

***Hamilton County Commissioner's Court***

***Regular Session***

***Tuesday, August 12, 2025***

***9:00 A.M.***

***Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Dickie Clary, Keith Allen Curry, and David Ogle. Attendees from Hamilton County Alejandra Moncada, Debbie Rudolph, Lacy Alexander, Janie Stanosh, and Tonya Cox.***

***Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Commissioner Clary led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.***

***There were two public comments. Dianna Hurst, the president of the library, introduced Kim Jensky as the new library director. The second was Charles Puff, who is a member of the Community Center. He expressed all the wonderful things happening at the center and encouraged the members of the court to have lunch and visit the place. He also mentioned that they are building the new center, and any help will be appreciated to continue to feed the community.***

***6. There were multiple Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) to consider:***

- a. \$15,000.00 from 101-403-1090 from temporary employee and \$5,072.97 from 101-403-4720 Software maintenance going into record preservation 026-403-3450 which the total is \$20,072.97.***
- b. \$2,953.90 from 010-202-105 insurance retirees is going to 010-409-2020 insurance health retiree.***
- c. \$10,000 from 024-615-5720 contingency is going to 024-615-4500.***
- d. \$7,043.00 from 010-403-1090 from Temporary Employee going to 010-403-4720 Software and maintenance.***

***Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Line-Item Transfers as presented and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved the Line-Item Transfers with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.***

***7. The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:***

- a. Approve the Minutes from July 17, 2023, July 22, 2025, July 28, 2025 and August 5, 2025.***

- b. Approve Departmental Reports**
- c. Approve Bills submitted for payment**
- d. Payroll #1 in the amount of \$84,043.84**
- e. Payroll #2 in the amount of \$1,101.71**
- f. Payroll #3 in the amount of \$1,475.28**
- g. Expense Register in the amount of \$104,042,00.**
- h. No Culvert Applications**
- i. Building and Use Requests – Chamber of Commerce, requesting the use of the Courthouse Square on Friday, August 29, 2025, from 5:30 pm through Sunday, August 31, 2025, at 6:00 pm for Dove Festival.**
- j. No Bonds**

**Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The Court approved the Consent Agenda with a 4-0 vote, judge Yates abstained.**

**8. Hamilton County Personnel Update:**

**Resignation – Case Flippen, Pct. 4 Road Hand**

**Promotion- Micah Looke promoted to Captain, SO**

**9. No discussion on Hamilton County Treasurer's Report at this time.**

**10. No discussion on Hamilton County Investment Report at this time.**

**11. No discussion on the Hamilton County Facilities updates at this time.**

**12. Communications Update: Lacy mentioned that they received 1498 calls for July. Her department is short-staffed and still looking for more hires.**

**13. Hamilton County Law Enforcement Update:**

- 107 reports written for July**
- 131 traffic stops outside City Limits and 71 traffic stops within City Limits**
- 116 warnings**
- 9 Bailiff's**
- 31 Civil Process**
- 917 Calls**
- Sized approximately 1.6g of fentanyl and 42 g of methamphetamines**

**14. No discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.**

**15. Hamilton County is eligible for the EWP (Emergency Water Protection) Assistance program by the USDA. This program will help prevent any future flood damage to infrastructure. A formal request must be submitted from the county to move on with assistance within 60 days from July 11, 2025, the day the disaster incident occurred. Payments are split into two. 75% of the payment will be USDA, and Hamilton County will be 25%. Ryan Nelson answers Commissioner Clary's questions about Hamilton County not having the money to pay. He responded that they have a formal contract which includes surveys, designs, engineering, and the work, and Hamilton County will be responsible for the 25% cash payment. Once the formal request is received, USDA has 60 days to prepare the reports. The request can also be withdrawn or changed if, later, Hamilton County decides not to move forward or make changes until the contract is signed.**

**Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve to write the formal request to the EWP Assistance Program by the USDA and Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The Court approved to write the formal request to the EWP with a 4-0 vote, judge Yates abstained.**

**16. Discussion on the Resolution and Certificate for the Rifle Body Resistant Armor Project Grant**

**Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve to the resolution and Certificate for the Body Resistant Armor Project Grant and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved to the resolution and Certificate with a 4-0 vote, judge Yates abstained.**

**17. Sheriff Boulton mentioned that the Sheriff's office will charge for copies for public records requests. No action was taken because there is a statute that supports charging for copies, according to the County Attorney.**

**18. Steve Manning presented the program on the Leon River and Cowhouse Creek Watershed. Texas A&M will be releasing the model, and Lacy will see how it works. His group is adding fire to the model as well. In the map, people will be able to see every culvert or low water crossing. Mr. Manning is asking the county to have a point of contact. Once a year, they will come to see if any changes or new inventory have been made during the year. The cost per license is \$250.00 per year, and the county will decide how many licenses to purchase. There are two types: one is for viewing only, and the other is for adding and making changes. Mr. Manning has found 17 locations to place warning signs where water may cover the roadway during heavy rainfall events. However, the county will also decide which signs to put on the county roads.**

**19. No discussion was on the County Clerk's Special Dedicated fund. It was covered in the Line-Item Transfers. However, Commissioner Clary mentioned that there are some IT Services (BizProtect) being charged for software maintenance instead of IT services. The auditor will look into this matter.**

**20. Commissioner Clary is pleased with the current team they have for FEMA. They have accomplished more in seven days than in the last 15 months. The team should have everything done and submitted by Friday, August 15, 2025. He would also like the court to send them a thank-you letter.**

**21. Lacy and Debbie also suggested sending a thank-you letter to TDEM.**

**22. No discussion for Phase II Communication Tower.**

**Break 9:56 am**

**Resume 10:10 am**

**Budget Workshop**

**With the current rate the amount is \$4,380, 752.00**

**Voter Approval Rate: 4.2473**

- **Sheriff's Department**
- **Jail Administrator**
- **Revenue**
- **Community Services- Library**
- **Capital**

**Commissioner Clary suggested reviewing each department's budget line by line to ensure no one is underfunded and that every department is funded to do its day-to-day operations.**

**The Court decided that BizProtect should install Microsoft on everyone's computers, and it will be the 2021 Professional for \$99 per computer, which is a lifetime license subscription. It will have Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Publisher.**

**Adjourned at 11:42 am.**

  
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Judge James Yates

Attest:   
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County Clerk

