

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Lloyd Huggins, Keith Curry and Dickie Clary. Tynes called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Wagner led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.

Regarding budget amendments, line-item transfers, Court considered money being moved from Contingency fund to temporary position in County Clerk's office; and Department 561 - Jail, from Supplies account to Inmate Food account. Motion made by Clary and seconded by Huggins. All approved.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Curry to approve the following consent agenda:

- A. Approve Departmental reports**
- B. Approve bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$42,941.64, in-between bills of \$27,794.31, payroll in the amount of \$71,034.38**
- C. Certificates of continuing education - none**
- D. Application(s) for culvert installation - none**

Clary had not had the chance to view the last Commissioner's Court minutes, minutes, therefore those minutes will be added to the next agenda to be approved. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers, Volume 68, Page 1, 106, 67).

The Sheriff's department reported the resignation of Keith Madison, effective February 28, 2021. A discussion was had regarding the definition of exempt employees by the Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division. According to guidelines and in order to be compliant, the only employee designated as exempt at the Sheriff's Office is the Chief Deputy. Further, this definition needs to be applied in all county departments. No employee reassigned from salaried to exempt will lose accrued benefits. No action was taken. County Treasurer has records on each employee allowing those accrued benefits to be determined. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers, Volume 68, Page 70).

No action was taken on Hamilton County facilities.

Hamilton Country Treasurer submitted her report: December cash on hand of \$1,311,232.80; investments of \$1,598,706.00; January cash on hand of \$2,592,495.67; investments of \$1,598,707.00. fourth Quarter interest paid \$3,600.00; interest accrued \$4,400.00; long term CDs paying 1.43%.

Courthouse security cameras were discussed. Some of the cameras are obsolete and do not meet County standards. BizProtect is looking into a new camera system for the County.

Nancy Yates spoke to the Court, requesting subdivision variance on property owned by Lance and Breanna Bullard. After discussion, Clary moved, and Curry seconded a motion to approve variance. The motion carried unanimously. . (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers, Volume 68, Page 66).

Wagner moved, and Curry seconded, a motion to ratify DFPS Interlocal Agreement, Contract #530-08-0192-00001. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers, Volume 68, Page 175).

The Court discussed ENGIE Resources, LLC electricity agreement and a 60-month term. No action was taken.

No action was taken on Burn Ban, although Wagner was concerned that community is not adequately reporting control burns.

The Court discussed the CARES ACT/CRF Funding. The County returned \$40,744.00 to the State for funding not used. Therefore Hamilton County is no longer eligible for that amount in the future. Tynes suggested invoicing the State for up to \$65,000.00 in funds the County expended for housing State inmates over 45 days due to COVID. No action was taken.

No action was taken on the CTIF Grant.

The Court discussed the Recycle Center. Clary had posted two trailers for sale on Govdeals. The online auction expires today. No further action taken.

The Court discussed future agenda items including fuel bids and upcoming legislation. Legislation concerned bills preventing local governments from expending funds on lobbying. Clary suggested asking our State Representatives to speak at an upcoming Commissioner's Court meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk