

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 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.

There were no public comments.

The court moved to agenda item #17 in reference to the 10 Commandments Monuments.

Johnny Clepper said that when he approached the court with this idea that he did not intend for the monuments to divide the county or expect people to say that he did it for the 2020 election. He didn't realize that have 230 people sign a petition supporting the monuments would be considered bullying. He said at this time that he would like to withdraw his request for the monuments. Then he thanked the court for letting him speak. Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 64 Page 205A)

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 8-13-2019 Commissioner's Court meeting***
- B. Approve departmental reports***
- C. Approve bills submitted for payment \$80,533.48 and payroll \$70,364.15***
- D. Certification of continuing education – Johnny Wagner***
- E. Application for culvert installation – Precinct 4***

The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 64 Page 206)

Hamilton County Personnel Update

Communications: Lance Christenson – Communication Supervisor to Administrative Assistant effective 8-24-2019

Amber Davis – Dispatcher 3 to Communications Supervisor effective 8-24-2019

Sheriff's Office: Mashell Thompson – Administrative Assistant to Jail Administrator effective 8-24-2019

Jail: John Rathburn – Terminated – Effective 8-15-2019

Precinct 4: Doug Mitchell – Retired effective 8-23-2019 (Recorded in Commissioner’s Court Papers Book 64 Page 240)

There were no Hamilton County facilities update.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the bond for Hamilton County Assistant Auditor Valerie Massingill. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner’s Court Papers Book 64 Page 241)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary to implement a burn ban effective August 30, 2019. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner’s Court Papers Book 64 Page 249)

Hamilton County Treasurer Shawna Dyer gave the June and July Treasurer’s Report. She stated for the month of June the total cash on hand \$1,562,606.76 and the total investments were \$2,397,480.16. For the month of July total cash on hand was \$1,247,999.31 and the total investments were \$2,408,667.96. (Recorded in Commissioner’s Court Papers Book 64 Page 254)

Dyer also gave the investment report. She stated that the county’s total invested was \$3,304,557.00 the total interest paid for this quarter was \$25,089.00. (Recorded in Commissioner’s Court Papers Book 64 Page 262)

The court then began talking on the longevity policy and rules pertaining to retirees. Huggins presented the court a proposal to “Vest” in Longevity Pay Program for long service employees. No decision was made at this time. (Recorded in Commissioner’s Court Papers Book 64 Page 263)

Tynes submitted a copy of the Rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum at meetings of the Hamilton County Commissioner’s Court in order for there to be a signed copy in the minutes. (Recorded in Commissioner’s Court Papers Book 64 Page 265)

Tynes also let the court know that Sheriff’s Office Civil Process fees had been reported to the state. (Recorded in Commissioner’s Court Papers Book 64 Page 269)

The court then went into a budget workshop and spoke on things like delinquent taxes, county court cost (for attorney services for mental health), janitorial, Sheriff’s Office internet hot spots for new equipment and juvenile contingency.

Tynes also wanted the court to know that the annex elevator is not in good shape and there are still things that need to be fixed at the historical museum. We do not have any budgeted for either of these items.

Tynes did aske the court if there was anything else to speak on about the budget. Everybody seemed to be happy where it stands.

In road and bridge the court spoke on the recent spraying that had been done to different spots in each precinct for the brush. They seem very pleased thus far about the effectiveness it had.

Clary made one announcement that his precinct barn's number had been changed from (254)372)3339 to (254)386-1206.

Tynes adjourned the court at 9:47 A.M.

County Judge

Attest: _____

County Clerk