

**Hamilton County Commissioner's Court**

**Regular Session**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Lloyd Huggins, Keith Curry and Dickie Clary. Tynes called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Huggins led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.**

**Sheriff Caraway introduced Chief Deputy Robert Young.**

**There were two line-item transfers:**

- A. \$300 from Courthouse Telephone Expense to Hog Abatement**
- B. \$6,000 from Courthouse Repairs to Supplies (Recycle Center)**

**Huggins made the motion to approve the line-item transfers, and Curry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**The Court discussed the following consent agenda:**

- A. Minutes from previous Commissioner's Court meetings**
- B. Approve Departmental reports**
- C. Approve bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$207,173.92, payroll in the amount of \$72,560.65**
- D. Certificates of continuing education – Dyer, Clary, Wagner, Curry, Huggins**
- E. Application(s) for culvert installation – none**
- F. Building and Use Requests**

**CPS Board to put up flags around Courthouse for Child Abuse Awareness Month (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers, Volume 68, Page 229).**

**Hamilton Historical Main Street Project to use Courthouse parking lot, steps, electricity for event in April or May. Joni Hoxey spoke requesting same. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers, Volume 68, Page 230).**

- G. Bonds – Robert Young, Robert Summers (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers, Volume 68, Page 263, 266).**

**The Court voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers, Volume 68, Page 194).**

**Sheriff's department reported the hiring of Robert Young in the position of Chief Deputy Sheriff, effective 3/1/2021; and the termination of Deputy David Viergutz, effective 2/26/2021.**

**Regarding Hamilton County facilities, the Court discussed a hole discovered in the Sheriff's Office generator radiator, and the need for repair. It also discussed the possible need for a transfer tank or overhead fuel tank.**

**Clary moved, and Huggins seconded, a motion to ratify the Interlocal Agreement with the Regional Public Defender (Capital Murder insurance). The motion passed unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers, Volume 68, Page 235).**

***Kent Reeves, CFO, reported on the 2019 Hamilton County audit, explaining several increases and adjustments in revenue and expenditures. He will provide updated documentation. The Court will receive an engagement letter soon for the 2020 audit.***

***The Resolution for SSB234/HB749 was discussed. The Resolution was previously approved pending a change in wording, and will now be signed by the Court and sent to the office of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Shelby Slawson and Dawn Buckingham. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers, Volume 68, Page 254).***

***Vernon Gromatzky spoke regarding HR127, federal legislation concerning gun control. He outlined the bill which would provide for citizens to register all guns and purchase insurance on their guns, and would provide for fines and imprisonment for breaking this proposed law. Gromatzky suggested Hamilton County follow Refugio County in becoming a "sanctuary" county in order to secure Second Amendment rights. The Court agreed to draft a Resolution which would notify our representatives that Hamilton County opposed the bill, and any bill with similar language, but did not agree to become a sanctuary county.***

***No action was taken on FEMA Individual Assistance, Disaster Declaration.***

***No action was taken on the Burn Ban.***

***No action was taken on the CTIF Grant.***

***The Court adjourned at 9:52 a.m.***

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***County Judge***

***Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk***