

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry and Dickie Clary. Lloyd Huggins was absent. Tynes called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Clary led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.

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 bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$47,860.21, payroll in the amount of \$69,517.67**
- D. Certificates of continuing education - none**
- E. Application(s) for culvert - none**
- F. Building and Use Requests - none**
- G. Bonds/Deputations - none**

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

The Sheriff's Office reported Rodney Finch would be moved to Deputy position, and Isaac Partain would be moved to Investigator position.

The roof of the Courthouse and the roof of the Annex were inspected and the Court will soon receive the report.

The CTCOG recommended the following changes to CR421 for 911 addressing: Private Road 42101, 42102, 42103, 42104, 42105, 42106, and 42107. Clary made the motion to name the private roads, Tynes seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Rusty Simmons presented the Lone Mountain Ranch Plat, consisting of 166 lots and 11 private roads in Precinct 2, for recording purposes only. Curry made the motion to accept the plat, Clary seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Justin Thackerson of Pathway presented a proposed agreement for providing fiber optics to less populated areas of the County. The agreement would be based upon a grant from NITIA. Thackerson agreed to determine whether there would be a cost to the County, and to determine which specific areas would be provided fiber optics, and will submit those findings to Tynes.

County Treasurer reported that June assets consisted of \$1,941,495.44 in cash, and \$3,328,963.62 in investments. Also, the latest check received from the Appraisal District exceeded projections.

The County Clerk presented the 2022 Sheriff & Constable Fees to the Court. The Court accepted the fees which would be reported to the Texas State Comptroller as quickly as possible.

The County Clerk then presented the updated Fees and Requirements for recording of Subdivision Plats. Tynes made the motion to accept those fees and requirements, Clary seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Trust property parcel #16342 was presented to the Court for approval of the sale. Clary made the motion to approve the sale, Curry seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The instrument will be circulated to all entities for signature and be recorded in the Minutes when completed.

The Regional Public Defender Interlocal Agreement was presented to the Court. Wagner made the motion to accept and continue the agreement, Curry seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

No new updates were reported on the Hamilton County Emergency Communications.

No action was taken on the CTIF Grant.

The Court then went into Closed Session for approximately ten minutes and then opened to the public.

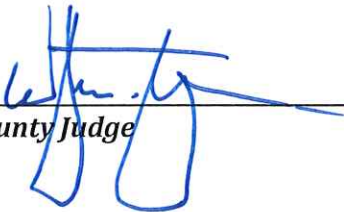
The Court immediately moved to a discussion of the FY2021-2022 budget:

- options for new tax rates*
- options to reduce deficit*
- removal of capital expenses from all departments and creating a separate Capital Department*
- a proposal to purchase five new Dodge trucks for the Sheriff's Department, and to require the department to sell eleven of their twenty current vehicles*

- *Internet, telephone, IT, electricity and service contracts at Sheriff's Department*
- *clothing allowances at Sheriff's Department and jail*
- *in-depth discussion of fuel and oil at the Sheriff's Department and how that relates to the number of vehicles in their fleet*
- *directive to all departments requesting needs for capital expenditures*

The Court again moved into closed session.

The Court adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk