

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Friday, December 20, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Friday, December 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioner Dickey Clary and Commissioner Johnny Wagner. 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.

There were no Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) at this time.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Minutes from December 9, 2024*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Expense Register in the amount of \$40,181.29*
- d. Payroll in the amount of \$95,024.87*
- e. No Certificates of Continuing Education*
- f. No Building and Use Requests*
- g. No Culvert Applications*
- h. Bonds for Michael Lewis and Aaron Goodman with the Sheriff's Department*

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Consent Agenda with a 3-0 vote.

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

Stephen Carlson with the Communications Department – Resignation

Hamilton County Treasurer's Report:

Tonya Cox notified the Commissioners Court that effective January 1, 2025 the milage reimbursement will increase from \$.67 up to \$.70. Overtime for this last payroll had a total of 8 hours overtime paid in the amount of \$213.12. Tonya also updated the Court stating that we are almost at 100% completion for the required annual Cyber Security completion.

Cash on Hand in the amount of \$2,101,995.65 and Investments in the amount of \$1,940,023.05

No Hamilton County Investment Report provided.

No Hamilton County Facilities Update provided.

Lacy Alexander provided the Communications Department update stating they had their quarterly staff meeting this week and all is going well in that department. The Communications Department still has one vacancy to fill but no applicants at this time.

Keith Kraatz provided the Law Enforcement update for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. Officers Lewis and Goodman, new hires, will be starting at the Academy January 13, 2025. The Sheriff's Departments Cope and Claus event was very successful. The Sheriff's Department was able to donate 24 bicycles along with hundreds of gifts to area children.

There was no discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.

The Commissioners Court considered proposals for USDA Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense Plan and Community Wildfire Defense Grant. Langford was the only proposal received. Kevin Coleman with Langford answered various questions from the Court which will be covered more in depth after the first of the year during the scope of work meetings. The USDA Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense Plan and Community Wildfire Defense Grant is a reimbursement grant that promises to reimburse funds within 30 days of receipt submission. Commissioner Clary made a motion to engage Langford to assist Hamilton County with the scope of work for the USDA Forest Service Community Wildfire Defense Plan and Community Wildfire Defense Grant. Langford will prepare a contract for the Commissioners to review and set meetings for the month of January to discuss all the variables with this grant. Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion and the Court approved Langford to assist with the grant by a 3-0 vote.

The Commissioners Court discussed the manner in which donations for the Sheriff's Department should be received. Janie, Hamilton County Auditor, has created a new GL number in order to deposit and cash donations for the Sheriff's Department which will allow the Sheriff's Department to use the donated funds yet still have a paper trail of the donations.

The Commissioner's Court was presented with the resignation of District Clerk Sandy Layhew, effective end of day on December 31, 2024. Commissioner Clary reluctantly made a motion to accept and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court accepted the resignation of Sady Layhew with a 3-0 vote.

The appointment of Angela Tubbs as Hamilton County District Clerk was presented to the Court. Commissioner Clary made a motion to accept the appointment followed by Commissioner

Wagner that seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the appointment of Angela Tubbs to serve as Hamilton County District Clerk effective January 1, 2025 with a 3-0 vote.


Recessed at 9:53 am

The Commissioners Court went into Executive Session to discuss contractual documents required for FEMA at 10:00 am.

Executive Session ended at 10:05 am


The Court Reconvened at 10:05 am

Adjourned at 10:06 am



Judge James Yates

Attest:



County Clerk