

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Lloyd Huggins, Keith Curry and 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.

There were no Open Comments.

There were no Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.)

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes from November 12, 2024 and November 14, 2024*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Payroll in the amount of \$83,146.25 and Expense Register in the amount of \$45,584.07*
- d. No Certificates of Continuing Education*
- e. No Culvert Applications to consider*
- f. Building and Use Request*
 - 1. Hamilton Chamber of Commerce – Christmas on the Square – December 5, 2024*
 - 2. Hamilton Chamber of Commerce – Installation of Christmas lighting for the Courthouse.*
- g. Bonds:*
 - 1. Hannah Powers, Administrative Assistant – Sheriff's Department*
 - 2. Lance Reid Toon, Deputy Sheriff*
 - 3. Tonya Cox, County Treasurer*
 - 4. Johnny Wagner, County Commissioner Precinct 1*
 - 5. Terry Payne Short, Tax Assessor-Collector and Bond to the State of Texas and Bond to the County*
 - 6. Mark C. Henkes, County Attorney*
 - 7. Jason Brad Boulton, County Sheriff*

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Consent agenda with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

*Karla Badillo – New Hire for Communications Department as of November 15, 2024, New Hire
Ronald Craig, Precinct 4, part time*

Resignations - Chance Johnson, Precinct 3, part time and Joe Cathey, Precinct 4, Full time

Hamilton County Treasurers Report:

Tonya Cox provided the Court with an Overtime total for the last two pay periods for the Communications Department. The total overtime hours were 43 hours totaling \$1,136.00 for two pay periods.

No Investment Report provided at this time.

No Hamilton County Facilities Report at this time.

Lacy Alexander provided an update to the Court for the Communications Department. Lacy stated that WFC, the 911 support system, updated the Communications Departments software, mice, keyboards and provided larger monitors as well.

Sheriff Brad Boulton provided a Law Enforcement Update and stated the Hamilton County Jail is now in Compliance for Jail Standards.

The Commissioners discussed the purchase of a vehicle for the Sheriff's Department using the Senate Bill 22 Grant funds. Commissioners Clary suggested transferring the money with a line-item transfer in order to easily track the funds for the new vehicle. Sheriff Boulton stated he has been working with a dealership in Stephenville and has located a 2024 Ford Explorer with the Police Packet for around \$44,043.75. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the purchase and use SB 22 funds for future purchases if Sheriff's Department budgeted funds are exhausted and Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the purchase of a new Sheriff's Department vehicle using the Senate Bill 22 grant funds by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Motorola Firm proposal – P25 Digital and Analog Conventional Simulcast System will be placed on a future Agenda for further discussion.

No action taken on the Sheriff's Office Transformer replacement. This will be placed on a future Agenda for further discussion.

No action taken on the Hamilton Extension Office copier upgrade. This will be placed on a future Agenda for further discussion.

The Commissioners Court discussed the need to change the regularly scheduled Commissioners Court meeting from December 24, 2024 to December 20, 2024 in order to approve payroll and pay end of year bills. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the change of the date of the regularly scheduled Commissioners Court by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Recess at 9:40 am


Reconvene at 9:47 am

May Flooding 2024 – Disaster Recovery (FEMA-DR4781) and or (TDEM) TX Severe Storm Workshop.

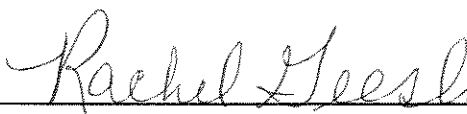
Commissioners Clary has reached out to multiple State Representatives to discuss the ongoing ditch calculation issues with FEMA. Celia Sellers with Shelby Slawson's office joined the meeting today via phone call. The Court discussed the need to contact TEEX, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service or Tammy Warrick, a Civil Engineer, in order to have professional documentation to provide to FEMA.

The next scheduled FEMA meeting will be on December 9, 2024 and 1:00 pm. Several of our State and Local officials and TDEM will be in attendance in support of Hamilton County.

Adjourned at 10:04 am



Judge James Yates Pro-Tem

Attest: 

County Clerk

