

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Keith Curry and Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Clary led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

There were no open comments.

There were two 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 – Jonesboro had 3 incidents to report.*
- C. Approve bills: payroll in the amount of \$79,776.09 and expenses in the amount of \$33,717.94*
- D. Certificates of continuing education – None*
- E. Application(s) for Culvert – None*
- F. Building and Use Request – HISD ESL class to visit the Courthouse 04/28/2023, and ratify approval of use of Annex for the HCAD 04/21/2023*
- G. Bonds/Deputations – Bonds - Aaron High, Nicole Clepper, Stephanie Brown
Deputations – Aaron High*

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

The Sheriff's Dept. hired Aaron High, Precinct 1 hired Ronald Harris and Precinct 4 hired Marshall Spartman

Hamilton County Facilities Update – Clary stated it's a work in progress and they will continue to clean up the Recycling Center as well as clearing the brush and debris from the fence line.

Darryl Moore with the American Legion gave a small presentation thanking the community as a whole and informed the court of a Green Barret Veteran that will be speaking on Memorial Day. The American Legion also donated new embroidered American and Texas flags for the Courthouse.

Precinct 4 Resolution for Equipment purchase - \$77,000 will be financed with 3 payments made at an estimated interest rate of 5.643%. Clary motioned and Huggins seconded the motion, all approved.

County Treasurer Cox reported that the County had \$1,907,388.25 in cash, and \$4,564,492.12 in investments at the end of March, 2023.

Ratify use of Precinct 3 equipment to dig trenches for Hamilton FFA range contest. Huggins motioned and Clary seconded, all approved.

Declare Scrap metal salvage Precinct 3, Huggins motioned and Curry seconded, all approved. Pictures provided, see attached.

No action was taken on the Burn Ban.

Eclipse 2024 Update, L. Alexander gave a presentation providing historical data of such event with the possibility of Hamilton population quadrupling during this event. L. Alexander provided a packet explaining the potential issues that might arise as well as preventative measures for the county. See attachment.

L. Alexander provided an update from the Communications Department and stated the Hico tower is set to begin construction on or about 05/29/2023 with a completion date on or around 09/22/2023.

Discussion of the two Tax Abatement Policy drafts submitted for review by M. Henkes and D. Clary, both parties have agreed to continue modifying the policy for further review.

No action on Budget 2022-2023

Budget 2023-2024 Judge Yates stated all budgets have been given, no action taken.

The Court adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Cynthia K Puff
By: Rachel Lamb
Attest: _____
County Clerk

