

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court*

*Regular Session*

*Tuesday, August 22, 2023*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Lloyd Huggins, Keith Curry and Dickie Clary. County Judge James Yates called the meeting to order a quorum was established. Judge Yates led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.*

*There was one open comment from Richard Layne. Mr. Layne spoke on agenda item #14 stating that he believes a sign added to the wall surrounding the dumpsters would be a distraction for pedestrians and drivers as well.*

*Line-item transfers were approved as submitted. L. Huggins made a motion to approve the budget adjustment and D. Clary seconded the motion. The court approved the adjustment with a vote of 4-0 with Judge Yates abstaining.*

*The Court considered the following consent agenda:*

- A. Minutes from previous Commissioner's Court – August 4, 2023, August 8, 2023, August 11, 2023 and August 14, 2023.*
- B. Approve Departmental Reports*
- C. No In-Between Bills to approve.*
- D. Expense Register in the amount of \$77,454.98\*\*\**
- E. No Payroll to approve.*
- F. Certification of Continuing Education approved for: Rachel Geeslin-Public Information Act Certificate and Open Meetings Act Certificate; Loyd Huggins-The V.G. Young Institute of County Government; Johnny Wagner-The V.G. Young Institute of County Government.*
- G. There were no culvert applications to approve.*
- H. Building and Use Request: Hamilton Chamber of Commerce requesting to use the parking lot and Courthouse grounds for the Dove Festival for Frida, September 1, 2023 after 5:30pm, Saturday, September 2, 2023 and Sunday, September 3, 2023.*
- I. There were no Bonds to approve.*

*D. Clary made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of a bill from Robert Half International Inc. in the amount of \$1,365.29 and L. Huggins followed with a second and the court approved the consent agenda \*\*\* with a vote of 4-0 and Judge Yates abstained.*

*\*\*\*D. Clary questioned the validity of the bill because no contractual agreement with Robert Half International Inc. has been approved by the Commissioners Court. L. Huggins made a suggestion on the mechanics of paying the bill stating it could possibly be paid through a line-item transfer. L. Huggins made a motion to approve a line-item transfer from Non-Departmental to Auditor within the General Fund and K. Curry seconded his motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote with the Judge abstaining.*

*L. Huggins then made a motion to approve the bill for payment and K. Curry seconded the motion. The court then voted to approve the bill from Robert Half International Inc. in the amount of \$1,365.29. The vote passed with 1 vote and Judge Yates abstained and D. Clary was a no vote.*

*Hamilton County Personnel Update – Misty Darby has resigned and Thomas Alman is a part time new hire for Precinct 3.*

*There were no facility updates.*

*Lacy Alexander updated the court on the status of both towers stating that the Hico Tower site is complete and only waiting on the shelter and the generator which should arrive mid to late September. This Friday they will be pouring the pad for the shelter and the generator. The Hamilton tower will be getting the base and footers poured. The Communications department had an increase of 240 calls in the month of July and according to CTCOG they have responded to 250 emergency 911 calls in the month of July. Lacy Alexander informed the court of a job fair being held at McLennan Hall tomorrow in attempts to hire more staff. L. Alexander asked the court about paying out her staff's comp hours earned due to the fact of them being unable to utilize the County benefit provided. The court took no action on this matter stating more research needs to be done to avoid a "ripple effect" in other county departments. The court asked for this matter to be placed on a future agenda.*

*Tonya Cox provided the court with the Treasurer's Report with Cash on Hand being \$1,138,241.99 and Investments in the amount of \$4,542,681.84.*

*No action taken on the Burn Ban, it is still in effect.*

*The court discussed and took action on the depository changes that will take effect September 1, 2023. The changes to be made are the removal of Cynthia K. Puff, Kent Reeves and Carla DeLaHoya and adding Rachel Geeslin and Janie Stanosch. L. Huggins made a motion to approve and K. Curry seconded the motion. The court took a vote and approved the depository changes with a vote of 4-0 and Judge Yates abstained.*

*Rene French introduced the newest Child Protective Services board member, Jennifer Wuemling.*

*The court discussed and took action on the Resolution for the creation of the Hamilton County Emergency Communications. L. Huggins made the motion to approve and K. Curry seconded the motion. The court approved the Resolution with a 4-0 vote and Judge Yates abstaining.*

*The Hamilton Mainstreet Program addressed the court requesting permission to place a metal sign on the middle wall surrounding the dumpster located in the Courthouse parking lot. L. Huggins questioned whom would have the long-term responsibility of maintaining the sign in the future and a representative from the Economic Development Corporation stated that the maintenance and responsibility would be that of the EDC. L. Huggins made a motion to approve pending an MOU between EDC and Hamilton County. K. Curry seconded the motion and the court approved with a 4-0 vote and Judge Yates abstaining.*

*There was no action taken on the FY 2023-2024 Budget Workshop.*

*The court adjourned at 9:50 am.*

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Judge James Yates



*Rachel Geerlin*  
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County Clerk