

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court**Regular Session****Tuesday, May 14, 2024****9:00 a.m.**

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Lloyd Huggins, Dickie Clary and Keith Curry. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Judge Yates led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

No Open Comments for this meeting.

There was three Budget Adjustment (L.I.T.) to consider:

The County Clerks office is requesting \$3,000.00 from 010-426-4130, Court Appointed Attorney to 010-426-4190, Court Appointment Indigent Defense. This was to Correct/Reverse the original L.I.T. that was done on February 7, 2024. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the L.I.T. and Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion. The court approved the \$3,000.00 transfer with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Sheriff's Department is requesting \$12,590.00 from 010-560-3300, Fuel and Oil to 010-560-4590, Service Contracts to pay Motorola for the Annual charge for body cam video. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the L.I.T. and Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion. The court approved the \$12,590.00 transfer with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Emergency Management Department is requesting \$1,500.00 from 010-562-2000, clothing allowance to 010-562-4991, Emergency Management for an Emergency Management Conference. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the L.I.T. and Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion. The court approved the \$1,500.00 transfer with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes from previous Commissioner's Court Meeting, April 23, 2024, and Special Session, May 2, 2024**
- B. Approve Departmental Reports**
- C. Approve bills submitted for payment of \$124,220.96**
- D. Payroll in the amount of \$89,783.75 for April 13th to April 26th and \$91,298.74 for April 27th through May 10th.**

- E. Certification of Continuing Education In Departmental Reports.
- F. One Application for Culvert Installation for Atmos Energy – Brownwood in Precinct 1.
- G. No Building and Use Request.
- H. No Bonds.

Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the Consent agenda followed by a second from Commissioner Clary. The Commissioners Court approved the Consent Agenda with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

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Tonya Cox, Hamilton County Treasurer provided a report stating the Cash on Hand as of March 31, 2024 is \$2,375,021.01 and Investments in the amount of \$3,354,893.62.

Tonya Cox, Hamilton County Treasurer informed the Court the Investment Reports were back up to date and will be uploaded to the County Website. Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the investment reports followed by a second from Commissioner Clary. The Commissioners Court approved the Investment Reports with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

There is one Hamilton County Facility Update behind the Annex building there was minor damage done on the Haydite blockwall by a motor vehicle. The minor damage will be handled within the coming weeks.

Lacy Alexander provided the Commissioners Court with an update for the Communications Department. The call volume for the month of April was up 78 calls more than the calls received in April of 2023.

No action or discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.

Jay Kingston, District 8, District Extension Admin provided the Commissioner Court with a lot of information about Hamilton County's Agriculture Department. Hamilton County had 55 students attend the Junior Dairy Consortium, 255 Students participate in Ag Day, Food Handlers Class 22 adults participated, and 78 adults participated in the Hamilton Rural Health Fair.

There was no action on the Resolution for the Continuation of Waiver payments in Lieu of Taxes for Hico Housing Authority Public Housing Developments. The Court needs more time to research this topic.

The Court Ratified the Appointment of Judge James Lively for Hamilton for a 2-year term on the Board of Trustees for Central Counties Services. Commissioner

Huggins made a motion to appoint Judge James Lively followed by a second from Commissioner Clary. The Commissioners Court approved the Appointment with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

There was no action taken on the Order adopting a Property Tax Exemption for Qualifying Child Care Facilities.

The Court took action on Alenco approval to bury cable on CR 120 in cooperation with County Commissioner. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve followed by a second from Commissioner Clary. The Commissioners Court approved with a 4-0 vote; Judge Yates abstained.

The Court discussed the May 2024 Flooding Disaster Recovery the Commissioners have been assessing all of the damage by precinct with 568 miles of County roads it looks to be about 50% is damaged due to the flooding. The Court asked for the assistant auditor to look at the Road and Bridge fund to see if needed to do a L.I.T. once the estimate is done for the County roads that are closed to be reopened for any emergency that could happen. The Court wants to make sure that the County knows that the Commissioners are looking to have assistance from outside of the County in the cost of repairing all of the damaged County roads.


The Court took a 5-minute recess at 10:00 a.m.

The Commissioners Court entered into Executive Session pursuant to Government Code 551.0725 to discuss Contract Development and consultation with the County Attorney at 10:05 a.m. Executive Session ended at 10:49 a.m.

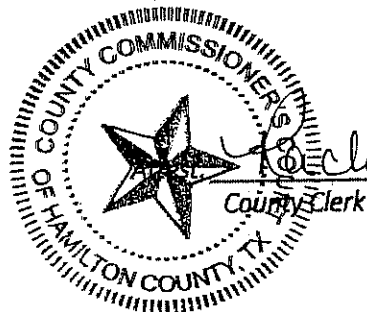
The Commissioners Court entered back into Regular Session at 10:49 a.m.


The Court discussed the FY 2024-2025 Budget Workshop.

Adjourned at 10:53 a.m.



Judge James Yates





County Clerk