Hamilton County Commissioner’s Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 14th, 2017 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.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established.

Huggins led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.

Larry Tatum stood for public comments stating that he lived in Commissioner’s Precinct 2 on Private Road 202D. He stated that there are currently 7 families that use this road daily. He said that they have looked at their deeds and no one owns the road and that it was put in before any of the 7 families bought their property. He said that it was approximately 1 mile of road. He stated that combined they pay a little over $7,000.00 in taxes every year. He asked for the court to take consideration in maintaining this road. Alena Tatum and Kasey Kunkel also request that the court consider maintaining this road.

Judge Tynes stated that he and the court would speak to the County Attorney but he did want to let them know that there are statutes that the County has to abide by when it comes to maintaining road.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Curry to approve the line item transfer from Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 to Professional Services in the amount of $2,450.00. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 35)

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

A. Minutes of 1/24/2017 Commissioners Court Meeting
B. Approve Department Reports (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 438)
C. Approve Bills Submitted for payment in the amount of $207,139.30 and in-between bills in the amount of $26,091.99 (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 475)
D. Approve Monthly Treasurer’s Report (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 493)

The motion carried unanimously.

Hamilton County Auditor Kent Reeves gave his report for the month of January. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 502)

No action was taken on agenda item #10 regarding Hamilton County Burn Ban.

Certification of Continuing Education for Hamilton County District Clerk Sandy Layhew, County Treasurer Shawna Dyer, Commissioner Pct. 1 Johnny Wagner and Commissioner Pct. 3 Lloyd Huggins were accepted by the court. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 506)

Auditor Reeves also updated the court on the purchase of the new financial accounting system hardware and installation. He informed the court that they had received to equipment and would be installing the software around March 15th, and that Tyler would be here April 10th through the 17th to complete the installation and hopefully data entry would begin around May-June and then they would be going live with payroll in June 19th.
A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary to approve and adoption the following resolutions:
  A. Opposition to Senate Bill 2 and Revenue caps
  B. State funds for Indigent Defense
  C. Opposition to Unfunded Mandates

The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 516)

Regarding the Hamilton County Subdivision Rules, Clary stated that he had been to a conference where Bob Bass spoke at and he had emphasized that the subdivision rules needed to be updated often. Clary would like a professional to look at our subdivision rules and make sure that they are up to date and correct. This will be put back on the next agenda in order for the court to look into it further between now and then.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve a special revenue budget number 086 for the Hamilton County Historical Commission per a donation that given to them. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 522)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the bond for Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff Jennifer Amezquita. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 523)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the deputations for Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff Jennifer Amezquita and Hamilton County Reserve Deputy Sheriff’s James Clifton and Kent Levisay. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 526)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the agreement with Central Texas Telephone Cooperative, Inc. to bury PVC conduit and fiber optic cable under County Road 423 in Hamilton County. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 529)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve Hamilton County Pct. 3 to dig test holes on private property belonging to Will Richey to access the viability of opening a pit for road material. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve Hamilton County Pct. 3 using county machinery on private property belonging to Benji Rhodes to dig and load road base for purchase by Hamilton County Pct. 3. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to sign a resolution and advance funding agreement for a project for Off-System Bridge Replacement at HCR235 CR266 at Fall Creek. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 56 Page 530)

Future Agenda Items:
  1. Hamilton County Subdivision Rules
  2. Fuel Bids
  3. Hamilton County Road 101 Bridge Repair
  4. Hico FFA – for Pct. 3 to dig trenches for land judging contest in April
  5. HB1258 Resolution
  6. Hamilton County Tax Abatement Policy
  7. Private Road 202D

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Huggins to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.