

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 10th, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Allen Curry and Lloyd Huggins. Commissioner Dickie Clary was absent.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established.

Huggins led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the line item transfer resented in the amount of \$2349.75. There were no budget amendments. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 244)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Huggins to approve the following consent agenda:

- A. Minutes of 12/27/2016 Commissioners Court Meeting with the noted changes made
- B. Approve Department Reports (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 257)
- C. Approve Bills Submitted for payment in the amount of \$128,359.38 (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 247)
- D. Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report – Not submitted at this time

The motion carried unanimously.

Hamilton County Auditor passed on a report today. He will give the December Financial Report during the January 24th Commissioner's Court meeting.

A motion was made by Wagner and failed for lack of a second to enforce a Hamilton County burn ban. Tynes did encourage the court to talk to their fire departments to get their perspective on the subject.

The court took no action on agenda item number 11; Proclamation Commemorating Hamilton County School Choice Week.

Tynes opened a discussion on the courthouse telephone system informing the Court of problems in the past 90 days. There is a server for all calls coming to (254)386-1200. Unfortunately, when that server stops working we don't even know if the phone is ringing.

The initial problem with the server happened in late 2016. CenturyLink was able to route all incoming calls to the Judge's office. All calls were then transferred to the appropriate office. During the most recent malfunction CenturyLink did not have the capability to directing incoming calls to one specific office.

A review of recently published phone books revealed that individual County office numbers were not listed. Publishers of each book would be contacted and a request made to list not only the main Courthouse line but all individual offices. The Hamilton Herald News and Hico News Review will be asked to publish all numbers at their earliest convenience. It was also noted that the direct line numbers for all Hamilton County Offices are available on the county website; www.hamiltoncountytexas.org.

Many of the issues that arise with the Justice of the Peace and other County Offices are "time sensitive". Efficient communication is essential to provide quality service. Any other suggestions for a solution to this communication challenge would be welcomed.

The court discussed the fuel bid requirements. Auditor Reeves stated that the fuel bids were going to expire in mid-February. Bid packets will be created and all notices will be published in accordance with State directives.

Mr. Reeves also noted that vendors from outside Hamilton County have also expressed interest and would like to be included in our bid process. He stated that he would talk to each Commissioner and gather additional information before finalizing requirements for fuel bids for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Commissioner Wagner stated that he is not quite ready for the bid packet for the bridge work in Precinct 1. He is finalizing documentation and should have it ready by the next commissioner's court meeting.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Wagner to ratify the sale of 148 John Deere Loader from commissioner precinct 4. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Curry to approve the following deputations: Hamilton County Deputy Clerks Mashell Thompson and Abigail Walton; Hamilton County Deputy District Clerk Isaac Partain; Hamilton County Deputy Tax Assessor-Collectors Susan Foster and Stephanie Hernandez; Hamilton County Justice of the Peace Clerks Joy Stevens and Debbie Hurst; Hamilton County Deputy Sheriffs Ray Miller, Brian Fullbright, John Lake, Paul Stanley, Wayne Nowell and Justin Bergan; Hamilton County Reserve Deputy Sheriff Isaac Partain. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 301)

Tynes opened the discussion about the Hamilton County Hospital District and the Hico Emergency Services District. The county has no direct, day-to-day involvement with either organization but the county does have a legislated responsibility to provide Indigent Healthcare in all areas NOT included in the Hamilton Hospital District.

Chief Appraiser Doyle Roberts (Hamilton County Appraisal District) has identified a "No Man's Land" in Hamilton County. There is an area of the County that is not part of the Hamilton Hospital District or included in the Hico ESD. Thus, taxes are not being collected for either entity.

Since the Commissioner's Court has no jurisdiction over the Hamilton Hospital District or the Hico ESD no action was taken.

Future Agenda Items: Revisit and adopt the public rules of procedure and decorum.

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Curry to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.



Steph F. Bagwell
County Clerk

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County Judge