Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Special Session

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners, David Ogle, Keith Curry, and Dickie Clary. Commissioner Johnny Wagner was absent. Other members from Hamilton County included the Administrative Assistant Debbie Rudolph, Auditor Janie Stanosch, Emergency Management Lacy Alexander, and County Clerk's Chief Deputy Clerk Alejandra Moncada. Members present from FEMA include Mary Bonilla, Donna Jones, Grabiel Rodriguez, Daniella Scott, and Edward Delgado. Members from TDEM included Ronald Reed and Brandi Masterson. Judge Yates called the meeting to order, and a quorum was established. County Judge James Yates led the invocation, but there were no pledges.

Open Comments:

There were no open comments today.

Discuss and action workshop for FEMA-DR4781 and -or (TDEM) Texas Severe Storm

- The County Judge stated that it has been eleven months since the disaster happened, and there has not been any progress with FEMA. He mentioned that Mary Bonilla, the project manager, needs to be replaced since there have been no advancements or improvements. Both Commissioners Clary and Curry also agreed to have Mrs. Bonilla replaced with someone else. However, TDEM has been there for Hamilton County, and there have not been any issues with them.
- Donna Jones told the court that she was recently appointed as the task leader and oversees the project manager. FEMA is going forward, and they already have a plan for the county. She will also review the project on category D for the road, which is going to take a few days.
- Commissioner Clary stated that Precinct 4 worked the day after the storm, which was a Sunday. The crew worked for 12 hours, and they and he wanted to know if that was going to be considered overtime. Mrs. Scott does not believe it will be payable by FEMA. They will look at the County Policy about overtime.

- The judge asked Mrs. Bonilla to contact him or Commissioner Clary about her replacement. He wants an answer on paper or email, so there will be a written statement.
- Commissioner Clary wants to meet with FEMA, TDAM, and the rest of the group in person in Hamilton because he cannot explain his concerns via email.
- Lastly, the county judge and the commissioner are finding a date when everyone can meet. They will send an email; everyone must reply by Monday with their available times and dates.

All was discussed today.

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The court adjourned at 9:55 am.

Judge James Yates