

**Hamilton County Commissioner's Court**

Regular Session

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Allen Curry and Dickie Clary. Lloyd Huggins was absent.

Tynes called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

Wagner led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.

Richard Layne stood in the public comments and thanked the judge for a copy of the budget. He failed to say it in the last commissioner's court meeting.

At 9:04 A.M. Tynes opened up the first public hearing on the Hamilton County proposed budget tax rate hearing for 2018-2019 at the rate of .5605. Tynes did say that notice was published in both newspapers in accordance with the law of the great state of Texas. The next hearing would be on Friday, September 14, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

Damon Chumney stood and thanked the court for the opportunity to speak. He encouraged the court not to raise the tax rate if it was adequate to fund the budget.

Richard Layne stood and wanted to thank the court as a whole for keeping the tax rate the same.

The public hearing closed at 9:06 A.M.

There were no line item transfers.

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

- A. Minutes of the August 31, 2018 Commissioner's Court meeting
- B. Minutes of the September 4, 2018 Commissioner's Court meeting
- C. Departmental reports submitted (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 60 Page 766)
- D. Bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$45,207.77, payroll in the amount of \$67,070.49 and accounts payable payroll in the amount of \$37,723.06 (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 60 Page 809)
- E. Certificates of continuing education – none submitted

The motion carried unanimously.

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

Jail/Sheriff's Office: William Chris Blanton – Dispatcher/Jailer to Deputy – Effective 9-3-2018  
(Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 60 Page 821)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary to approve the building use request from the Barn Church ladies ministry to use the southwest corner of the courthouse parking lot on Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 60 Page 822)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Curry to approve the \$441.23 refund request from the appraisal district to Sherri and William Manning due to a late filing of a disabled veteran homestead

application. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 60 Page 823)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Curry to declare a Clark forklift as surplus. The forklift had been at his precinct barn since before he had taken office and it is not working and not used. The forklift had come from CTCOG and they do not want it back. The motion carried unanimously.

The court left the motion for the proposed changes to the sheriff's office/jail budgets as set forth in a spreadsheet prepared by Huggins tabled until Huggins would be present in court to discuss it with the sheriff. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 60 Page 824)

The court also touched on moving the communication/dispatch area out of the jail and behind the administrative assistant's office and the cost it would incur.

Tynes encouraged the court to go out to the sheriff's office and look at the space that they had selected to move the communications room to and see what they thought about it.

Tynes said that this is something that the court needed to consider before the budget is adopted.

Tynes informed that he had his assistant call around to the newspapers in Hamilton County and also the surrounding counties on prices for advertising for dispatchers. He also brought up the possibility of purchasing signs for advertising as well.

They discussed separating the dispatch/communication to a separate line item instead of the sheriff office/jail budget in order to get a better figure on the cost.

The court also spoke on the repairs that needed to be done regarding the courthouse which are: the second floor window directly above Tynes office and the settling of the foundation.

There is \$10,000.00 in the maintenance and repair currently budgeted. Tynes asked the court if they should consider additional funding.

Clary said that the line of work on a historical building would probably be twice as much.

The court knows that they really don't want to put off the repairs for a long time. They would like to get it fixed in the near future.

Tynes asked the court to think on the repairs and come up with a number that they would be comfortable with adding to that line item that they could discuss in the next meeting.

Future agenda items:

- A. Subdivision Rules

Tynes adjourned the court at 9:50 A.M.

W. Mark Tynes  
County Judge

**Attest:** Kiesha F. Bagwell  
County Clerk

