

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Special Session

Friday, November 28, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 9:00 am with the following members present: County Juge James Yates, Commissioners Lloyd Huggins, Keith Curry and Dickie Clary. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Commissioner Clary led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

There were no public comments.

There were no budget adjustments to consider.

The court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Minutes from previous Commissioner's Court, November 14, 2023 and November 17, 2023.*
- b. No departmental reports to approve.*
- c. No In-Between bills to consider. Payroll in the amount of \$66,334.90 and the Expense Register in the amount of \$46,027.77.*
- d. Commissioners J Wagner, K. Curry and D. Clary all had Certificates of Continuing Education.*
- e. No applications for Culvert Installation to consider.*
- f. Ratify Johnny Clepper's request to place Nativity Scene on southwest Corner of front lawn.*
- g. There were Bonds to approve for Johnny Brown, Reserve Deputy Sheriff and Anna Renaud, Deputy District Clerk.*

Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The Consent Agenda was approved with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Hamilton County Personnel update:

Aaron High 's last day was November 20, 2023

Kent Reeves last was November 24, 2023

Tonya Cox provided the Treasurer's report to the court stating that as of October 2023 the Cash on Hand is \$1,879,003.36 and Investments in the amount of \$1,316,881.66.

There were no Facilities updates provided.

Lacy Alexander provided an update for the Communications Department. L. Alexander informed the court that the H2O company will hold a public meeting in regards to Hazard Mitigation. The meeting is set to be held on December 6, 2023 at 5:00pm in the Annex courtroom.

There was no discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.

The court discussed and took action on the Interlocal Agreement between The HOP and Hamilton County. Hamilton County services include one bus and one employee. The Hop will transport Dialysis patients to Gatesville for treatment but not to Stephenville and no longer will transport students to and from school. Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The court approved the Interlocal Agreement with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Commissioners were opened the only Fuel Bid submitted. Bert Schrank, Inc. provided a bid of \$.15 above cost on Dyed Diesel, Highway Diesel and Gasoline. The Sheriff's Department was also included in the bid. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the bid and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The court approved the bid from Bert Schrank, Inc. with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Hamilton County Agreement with Pottsville Volunteer Fire Department will be moved to a future agenda.

District Judge, Shawn Carpenter addressed the court regarding the current audit process and the current audit issues. The discussion for Professional Services consultant for County Auditors' office will be placed on a future agenda.

Vince Viaille with Specialized Public Finance Inc. gave a presentation on Tax Notes and other Financing options available to the county for financing Phase II of the Communications Equipment upgrade.

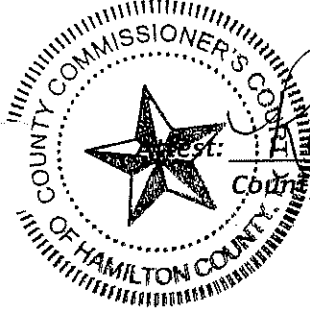
The workshop on the Employee Handbook will be placed on a future agenda.

No discussion on the FY 2023-2024 Budget.

Adjourn at 9:50am

J. Yates

Judge James Yates



Rachel L. Geesh

County Clerk