

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Tuesday, May 25, 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. Clary led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.

There were no line-item transfers, and no action was taken.

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 \$30,315.42, payroll in the amount of \$71,944.18**
- D. Certificates of continuing education - Lloyd Huggins**
- E. Application(s) for culvert - none**
- F. Building and Use Requests**
 - 1. Hamilton High School - Senior pictures**
 - 2. Hamilton Historical Museum - Senior pictures with fire trucks**
- 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 Department reported the resignation of Deputy Blake Satterfield, effective 5/18/21, and Commissioner Wagner reported the resignation of one of his employees, effective 5/28/21.

Tynes reported that the Courthouse may need mold treatment in the upcoming months. He will contact the business that previously did this work for the County.

County Treasurer presented the report for April, 2021 - Cash of \$1,351,641.19, Investments of \$3,278,768.33.

Rusty Simmons presented a subdivision plat with 23 lots primarily in Comanche County, but one lot and entry to the subdivision in Hamilton County. He requested and received acknowledgment from the Court before recording the plat.

Wagner proposed changing the name of CR 607, which forks, to Private Roads 6607A and 6607B, and made the motion. Tynes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Clary discussed an advanced funding agreement with TXDOT concerning CR 207, Honey Creek Bridge. The cost is \$73,258 and will be matched by TXDOT. Huggins moved to accept the funding, Curry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

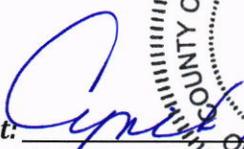
There was discussion on the proposed Emergency Communications system. Patrick Cobb, EMS, spoke and shared his thoughts on the lack of radio communication ability from one part of Hamilton County to another. He suggested joining the Austin switch, run by Motorola, and that the entire Hamilton County emergency communications system should be replaced from the ground up. The Court then entered into discussion regarding the American Rescue Plan Act 2021, which if approved, would supply most of the funding. There are no answers yet from the federal government. A discussion then took place involving Chief Deputy Young, Mr. Cobb, Gene Aicher of Motorola, and the Court concerning the need for immediate movement on a new system. Chief Young addressed the pressing need for a new radio system for the protection of all deputies. The Court agreed to involve all first responders, requesting their individual needs, and to move forward as quickly as possible with answers so that a decision could be reached.

No action was taken on the CTIF Grant. Clary offered that funding on previous projects was nearing completion and that a report on future projects and costs would be due every six months.

Tynes reported that County health insurance rates would increase 7 - 11% on average, which translates to an additional \$40,000+ per year.

The Court entered Closed Session.

The Court adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Attest:  _____
County Clerk

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County Judge

