Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, July 6, 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.

There were no budget adjustments to discuss.

Huggins made a motion to declare the 2000 John Deere 670C Motor grader VIN DW670CX574750 as surplus. Clary seconded and the Court approved the motion unanimously.

The Court discussed repairs and maintenance to the Courthouse and Annex including the scheduling of BellTex for mold removal, possible repairs to the elevator, and the purchase order issued for the automatic door on the east side of the Courthouse.

Hamilton County emergency communications plan is proceeding. Huggins had met with the fire chiefs in a productive meeting. COG agreed to inspect the area for dead spots in communications and an inspection of the tower had been requested. Motorola is preparing their bid for implementation of the new system.

The Court conducted its Budget Workshop and the following budget items were noted and discussed.

- 1. Reimbursements and Fees Retained revenue accounts are to be modified;
- 2. Longevity program will likely change;
- 3. Professional Services will be examined;
- 4. Courthouse Repairs and Maintenance will likely be reduced, as the only issues currently are the air conditioning in the Courtroom and roof repair to both buildings;
- 5. Sheriff's Office
 - a. Looking at Enterprise as a source for patrol vehicles
 - b. Looking at purchasing newer used vehicles to drive maintenance costs down
 - c. Inmate Medical Expense is uncertain

- d. Transport and Housing will likely remain the same
- e. Communications expense is also uncertain
- f. Step-raises for Sheriff's Office employees will not be implemented
- 6. District Court's Court-Appointed Attorney expense will rise
- 7. County Court will look at raising Court-appointed attorney fees
- 8. Senior Center will be operational September 7, 2021, and certain budget items associated with that may be reduced
- 9. All departments must look at budgeting appropriately for each account

The Court then moved into Closed Session.

The Court adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

County Judge

Attest: