

**Hamilton County Commissioner's Court**

Regular Session

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Allen Curry, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary.

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.

There were no line item transfer request and/or budget amendments presented.

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

- A. Minutes of 1/10/2017 Commissioners Court Meeting
- B. Approve Department Reports (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 314)
- C. Approve Bills Submitted for payment in the amount of \$60,810.22 and in-between bills in the amount of \$1,212.79 (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 337)
- D. Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 354)

The motion carried unanimously.

Hamilton County Auditor Kent Reeves gave his report for the month of December.

Wagner made a motion and Tynes seconded to implement a burn ban effective Friday, January 27, 2017 and remain in effect for 90 days. The motion failed.

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Huggins to approve the request for sealed bids to repair bridge on CR 101 at the Leon River, Precinct 1 effective immediately. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 365)

Tynes stated that they did have the final packet for the fuel bid requirements and stated that the newspaper should start running an ad in the paper this week. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 383)

There was a discussion on the Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum at meetings of the Hamilton County Commissioner's Court. Tynes stated that the last one was filed on January 26, 2015 and wanted the court to address this matter to make sure everyone was still comfortable with it. No changes were discussed. The court was fine with the one they had in place. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 429)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded Clary to approve the permit request from Tri-Techne, Inc. to install a wooden stub pole and approximately 165' of trenching located on West McCaleb Lane. Wagner stated that this is supposed to improve internet and ban-width. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 394)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve Amendment #3 for Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) project # 14-05. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 398)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Curry to approve the Western Surety Company rider to increase penalty of bond from \$53,000.00 to \$57,000.00 for Tax Assessor-Collector Terry Payne-Short. The increase was due to the amount of money taken in by that office. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 417)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve a contract between Hamilton County District Clerk's Office and Graves Humphries Stahl, LTD (GHS) for collection services on criminal fines and court cost. There was a question about cost to the county and District Clerk Sandy Layhew stated that there was no expense involved. (GHS) charges a 30% collection fee, but it is collected from the defendant. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 426)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded Huggins to accept the proposal from Country Boy's Electric in the amount of \$3,423.00 for new lighting in the Hamilton County Annex which would mostly be for Texas AgriLife. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 421)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded Huggins to ratify the appointment of Coryell County Commissioner Ray Ashby to the Central County Services Board of Directors. The appointment is to fill the remainder of the term of Judge John Firth whose term ends August 31, 2018. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 422)

The court had a discussion about the Certification of Continuing Education requirements. Tynes brought this up because he was approached about bringing them before the Commissioner's Court so that they could be added to the minutes and filed for record in the County Clerk's office. That was they would be made record. Tynes stated that there are no requirements to do so. This is more just an FYI.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to declare an overhead fuel tank that is in possession of precinct 3, which is never used and if the county doesn't need it, as surplus and sell it at an auction. Huggins did state that he knew of an upcoming government entity auction at no charge to the county. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 424)

There were no future agenda items.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.



*Kasha F. Bagwell*  
County Clerk

*[Signature]*  
County Judge