Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioner Curry, Commissioner Ogle and Commissioner Clary. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Judge Yates led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

Open Comments:

Lucy Lee addressed the court in regards to the Hamilton County Community Center.

Ms. Lee provided the first Quarter Operations Report to the Court. The Community Center has been open three and a half years and serves an estimated 100-120 meals per day. Usually there are about 20 meals served in person and about 80-85 meals for home delivery. The Community Center has purchased property on Dempster and will have a Ground Breaking Ceremony on Wednesday, June 8, 2025 at 2:00 pm and the public is encouraged to attend.

Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) to consider:

- a. \$10,000.00 from 022-613-5720, Contingency to 022-613-4500, Road & Maintenance Equipment for Precinct 2.
- b. \$10,000.00 from 021-612-5720, Contingency to 021-612-4500, Road & Maintenance Equipment for Precinct 1.
- c. \$572.00 from 010-510-3320, Supplies, Janitorial to 010-562-3100, Supplies for a previous clerical error where the funds were processed under the incorrect department.

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

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve the Minutes from April 8, 2025 and April 9, 2025
- b. Approve Departmental Reports
- c. Approve Bills submitted for payment
- d. Payroll in the amount of \$84,296.92
- e. Expense Register in the amount of \$160,013.06
- f. Approve Certificates of Continuing Education- See Departmental Reports
- g. No Culvert Applications
- h. Building and Use Request St. John's Lutheran Church to request the use of the southwest corner of the Square for Mother's Day BBQ Chicken sale on May 9-10, 2025, Mother's Day weekend.
- i. Bonds Jenny Chapman, Deputy County Tax Assessor, Kristen Reid, Deputy County Clerk and Alejandra Moncada, Deputy County Clerk.

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The Court approved the Consent Agenda with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

New Hire – Andrea Ringnald, Communications – Full Time

Robert Watson, Road Hand Precinct 4, Full Time

Resignations - Carl Musick, Road Hand Precinct 1

Brent Shellnut, Sheriffs Department and Hospital Security

No Hamilton County Treasurer's Report provided at this time.

No Hamilton County Investment Report provided at this time.

No Hamilton County Facilities Report provided at this time.

Communications Department Update:

Lacy Alexander provided an update to the Court stating nine different agencies honored the Communications Department during the Telecommunicators week. Erath County adopted Hamilton and provided goodies and gifts to the dispatchers to show their

appreciation. Mrs. Alexander held their first Fire Chief meeting last Thursday and had a wonderful turnout. The Fire Chief meetings will be held once a Quarter.

Law Enforcement Update:

Sheriff Boulton provided a brief update stating the department is in a good state in regards to employees at this time. The department has three waiting to be hired and two will be graduating the Academy in June.

No discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.

Steve manning from Natural Resources Solutions spoke to the Court about the Flood Management for the Leon River and Cowhouse Creek Flood Mitigation Project. The General Land Office has leftover HUD money from 2015/2016 floods that needs to be allocated to Counties before it has to be allocated back to the Federal Government. There are four components to this project;

- 1. Flood Prediction Model
- 2. Flood Early Warning System
- 3. Ground Water Model (water availability)
- 4. Policy

More information will be provided to the Commissioners Court and further discussion will be had at a future meeting.

Further discussion on fulfilling the position for an ADA Compliance Coordinator for Hamilton County will be held at a future meeting date. The County has until 2027 to be in compliance.

The Commissioners Court discussed various options in regards to updating the Commissioner's Court Auxiliary Courtroom. The Court agreed it would be best to schedule a Workshop at a later date and invite Doug McClure from BizProtec to assist in the details and actual needs of the Auxiliary Courtroom Updates.

No discussion for FEMA-DR4781 and/or TDEM Texas Severe Storm. The FEMA workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 9:30 am in the Commissioner's Court Auxiliary Courtroom.

Workshop for the Communications Tower Phase II; Motorola has requested a virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 10:00 am in order to provide answers to some of the questions the Commissioner's had asked in a previous meeting. Maxine Johnson is the project Manager for the Communications Tower Phase II Project.

Adjourned at 9:58 am

County Judge

Attest:

County Clerk