

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioner Johnny Wagner and Commissioner Dickie Clary. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Commissioner Wagner led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

Open Comments:

Richard Layne spoke to the Court in regards to the statements made by previous Commissioners during the June 11, 2024 Regular Session Commissioners Court. Mr. Layne does not believe the Unit System is beneficial to Hamilton County for financial reasons. Mr. Layne also complimented the Commissioners in their ability to all work together as a team and help each other regardless of which precinct is in need of help. Mr. Layne commended the Commissioners for their road maintenance, stating he believes the Commissioners and the Road Hands are doing the best they can considering the severe drought over the past 2 years and then the May flooding.

Renee French spoke on behalf of the Hamilton Public Library explaining many of the amenities they offer and praising the library staff for their positive and helpful demeanor to all visitors of Hamilton Public Library. Ms. French asked the court to consider fully funding the Hamilton Public Library while in the budgeting process for FY 2024-2025. Mrs. French also addressed the court as a tax payer/citizen of the County asking that County Road 203, a paved county road, receive some maintenance in order to protect the integrity of the paved road, Mrs. French stated that there is grass growing through the cracks of the pavement and the asphalt are crumbling on the edges of the road and being washed away.

Jim Eidson with Hamilton County Historical Commission spoke to the Court about a recorded oral history project where the Historical Commission interviewed elder members of Hamilton County that lived through the Dust Bowl. Those oral history recordings can be located found at www.historicalcommission.org. The post production project cost is \$2,000.00. The Hamilton Historical Commission is asking the Commissioner Court to pay the post production cost.

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

- *\$1,500.00 from 101-370-450, Jury Supplement to 010-435-4300, Jury for the District Clerk's office for Grand Jury Juror Funds.*
- *\$6,571.00 from 010-562-4720, Software Maintenance to 010-560-4720, Sheriff's Department Software Maintenance to pay the invoice for Kologik.*
- *\$200,000.00 from 020-611-5720, Contingency divided into each of the Commissioner precincts. \$50,000.00 to 021-612-5720, Contingency; \$50,000.00 to 022-613-5720, Contingency; \$50,000.00 to 023-614-5720 Contingency; \$50,000.00 to 024-615-5720, Contingency for Road repair, Disaster (DR4781).*
- *\$100,000.00 from 020-611-5500, Bridge Replacement to 022-613-5720, Precinct #2 Contingency for Road Repair Disaster (DR4781)*
- *\$2,363.00 from 010-409-5720, Contingency to 010-476-4720, DA Maintenance Software for the NetData Annual Software Maintenance.*
- *\$9,000.00 from 023-614-5720, Contingency to 023-614-3600, Contract Services for the road blading of County Roads 210, 211, 213, 215, 216, 217, 218, and 222.*
- *\$2,000.00 from 023-614-1090, Temporary Employee to 023-614-1030, Personnel Salaries for Precinct #3.*
- *\$13,357.17 from 010-560-5700, Capital to 010-680-5700, Capital for the vehicle settlement for the Sheriff's Department Dodge Charger.*
- *\$25,000.00 from 024-615-5720, Contingency to 024-615-3500, Road Materials and Supplies for blading work and flood repairs.*
- *\$19,855.00 from 010-680-5700, Capital to 010-409-4060, Appraisal District for the 3rd Quarter Appraisal District payment allotment.*

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) as presented and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Budget Adjustments with a 3-0 vote.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes from previous Commissioner's Court Meeting, June 11, 2024*
- B. Approve Departmental Reports*
- C. Approve bills submitted for payment*
- D. Payroll in the amount of \$68,897.10*
- E. Expenses Register in the amount of \$124,572.31*
- F. Building and Use Request for the Hamilton Police Department to use the parking lot surrounding the Hamilton Courthouse on October 1, 2024 from*

5:00pm-9:00pm for National Night Out. The Hamilton Chamber of Commerce is requesting the use of the east side of the Hamilton Courthouse in for July 4, 2024 from 8:am-11:00am for the reading of the Declaration of Independence.

- G. Bonds – Stephanie Guthrie, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector; Alejandra Moncada, Chief Deputy County Clerk; Kristen Reid, Deputy County Clerk*

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

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

New Hire – Jenny Chapman (TAC) June 17, 2024

Thomas Alman (Pct. 3) Part Time June 17, 2024

Position Changes – County Clerk’s Office

Alejandra Moncada – Deputy Clerk to Chief Deputy Clerk (6/22/24)

Kristen Reid – Part Time to Deputy Clerk (6/22/24)

There was no Treasurer’s Report at this time.

There was no Investment Report at this time.

There was no Facilities Update.

There was not a Communications Update provided at this time.

No action on the Burn Ban at this time.

Hamilton Child Protective Services representative, Renee French, introduced the newest board member, Carla Tarpley. Renee French also thanked the Court for their continuing support of the Child Protective Services program.

Jim Edison with the Hamilton County Historical Commission discussed the video development project and asked the Commissioners Court to pay the \$2,000.00 invoice from Heritage & Pine Surveying, LLC. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the payment and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The approval to pay the \$2,000.00 invoice was approved by a 3-0 vote.

Nancy Diaz with the Hamilton Public Library reminded the Court of the services the Hamilton Public Library provides to the community and expressed her concern about the financial duress the library will be facing without the counties support. Mrs. Diaz again asked the Commissioners Court to consider fully funding the Hamilton Public Library in the upcoming budgeting process. Mrs. Diaz did not provide a financial report at this time.

The Commissioner's Court was presented with the Pitney Bowes State & Local Fair Market Value Lease Agreement for the new Postage Machine. The new postage machine will be \$170.83 for the first 60 months which is an increase of \$12.00 and will be paid Quarterly. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Agreement and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Commissioner's Court approved the Agreement for the new postage machine with a 3-0 vote.

The Court was presented with the form SLR 512 Records Management policy and Declaration of Compliance with the Texas State Library & Archives Commission. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve and Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The Court approved the annual SLR Records Management Policy Declaration of Compliance Agreement with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission with a 3-0 vote.

The 2025 Sheriff's and Constable Fees were presented to the Commissioners Court for approval. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the fees as presented and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Sheriff's and Constable Fees with a 3-0 vote. The new fees will take effect October 1, 2024.

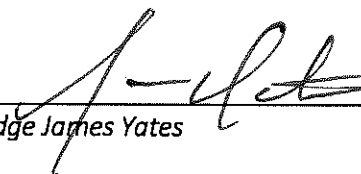
There was no discussion on the Law Enforcement Contract at this time.

Discussion on the May Flooding Disaster Recovery (DR4781) Texas Severe Storms began at 9:38am. Lacy updated the court on the Application process for FEMA stating that the deadline for submission is August 9, 2024 and that her and Judge Yates are in the currently working on the contract submission. Coryell County will be holding a Public Meeting with the USDA for local Farmers and Ranchers in order to assist them in receiving assistance for flood damages. FEMA/Disaster Recovery discussions ended at 9:45am.

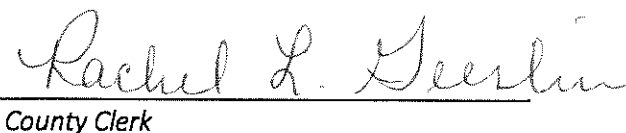
There were no discussions on the allocations of Road and Bridge Funds at this time.

There were no discussions on the FY 2024-2025 Budget Workshop at this time.

Adjourned at 9:50am



Judge James Yates



County Clerk

