

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

June 25, 2019

9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in regular session on June 25, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present; County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Allen Curry, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary.

Tynes called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

Clary led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.

Richard Layne stood in the public comments stating that there had been some talk in recent commissioner's court of a payrate increase for the dispatchers. Raising the money is not the solution. I own a business and it's the supervision and the leadership that makes people want to stay. He also spoke on the \$45,000 increase in precinct funds, he knows the court knows what that money for. It was returning the funds that were taken in a questionable way. He thanked the court for letting him speak.

A man from Murphy's Wrecker Service who did not identify his self but was on behalf of Mr. Murphy he said there is another wrecker service from Bosque County. He was wondering how they were coming into Hamilton County. He's been in business here for 21 years. It's taking tax dollar moneys out of the county. He just really wanted to know how that came about.

Theresa Clepper, Andy Evans and Jim Clifton stood in support for the 10 Commandments Monument to be placed at the courthouse.

Clary told the court that it was time for the Commissioner's to turn in their annual road and bridge reports. He has his turned into the clerk and he knows others are in the process. He just wanted to make note that they were due at the end of this month.

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

- A. Minutes of the 6-18-2019 Commissioner's Court meeting***
- B. Departmental reports - none submitted***

- C. Approve bills in the amount of \$117,992.16**
- D. Certificates of continuing education – none**
- E. Application(s) for culvert installation (2 in Precinct 3)**

The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 63 Page 284)

There were no Hamilton County Personnel updates.

Tynes let the court know that we will be going up to the roof on July 9, 2019 to inspect the roof.

Clary also wanted to let the court know that the Precinct 4 facility is complete and they are moving in. Feel free to come and take a look at it.

Donald Kelm from Texas A&M Agrilife Extension wanted to say that he appreciates the court's support. He then gave a report about what they had been doing recently. He thanked the court for their time. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 63 Page 297)

Tynes spoke to the court about the 2019 TAC RMP Employee Safety Equipment Program. With a spending amount of \$636.00 for safety equipment. He asked the commissioners to look into it because it expires July 1. Clary said that he had tried to login to the site but he couldn't get it. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 63 Page 301)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the line item transfers submitted. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 63 Page 299)

The court then went into budget workshop and spoke on things like a new deputy, jail repair line item, needing money for new video equipment, whether or not we needed to keep the jail up to standards, health insurance deductible, dispatcher pay comparison, workers compensation, expense of moving the consoles to the new dispatch room in the sheriff's office and tax revenues.

The court were all speaking on the closing of the jail. They spoke on many pros and cons.

Clary suggested that we hear from the general public and taxpayers on this matter.

The court then went into a road and bridge workshop. Brush management was the topic. They spoke about the possibility of having the brush sprayed. Start a

program in certain areas to see if it works and the possibility of the spray killing the trees. They also talked about subcontracting for brush cutter.

If we continue to operate the way we do we will be needing new equipment.

Curry will call about the spray and Huggins will reach out to the co-op about subcontracting.

Future Agenda Items:

Review Proposals for bank depository

Adding the 10 Commandment Monument back on the agenda.

Tynes adjourned the court at 10:39 A.M.

County Judge

Attest: _____

County Clerk