

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

SEP 30 2022

Regular Session

Cynthia R. Duff
County Clerk, Hamilton Co., Texas

Tuesday, September 26, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, September 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary. Tynes called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Wagner led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.

Richard Layne offered an open comment, voicing his concerns about controls on wind turbines and solar farms, and the safety of these in case of emergency. He also asked for a policy on tax abatements.

There were no budget adjustments to consider.

The Court considered the following consent agenda:

- A. Minutes from previous Commissioner's Court meetings**
- B. Approve Departmental reports**
- C. Approve in-between bills in the amount of \$1,555.28, bills in the amount of \$229,419.27, payroll in the amount of \$76,038.32**
- D. Certificates of continuing education - Hazelwood, Davis**
- E. Application(s) for Culvert - None**
- F. Building and Use Request - Hamilton Historical Main Street, sign on front lawn of Courthouse from 9/30/22-10/4/22**
- G. Bonds - None**

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

The Sheriff's Department hired Deputy Sixto Rocha, effective 9/12/22.

The telephone and fax lines in both the Tax Assessor's and County Clerk's offices are working sporadically. The entire system needs to be checked and a decision made whether to change providers.

FY2021-2022 Capital Expenses and ARPA fund expenses were updated. The cameras at the Sheriff's Department, both inside and outside, as well as the computers must be updated. Huggins made the motion to approve the expense request for cameras and computers at the Sheriff's Department for FY2022-2023, Clary seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

County Treasurer Cox reported that the County had \$2,506,721.09 in cash on hand, and \$3,529,916.43 in investments at the end of August, 2022.

An Interlocal Agreement between Hamilton County and the Hamilton County CPS Board was introduced for continuation of the agreement, term beginning 10/1/22 and ending 9/30/23. Wagner made the motion to approve the agreement, Clary seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Precinct 3 has a Ford New Holland tractor and boom mower which needs to be declared as surplus. Huggins made the motion to declare the tractor and mower from Precinct 3 as surplus, Wagner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Tynes made the motion to declare his laptop computer as surplus equipment. Wagner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Burn Ban was discussed. The item will remain on the agenda.

The term of Court for FY2022-2023 was proposed. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Annex. Tynes made the motion that Court meetings be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays, Huggins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Court discussed declaring the Texas/Mexico border a state of disaster. A motion to draft a Resolution supporting the Governor's plea to secure the border was made by Huggins. Tynes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Alexander updated the Court on the continuing progress of the Communications Department.

The Court went into closed session.

The Court adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:


County Clerk

