

**Hamilton County Commissioner's Court**

Regular Session

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 @ 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: 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.

Tynes recited a quote from founding father George Washington.

Richard Layne stood in the public comments and thanked the court for letting him have the opportunity to speak. Mr. Layne spoke on the contingency stating that he thinks this is just another method of deficit spending. He said that there were other paths to take instead of going with the contingency fund and he said that he had never seen any money come out of the other side with a contingency. He also stated he had seen a new line item in the juvenile budget for \$1,500.00 that had never been there before for the County Judge. He questioned this because he was under the assumption that there would be no raises given this year. He was wondering if this was a raise or not. Again, he thanked the court for the opportunity to speak.

There were no budget amendments submitted.

There were no line item transfers submitted.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Curry to approve the following consent agenda.

- A. Corrections to the minutes of the June 13, 2017 Commissioner's Court Meeting
- B. Minutes of the 7-11-2017 Commissioner's Court Meeting
- C. Minutes of the 7-25-2017 Commissioner's Court Meeting
- D. Approve Department Reports (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 622)
- E. Approve bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$82,594.70 (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 662)
- F. Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report – Not submitted

The motion carried unanimously.

Hamilton County Auditor Kent Reeves spoke on the new financial package stating that it was coming along really well. That the conversation was still ongoing and everything was going really great.

The court passed on Agenda item #11 concerning the Hamilton County Burn Ban

There were no Certificates of Continuing Education submitted.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the request from Living Hope Outreach Youth Group for use of the Southeast corner of the parking lot for a car wash on August 12, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 674)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Curry to approve the request from the Chamber of Commerce for use of the courthouse steps for the Dove Festival on October 28, 2017 from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 675)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the request from the Chamber of Commerce for use of the courthouse steps for Hamilton Hollydays on November 16, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Christmas on the Square on December 7, 2017 from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 676)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to designate Sheriff Justin Caraway as the Local Rabies Control Authority per request of the Texas Department of State Health Services. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 679)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Coryell County Texas and Hamilton County Texas Regarding Administration of the Performance of Hamilton County's Obligations to Residents of Precinct 3 of Hamilton County and Hamilton County Jail Inmates under the Texas Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 680)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the resolution authorizing county grant to provide home delivery meals to homebound persons in the county who are elderly and/or have disability. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 682)

The court also discussed adding some extra language to the Hamilton County Policy regarding hours worked and overtime. According to the FLSA rules and guidelines Law enforcement can work 86 hours and still get paid their normal hourly wage. The county does not have budgeted. There was also some talk on the jail side with the dispatch/jailers. Tynes asked the court to give this some thought and if anyone on the court had any suggestions to please let him know. They passed on this item and it will be put back on the agenda at a later date.

Tynes adjourned the court at 9:50 A.M. for a brief recess.

The court reconvened at 9:55 A.M. to go into a budget workshop.

Tynes first addressed the court about the contingency fund. He said that if you are for it then vote for it, and if you're against it don't vote for it.

Tynes then explained the new \$1,500.00 line item under the juvenile court section of the budget. He stated that the Human Resources Code Section 152.1031 says that each person on the Juvenile Board shall receive an additional fund of \$1,500.00 compensation to be paid in equal monthly installments from the general fund or any other available fund from the county.

The court also touched on employee salaries, possible new positions, changes to jail/sheriff's office budget, the purchase of a new patrol vehicle for the Sheriff's Office and trying to make more sense of the numbers that are submitted from the appraisal district.

Tynes said that he would like to wait as long as the court could to file the budget. That way they could get a more accurate account of actual revenues and expenditures closer to the end of the fiscal year. The court agreed.

Tynes encouraged the court to keep looking for any alterations or changes that could be made and to please come and talk to him about them.

Tynes adjourned the budget workshop at 11:35 A.M.

W. Mark Tynes

County Judge

Kiesha F. Bagwell

County Clerk