Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry, 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 several year-end budget adjustments to consider. Tynes made the motion to approve the budget adjustments, Huggins seconded and the motion passed, with four votes in favor and one vote against.

The Court considered the following consent agenda:

- A. Minutes from previous Commissioner's Court meetings
- B. Approve Departmental reports
- C. Approve payroll in the amount of \$76,660.34, bills in the amount of \$129,437.57, in-between bills in the amounts of \$144.03 and \$630.38, and FY2020-2021 bills in the amount of \$16,551,05
- D. Certificates of continuing education None
- E. Application(s) for culvert Darrell Hingle and Shane Everette, Pre. 4; Wade Nelson and Marwan Isbaih, Pre. 3
- F. Building and Use Request None
- G. Bonds/Deputations None

Clary made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Curry seconded. The Court approved the consent agenda unanimously.

Serena Fernandez, Dispatcher resigned effective October 13, 2024.

The only Hamilton County Facilities issue to discuss was brought by Sheriff Caraway. Problems are occurring with prisoner housing in surrounding counties, as other counties are at maximum capacity. One solution would be paying another county in advance for a prisoner bed(s), regardless of whether used. Magistration and transportation are further issues to be worked out.

There were no issues to discuss regarding grants.

Hamilton County Treasurer Cox reported that cash on hand amounted to \$1,278,409.98. Investments will be handled temporarily by CFO.

Lacey Alexander updated the Court on Hamilton County Emergency Communications. She had met with a project manager from San Antonio who would present a proposal. She is looking for a general contractor, and has posted job announcements on several websites.

The Court considered an updated policy on tax abatements. Huggins made a motion to change Section F of the policy to reflect the following language, "guidelines and criteria may be amended or repealed only by a vote of three-fourths of the members of the governing body." Tynes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Court discussed the Investment Committee. The County Judge will step down, leaving the County Treasurer and CFO as committee members. Huggins made the motion to re-adopt the Investment Policies with a committee of two. Curry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Tynes had received a copy of SB 476, mandating a Sexual Assault Response Team. Lampasas County Judge is arranging for a multi-county meeting, including Hamilton and several surrounding counties, to discuss the mandate.

The Court was updated on Sheriff's Department fleet vehicles.

Regarding the Burn Ban, Huggins suggested it be terminated if Hamilton County receives rain in the upcoming week. The Court tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

The Court then went into closed session.

The Court adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Attest: