

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Yates led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

There were no open comments.

There was one budget adjustment to consider. Huggins made the motion to approve the budget adjustment, Curry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Court considered the following consent agenda:

- A. Minutes from previous Commissioner's Court meetings*
- B. Approve Departmental reports*
- C. Approve bills: payroll in the amount of \$78,293.22, and bills in the amount of \$100,379.53*
- D. Certificates of continuing education – None*
- E. Application(s) for Culvert – None*
- F. Building and Use Request – Patricia Leach, Courthouse steps for prom, 4/15/23; Master Gardeners, Annex sidewalk, 4/22/23.*
- G. Bonds/Deputations - None*

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

The Justice of the Peace hired Nicole Clepper, as Deputy Clerk, effective 4/3/23.

Clary had a call from a citizen complaining of dead trees on the recycle center property line. The Court will decide how to proceed.

Kayla Schraub of the Main Street Project proposed installing wireless speakers on certain Courthouse light poles on Bell and Henry Streets. The Main Street Project would purchase the speakers, and control the music played through the speakers. Huggins suggested an agreement between the County and the Main Street Project documenting ownership, both now and in the

future. Huggins made the motion to support the installation of the speakers, contingent upon a written agreement. Curry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

County Treasurer Cox reported that the County had \$3,631,017.18 in cash, and \$2,796,933.62 in investments at the end of February, 2023.

Donald Kelm, Supervisor for AgriLife Extension, offered an update on their activities and thanked the County for its continued support of the programs.

No action was taken on the Burn Ban.

Clary opened and reviewed the one bid he received for a backhoe for Precinct 4. The bid was from RDO Equipment for a 2018 John Deere backhoe with warranties, priced at \$77,000.00. As the bid matched the requirements, Clary made the motion to purchase the 2018 John Deere backhoe from RDO Equipment for \$77,000.00, Wagner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Details of the leasing arrangement with Capital Leasing were to be determined.

Yates announced that Texas DPS Office wanted to renovate its space in the Annex. The cost was to be \$28,846, to be paid by DPS. DPS's plans mirror the work done to renovate the Communications Department space. Yates made the motion to approve the renovations by Texas DPS, Huggins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

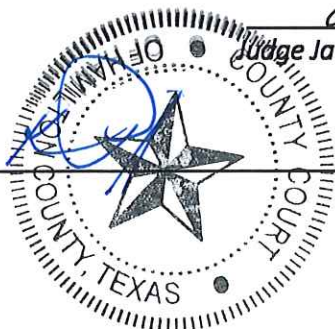
Yates recognized National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and thanked all employees of the Communications Department. Lacy Alexander then updated the Court on the Communications Department. She handed out the call volume report and reported that the Hamilton/Hico patch was not working, but would be repaired soon. She has one position to fill in her department. Clary questioned employees' rising comp time and asked if Alexander needed additional staff.

Yates had received a bid from a cleaning service in regard to the Annex. The cost was to be taken from the contingency fund of the FY2022-2023 budget. Huggins made the motion to accept the cleaning service bid, to begin immediately, Clary seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Further, Carla DeLaHoya reported that recently overhauling the telephone/Internet system had saved the County over \$4,000.00.

The Court adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Attest:

County Clerk



Judge James Yates

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "James Yates", is written over a horizontal line.