

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Keith Curry, Commissioner Dickey Clary and Commissioner Loyd Huggins. Commissioner Clary called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Commissioner Huggins led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

No Open Comments.

Commissioner Clary administered the official swearing in of County Commissioner Elect, Precinct 3, David Ogle effective January 1, 2025.

Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.):

- 1. \$30,000.00 from Contingency to Road Materials for Precinct 1 in order to continue working on flood damaged roads.*

Commissioner Wagner 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.) with a 4-0 vote.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve the minutes from November 26, 2024*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Bills in the amount of \$134,492.23*
- d. Payroll in the amount of \$80,451.48*
- e. No Certificates of Continuing Education*
- f. Building and Use Requests:*
 - 1. Ratify use of the East side of the Courthouse for Hamilton Bulldog send off on November 29, 2024.*
 - 2. Ratify Johnny Clepper using the Southwest lawn area of the Courthouse for the Nativity scene.*

Commissioner Huggins made a motion to ratify the Building Use and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court ratified the use with a 4-0 vote.

g. Bonds – Warren Dean Hartley, Deputy Sheriff and David Ogle, County Commissioner Precinct 3.

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion. The Court approved the Consent Agenda as presented with a 4-0 vote.

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

Michael Lewis- New Hire, Full Time, Sheriff's Department

Aaron Goodman-New Hire, Full Time, Sheriff's Department

No Hamilton County Treasurer's Report provided.

No Hamilton County Investment Report provided.

No Hamilton County Facilities Report provided.

TxDOT Statewide Radio Coordinator Gordon Harkey spoke to the court concerning the county upgrades to our communications equipment. He also spoke about a program that the county could enter into with TxDOT to improve interoperability when outside the county and future maintenance cost savings.

Lacy Alexander provided an update for the Communications Department. Communications has received over 17,000 calls for service this year which puts them on track to exceed last years calls for service. The Communications Department only has one vacancy at this time and Lacy stated that everything is running smoothly.

Chief Deputy Ronald Schmidt provided an update for the Sheriff's Department. The month of November the Sheriff's Department had:

59 Reports

6 Arrests

296 Traffic Stops resulting in 143 Citations

15 Hours Bailiff

24 Civil Processes

932 Calls for Service

Less than 2 ounces of drug seizures

No discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.

The Commissioners Court congratulated the Sheriff's Department staff on working so diligently on the Hamilton County Jail. The Sheriff's Department has brought the jail up to the required Jails Standards and received a Certificate of Compliance.

Deputy Keith Kraatz presented a Memorandum of Understanding between Bosque County and Hamilton County for law Enforcement cooperation. Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Bosque County and Hamilton County for Law Enforcement Cooperation with a 4-0 vote.

The Commissioners Court took action with a 4-0 vote on approving the Motorola Solutions for the Sheriff's Department vehicles and Officers equipment. The Sheriff's Department will receive five new body cams and five new car cameras. Commissioner Huggins made the motion, followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion.

Codi McCarn with the Hamilton Appraisal District presented a proposed Assessment and Collection Agreement with Hamilton Central Appraisal District and Hamilton County. The previous Agreement was from 1997. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the agreement and Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion. The Court approved the Assessment and Collection Agreement with a 4-0 vote.

Shane Curington a representative with KCLW requested possible placement of KCLW on the County tower from the Court. KCLW will hire a certified professional to inspect the tower for viability at no cost to the County. Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve KCLW hiring a certified professional to inspect the tower for viability and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the motion with a 4-0 vote.

Hamilton County Extension Office requested an office copier upgrade. Commissioner Huggins made the motion to approve and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved the Extension Offices request for a copier upgrade with a 4-0 vote.

The Court recessed at 9:52

Court in Executive Session at 10:05

Executive Session concluded at 10:20 am

Court back in Regular Session at 10:25 am.

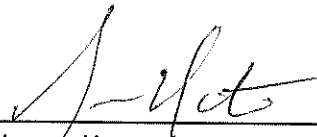
The Court discussed an extension to the Motorola Firm Price proposal for P25 Digital and Analog Conventional Simulcast System. The extension will lock will lock in the price until the County can secure financing. Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the extension and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Court approved the extension to the Motorola Firm Price Proposal with a 4-0 vote.

The Court recessed at 10:26 am

The Court reconvened at 1:00 pm


The Commissioners Court met with representatives from FEMA and TDEM to discuss the discrepancies between the ditch and road material calculations the Commissioners submitted in comparison to the calculations FEMA is using. Commissioner Clary also expressed concern about the road miles being used by FEMA being different from known/measured road lengths. The difference in calculations will have a huge financial impact on Hamilton County. Commissioners Huggins and Commissioner Clary will meet with FEMA and TDEM representatives on Monday, December 16, 2024 for scope of work negotiations. The next scheduled FEMA meeting will be held January 14, 2024 at 1:00 pm.

Adjourned at 1:48 pm



Judge James Yates

Attest:


County Clerk