Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday July 14, 2020

9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Lloyd Huggins, Dickie Clary and Keith Allen Curry.

Tynes called the meeting to order and quorum was established. Clary led the invocations and Tynes led the pledges.

Maria Weaver from the Hamilton Herald News apologized for the misunderstanding on the tax information. Brenda Ernstes thanked the commissioners for all the work they do for Hamilton County.

- A. Minutes from the previous commissioner court minutes.
- B. Approve departmental reports none submitted
- C. Approve bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$13,448.87 in-between bills in the amount of \$20,405.88 and payroll in the amount of \$51,187.78
- D. Certificates of continuing education-there were none
- E. Application(s) for culvert installation-There was an amendment to an earlier application in Pct. 3
- F. Building use & request-None Submitted

Clary made the motion and Huggins seconded the approval of the line item transfers. The motion passed unanimously.

There was one resignation in communications Ashley Benningfeild as of July 4, 2020; Tonya Cox, Chief Deputy District Clerk resigned as of July 10, 2020 and Clayton Paschal, Road hand for Pct. 4, terminated as of July 10, 2020.

Clary has started looking into courthouse window repair costs.

Wagner made the motion and Clary seconded the approval of the treasurer's report. Hamilton County Treasurer, Shawna Dyer, stated that the total cash on hand for April was \$1,628,443.98 and total investments were \$2,347,682.40. For May total cash on hand was \$1,677,422.24 and the total investments were \$2,347,689.07. The motion carried unanimously.

Tynes made the motion and Huggins seconded the acceptance of donations from the Fort Worth Police Department that totaled over \$20,000.00 in donations. It provided Hamilton County with cages, light bars, emergency lights, etc. The motion carried unanimously.

Wagner made the motion and Huggins seconded the approval of Pathway to bury cables in Pct. 1 CR 101. The motion passed unanimously.

Huggins made the motion and Curry seconded the HCCAA resolution authorizing a county grant program for year 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Curry made the motion and Clary seconded the Interlocal agreement with Hill County Transit for a transit study to be done. The motion carried unanimously.

Huggins made the motion and Clary seconded the acceptance of motor grater bids and Huggins has chosen to use Cross Timbers and has chosen to finance the motor grater with government capital. The motion carried unanimously.

Huggins estimates \$4000,000.00 to replace the bridge that is on CR203. He does not believe the bridge is essential to people living on CR 203. Due to liabilities he believes the bridge should be removed.

The CPS board welcomed a new member, Brianna Shacklett.

Wagner made the motion and Clary seconded the appointment of James Lively to the Central Counties Services Board of Directors. His term starts September 1, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

Wagner made the motion and Huggins seconded the ratification of the HAVA grant money and it was stated the county would take the contract fee for the new election equipment out of that grant. The motion passed unanimously.

Huggins made the motion and Clary seconded the ratification of the resolution on the reinvestment zone. The motion carried unanimously.

Wagner made the motion and Curry seconded the approval of the burn ban. The motion carried unanimously

Tynes stated that he would look into Howdy Enterprise for the pricing of dumpsters as the county is currently paying \$175.00 month.

The budget was discussed but no action was taken.

The court went into closed session at 10:45 A.M.