

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

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Regular Session

Tuesday, October 11, 2022


County Clerk, Hamilton Co., Texas

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary. Tynes called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Wagner led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.

There were no budget adjustments to consider.

The Court considered the following consent agenda:

- A. Minutes from previous Commissioner's Court meetings
- B. Approve Departmental reports
- C. Approve bills in the amount of \$58,340.48 for FY22; bills in the amount of \$40,938.48 for FY23; payroll in the amount of \$79,354.15
- D. Certificates of continuing education - None
- E. Application(s) for Culvert - None
- F. Building and Use Request - None
- G. Bonds and Deputations - None

Clary questioned the high fuel bill at the Sheriff's Department and whether the Sheriff had changed the policy on out-of-county commuting. Chief Deputy Partain confirmed that the new policy allowed deputies to take county vehicles only thirty miles outside the county line, and allowed for no personal use. Huggins made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Wagner seconded. The Court approved the consent agenda unanimously.

Mariah Whitehead was hired as temporary deputy clerk, effective 9/19/22; Kendall Scott was hired as dispatcher, effective 9/28/22; Victoria Hazlewood resigned as dispatcher, effective 9/27/22; Clayton Robert resigned as Precinct 2 road hand, effective 10/7/22.

Clary reported that Parsons Roofing is proceeding slowly on the interior damage from the leaking roof.

County Treasurer Cox reported that the County had cash-on-hand of \$1,629,897.47 as of the end of September.

The Court discussed issuing a burn ban. Tynes made the motion to issue a burn ban for 90 days, effective October 14, 2022; Huggins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on Agenda item 12.

The Court discussed participating in the 2023 Indigent Defense Grant Program. CFO Reeves is to represent the County, and the Court is to submit an application for the grant. Clary made the motion to issue a 2023 Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program; Huggins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Clary reported that CTCOG plans to create Private Roads 1241 and 1242, and re-address properties in an effort to avoid confusion for emergency vehicles. Clary made the motion to allow CTCOG to create Private Roads 1241 and 1242; Huggins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Court opened a discussion on the County tax abatement policy. Richard Layne spoke on behalf of 6 citizens who requested the County discontinue all tax abatements. Huggins proposed a series of public meetings to hear from citizens, and to educate citizens regarding the tax abatement policy.

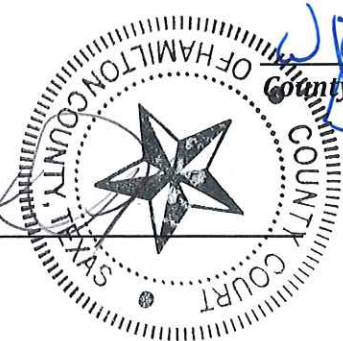
Lacy Alexander updated the Court on the Emergency Communications project. The fire department radios have been programmed. Call stations are functioning. Reimbursements for work stations, generator, and electrical work are expected shortly.

The Court requested that Chief Deputy Partain take steps to conserve electricity at the jail.

The Court adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Attest:

Cyril
County Clerk



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County Judge