

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary. Commissioner Dickie Clary called the meeting to order a quorum was established. Commissioner Wagner led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

Open Comments:

Rachel Geeslin presented to the court all of the Election staffs Certificates of Completion from the Secretary of State.

Hunter Creasy provided the Commissioner s Court with a brief explanation of the Christmas Decorations the Chamber of Commerce is intending on using on the Courthouse and Courthouse lawn beginning in November and removing mid-January.

Maria Weaver from the Hamilton Herald Newspaper asked the court about possibly moving their Commissioner's Court meetings to Mondays instead of Tuesdays due to their publishing deadline being moved up to 3pm on Tuesdays.

There were no Budget Adjustments to consider.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Minutes from the previous Commissioner's Court, October 10, 2023.
- b. No Departmental reports to approve.
- c. Approve bills submitted for payment. No in-between bills to consider. Payroll in the amount of \$66,469.35. Expense register in the amount of \$132,921.61.
- d. Approve Continuing Education Certificates for ES&S Election Equipment Training for Rachel Geeslin, Mariah Whitehead and Alejandra Moncada.
- e. There was one Culvert Application to consider. Mr. & Mrs. Reed at 464 CR 3208, Hico, Precinct #3.
- f. There was one Building and Use request submitted from the Chamber of Commerce for Christmas decorations on the Courthouse and Courthouse lawn from November to Mid-January.
- g. There were several Bonds to approve; Angela Tubbs, Deputy District Clerk, Janie Stanosch, Assistant County Auditor and Brandon Wright, Deputy Sheriff.

Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the Consent agenda and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The court followed with a vote and approved the Consent Agenda with a 4-0 vote.

Hamilton County personnel update:

Amanda Phillips – New Hire
Genda Hankins – Resignation

There were no facilities updates at this time.

Hamilton County Treasurer, Tonya Cox, provided the court with the Treasurer's Report. Tonya stated as of September 30, 2023, the end of FY 2022-2023 the total Cash on Hand is \$347,547.83 and total Investments in the amount of \$3,306,184.14.

Lacy Alexander gave an update on the Communications Department stating that the Towers and Generators have been installed at both locations and they are now preparing to move forward with Phase 2 of the project. The Communications Department still has two employment positions still available.

No action taken on the BURN BAN. The BURN BAN remains in place at this time.

The Vice President of the CPS Board introduced a new Board member; Rockie Heers.

The Court discussed the Application for Tax Abatement by Bogart Holdings RE, LLC and a Resolution Manifesting an Intent to enter into a Tax Abatement Agreement with Bogart Holdings RE, LLC. Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the Resolution for a 5-year, 100 percent abatement and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. Commissioners Clary, Huggins and Curry voted yes and Commissioner Wagner voted against.

The Commissioners court discussed the designated Commissioners Court meetings dates for the 2023-2024 year. The court stated the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex Auxiliary Courtroom shall be the designated dates, time and location for the Commissioners Court to convene. Commissioner L. Huggins made a motion to approve and Commissioner J. Wagner seconded the motion. The court approved the designated meetings dates with a vote of 4-0.

The court considered the following annual Interlocal Agreements with Shive Volunteer Fire Department, Carlton Volunteer Fire Department, Evant Volunteer Fire Department, Star Volunteer Fire Department and Hico Senior Center. J. Wagner made a motion to approve and K. Curry seconded the motion. The court approved the agreements with a 4-0 vote.

Discussion and action taken on the Interlocal Agreement between Hamilton County Precinct #4 and Hamilton ISD to blade the roadway leading to the Ag. Barn on FM 3302. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve and Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion. The court voted to approve the action with a 4-0 vote.

The revised Motor Fuel Package is currently under review by the County Attorney.

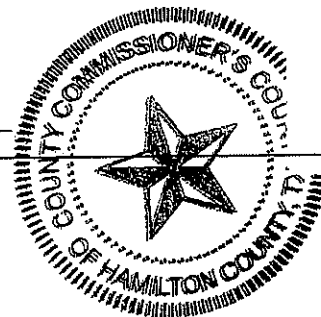
Assistant Auditor addressed the court in regards to the proper protocol for Line-Item Transfers. All requests should go through the approval process in Commissioner's Court before requested monies are transferred.

There was no discussion on the FY 2023-2024 Budget.

Adjourn at 9:38 am

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Attest:

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County Clerk

