 024-615-3500, Road & Material and Supplies and for \$14,000.00 from 024-615-3600, Contract Services to 024-615-3500, Road Material and Supplies. This Budget Adjustment (L.I.T.) is requested to pau for the hiring of a motor grader to help repair flood damage to Precinct 4 roads.*
- b. Precinct 2 is requesting \$8,000.00 from 022-613-3300, Fuel & Oil to 022-613-3500, Road Materials. Precinct 2 is requesting this Budget Adjustment (L.I.T.) for repairs from the flood damage.*
- c. Precinct 3 is requesting \$2,500.00 from 023-614-5710, Non - Capital to 023-614-4500, Equipment Repair and Maintenance.*
- d. The Sheriff's Department is requesting \$1,000.00 from 010-560-3120, Weapons & Ammo; \$4,000.00 from 010-560-4720, Software Maintenance to 010-560-4540, Vehicle Repair & Maintenance for the Sheriff's Department truck repair.*

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) and Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes from May 14, 2024 and May 17, 2024.*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Expense Register in the amount of \$47,582.60*

- d. *Certificates of Continuing Education for: Lacy Alexander, Pipeline Emergency Response and Damage Prevention, Certificate of Completion Evacuation Trage team Training. Tonya Cox; Hamilton County Treasurer 2024 Certificate of Compliance Continuing Education.*
- e. *No Culvert Applications to Consider*
- f. *No Building and Use Requests to consider.*
- g. *Bonds – Tuwana Quigg, Deputy Court Clerk for Justice of the Peace and Alejandra Moncada, Deputy County Clerk.*

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Consent Agenda by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Hamilton County Payroll Personnel update:

- a. *Holly Bailey (Tax Accessors Office) Resignation as of May 24, 2024.*
- b. *Mariah Whitehead (County Clerks' Office) Resignation as of May 31, 2024.*
- c. *Position Change – Stephanie Guthrie (Tax Accessors Office) – Chief Deputy as of May 27, 2024.*

No Hamilton County Treasurer's Report.

No Hamilton County Investment Report.

Commissioner Clary spoke briefly about the Hamilton County Facilities update, stating that all the work that Precinct #4 had completed on the previous flood damaged roads have basically just been washed down the creek with the last round of flooding. The county roads needing repairs due to flood damages extend to every corner of Hamilton County and will take quite a while to be repaired.

Linda Goodwin provided an update for the Communications Department. The I-Stat and P-Stat have been submitted to the state, Hamilton County is currently in the "cue" waiting to hear back from FEMA in regards to flood damage assistance. Linda Goodwin also stated to the court that the Communications Department did not have any power outages, loss of electricity or downtime throughout the past few storm events.

No action on the Burn Ban. There is no Burn Ban for Hamilton County at this time.

Agenda item #14, Acceptance of Form/Resolution for the continuation of waiver of payments in Lieu of Taxes for the Hico Housing Authority, will be moved to a future agenda in order to gather more information.

Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the 8% increase from the Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool. Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The previous amount for an individual was \$778.50 and is increasing to \$840.78. The Commissioners Court approved the 8% increase to TAC Health and Benefits Pool by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

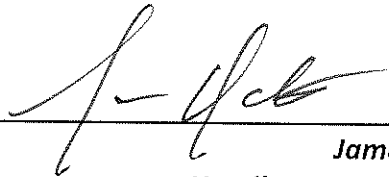
The Court discussed a list of city police department vehicles that the county might consider purchasing. No decisions were made or action taken at this time.

Continued conversation with the Commissioners Court in regards to the damages caused by the recent storms. The required documentation has been submitted to the state in hopes of receiving FEMA assistance. The Commissioners agreed that due to the scope of repairs needed that no significant repairs will be able to be completed without receiving outside funding and assistance.

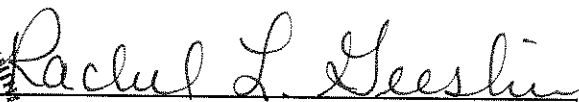
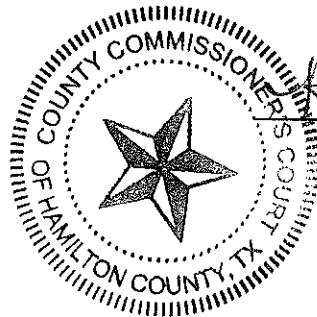
In the current 2023-2024 FY Budget there is \$305,000.00 in the Road & Bridge Fund. The Commissioners are allocating \$25,000.00 for precincts 1, 2 & 4 in order to get started on the road repair projects. Once the Commissioners have received Bids for the road and bridge damages the court will revisit the allocation of the remaining funds into the Precincts.

No discussion on the FY 2024-2025 Budget Workshop.

Adjourned at 9:35 am.



James Yates
Hamilton County Judge



Rachel L. Geeslin
Hamilton County Clerk