

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

February 25, 2020

9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 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.

There were no line item transfers.

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

- A. Minutes of the 2-11-2020 Commissioner's Court meeting*
- B. Approve departmental reports - none submitted*
- C. Approve bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$23,562.30 and payroll in the amount of \$74,321.10.*
- D. Certificates of continuing education; there were none*
- E. Application(s) for culvert installation-There was one in precinct 4*
- F. Kim Hinton, representative from the Chamber of Commerce stood up during the public comments and spoke on the use of the parking lot & the lawn for September 5, 2020 for the Hamilton County Dove Festival. Danny Lemons also spoke and asked for permission for the use of any space available for a Gospel Jubilee that he would like to bring to the Dove festival as well. The court suggested the parking lot of the Annex.*

A request for the use of the east steps of the courthouse for the Jr/Sr prom for May 9, 2020 from Patricia Leach

The motion carried unanimously.

There was one resignation from James Thompson Jr. from the Communications Department effective 2-17-2020 and a new hire for the communications department as well, Cheyenne Martinez effective on 2-18-2020. There was also a new road hand hired for Precinct 1, David De Leon, effective date 2-25-2020.

The update on the Historical Jail is that it has just been repainted and looks real nice. The courthouse has had some issues with the pump that currently keeps the basement of the

courthouse from flooding. Upon the examination by the court and Ashmore Plumbing, they said that the switches are out and the floats weren't working either, so they will all be repaired.

Clary made the motion and Huggins seconded the approval of declaring Precinct 4 Fuel Filter Crusher salvage/surplus. The motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on the burn ban.

The court passed on the CPS Proclamation and moved it to the March agenda.

Tynes made the motion and Huggins seconded to terminate the agreement for radio tower space effective March 31, 2020 from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and would release the VHF antenna and coax line to the court, but the court said they'd just leave it there.

Tynes made the motion and Huggins seconded the approval of the new plat that was given to the County Clerks' office to record by the City of Hamilton. County Attorney Mark Henkes spoke and stated that the plat complies with all subdivision rules, and didn't see any reason to not go ahead and record it. The motion carried unanimously.

The 2020 US Census asked that the court acknowledge that they are currently needing census takers and workers and if anyone interested should call the Census Bureau.

The court stated that Hamilton County Treasurer, Shawna Dyer would be in charge of getting the CyberSecurity training for all courthouse employees and that all emails should be submitted to her by Friday.

The court discussed the tax abatement policy and said some of the rules needed to be revised to accommodate small to large businesses. Tynes stated that he would get with County Attorney Mark Henkes for the revising.

The court stated that James Lively had been appointed to be the County Representative with the Hamilton Main Street Advisory Board as an Ex-officio Member.

There was no discussion from Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department Chief Paul Gomez due to he was ill.

Clary spoke on the subdivision rules that Warrick Engineering from Hico, had been revising and asked the court to consider getting back with them to change some of the language. The court agreed that they need to find out how much more it would cost and that this would be revisited again.

The court adjourned at 10:00am.

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk