Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Wagner led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

There was an open comment by Dennis Looney. He complained of seeing employees and officials vaping in the Courthouse and considered this disrespectful. He asked the Court for a policy preventing this behavior. He also reported that he had heard nothing on the proposed tax abatement policy.

There were budget adjustments to consider. Clary made the motion to approve the budget adjustment, Huggins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Court considered the following consent agenda:

- A. Minutes from previous Commissioner's Court meetings
- B. Approve Departmental report
- C. Approve bills: payroll in the amount of \$80,485.83, in-between bills in the amount of \$814.47, and bills in the amount of \$83,933.90
- D. Certificates of continuing education None
- E. Application(s) for Culvert Pct. 2, Joelle Jocis
- F. Building and Use Request Courthouse parking lot for Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, May 5-7; Courthouse Annex for Hamilton Master Gardeners, March 24-25; Courthouse Annex meeting room for Hamilton Central Appraisal District 3//2/23 and 3/16/23
- G. Bonds/Deputations None

Huggins made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Curry seconded. The Court approved the consent agenda unanimously.

Regarding Hamilton County personnel, George Horn hired part-time in Pct. 2, effective 2/27/23; Chealsie Hughes of the Clerk's Department resigned effective 2/17/23; Mariah Whitehead of the Clerk's Department promoted to full-time, effective 2/18/23.

Clary reported that Parson's Roofing was to arrive March 2nd to begin painting the water damage in the Courtroom. Wagner reported that a slow water leak was discovered in the geothermal system.

County Treasurer Cox reported that, as of January, 2023, the County has \$1,955,138.04 in cash and \$3,034,085.41 in investments.

No action was taken on the Burn Ban.

No action was taken on the Sick Pool Policy in the County Handbook.

Lacy Alexander updated the Court on Communications Department. She reported multiple fires that had been managed; FAA approval had been received on the Hico tower; there is one position open in the Communications Department.

There were no issues to consider on the FY2022-2023 budget.

The Court adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Judge James/Yates

Attest:

County Clerk