

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, August 9, 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.

A representative from the Hamilton Community Center updated the Court on the progress of the Center, and that they are serving increasingly more meals.

Yvonne Dionne spoke to the Court about the possibility of Washington National Insurance becoming an approved vendor of supplemental insurance for employees.

Richard Layne addressed the Court, disagreeing with taking payroll functions away from the Treasurer's Office.

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 payroll in the amount of \$74,770.55; in-between bills in the total amount of \$3,407.15; bills in the amount of \$714,462.73, which included 25% down payment for towers**
- D. Certificates of continuing education - None**
- E. Application(s) for Culvert - None**
- F. Building and Use Request - None**
- G. Bonds/Deputations - None**

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

There were no personnel issues to discuss.

Judge Tynes reported that air conditioning units in the Annex are failing. Gardner Heat/Air is in the process of repairing or replacing all units.

The Court took no action on the AgriLife Extension Service request for County feral hog grant.

Huggins reported that Cybersecurity training for all employees with access to computer terminals must be completed by the end of August, 2022. All but three people have completed the training.

Lacy Alexander updated the Court on Emergency Communications. The department went live at 4:30 p.m., August 8, 2022. Dailey Wells has been contacted to remove their equipment from the Sheriff's Department; antennas to be installed August 12, 2022; R. K. Bass installed a temporary generator until the permanent generator can be installed; the DPS satellite on the top of the Sheriff's Department antenna did not pass inspection, so it was unable to be moved to Emergency Communications office; Mills County is temporarily helping until the new satellite can be installed; 254/386-3300 is the new telephone number for emergency/dispatch, and has been posted on all social media sites; the department is now fully staffed.

The holiday schedule for 2022-2023 was presented. Huggins moved to accept and approve the named holidays, Curry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Court considered the FY2021-2022 budget:

- a. Whether the Sheriff's Department needed a Jail Administrator*
- b. No capital expense requests to consider*
- c. Pilot Solar Project - the tax abatement will begin in January, 2023*
- d. CFO Reeves is working to obtain the second ARPA grant installment*

The Court then considered the FY2022-2023 budget:

- a. Courthouse repairs and maintenance*
- b. Vehicle repair and maintenance*
- c. Jail repair and maintenance*
- d. Named positions in Sheriff's Department*
- e. Salaries in Sheriff's Department*
- f. Reallocating funds within Sheriff's Department*
- g. Inmate transport and housing*
- h. Treatment of any budget deficit*

The Court adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



County Judge

Attest:



County Clerk

