

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Tuesday, February 23, 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. Tynes led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.

One citizen, Vernon Gromatzky, spoke to the Court regarding U.S. House Bill 127. The bill concerned gun ownership and how the bill negatively affected Texas citizens. Mr. Gromatzky asked the Court to put the bill on the next agenda and ask for public comments.

There were no line-item transfers.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the following consent agenda: (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers, Volume 68, Page 122).

- A. Minutes from previous Commissioner's Court meetings**
- B. Approve Departmental reports**
- C. Approve bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$69,507.62, payroll in the amount of \$70,936.36**
- D. Certificates of continuing education - none**
- E. Application(s) for culvert installation - none**
- F. Building and Use Requests - none**
- G. Bonds - none**

The Sheriff's department reported the hiring of Robert Summers in the position of Deputy Sheriff, effective 2/22/2021.

Regarding Hamilton County facilities, the inclement weather caused one burst pipe at the Sheriff's Department; otherwise only minimal damage.

The Court received only one fuel bid; from Bert Schrank for 12 cents per gallon over base price. Huggins moved, and Clary seconded a motion to accept the bid. The motion passed unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers, Volume 68, Page 170).

Tynes reported that work was continuing on the Courthouse security cameras.

The Court discussed communicating with the Texas Legislature regarding a Resolution asking the Legislators to adopt. The Resolution involved a bill prohibiting counties from spending county funds on lobbying efforts, and that our citizens would not be adequately represented without expending county funds. Clary moved, and Huggins seconded a Motion to adopt the Resolution, with minor changes, and to send said Resolution to the County's legislators. The motion passed unanimously.

Wagner moved the Court to institute a Burn Ban. However, the motion was not considered for lack of second.

The Court took no action on the CTIF Grant.

Cleanup continues on the Recycle Center; the 2 surplus trailers sold.

The Court discussed Hamilton County Emergency Preparedness. The County issued a disaster declaration on February 22, 2021, to expire in 7 days. Huggins moved, and Clary seconded, a motion to extend the declaration until such time as the State of Texas disaster declaration expires. The motion passed unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers, Volume 68, Page 174).

The Court discussed future agenda items including:

- a. The possible need for a new backup generator at the Sheriff's Department;***
- b. The need for a secondary power source for the Courthouse;***
- c. Checking on the heater system for fire extinguisher pipes at the Courthouse;***
- d. Problems at the 911 call center;***
- e. Proposal from Dailey Wells Communication regarding update for dispatch system in the amount of approximately \$125,000.00;***
- f. Conference call from Texas Department of Emergency Management addressing FEMA individual assistance available to 77 counties, and Rodger Williams office asking for assistance to all 254 Texas counties; Bruce Boyd is producing a report of local agricultural losses; Court asked the newspaper, and other County offices to post website information for citizens to report individual losses.***

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

County Judge

***Attest: _____
County Clerk***