

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Special Session

Monday, August 18, 2025

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in special session on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 9:00 am with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Dickie Clary, David Ogle, Johnny Wagner and Keith Allen Curry. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

There was not an invocation or the Pledges this morning.

Open Comments:

Nicole Doucet addressed the court with her concerns about foreign, out of Country, land purchasers within not only Hamilton County but across the state. Ms. Doucet's concern is that China will infiltrate rural communities and use our county road as runways to launch drone attacks. Ms. Doucet is asking for full government support, executive orders, etc. to protect ourselves from foreign drone attacks.

Law Enforcement Contract:

The Commissioners Court discussed the proposed changes from the City of Hamilton on the Law Enforcement contract. The City of Hamilton is requesting the Sheriff or Deputy attend at least 12 City Council meetings annually and provide Bailiff services the Municipal Court, all of which are agreed upon. The City of Hamilton requested a 4% cap on cost per officer and the County does not agree to that term due to the inability to predict fuel and oil costs or any potential inflation costs that may need to be shared between the County and the City of Hamilton. County Attorney, Mark Henkes, will be providing an amended contract reflecting the requested changes for the Commissioners to review before the next regularly scheduled Commissioner's Court meeting.

FEMA:

Debbie Rudolph updated the Court on one of the projects has been released and the funding is heading to TDEM. There is a second project that should be heading to TDEM soon. The Commissioners will have an opportunity for final review.

Phase II Communications Tower:

Lacy Alexander has received the tower frequencies and is now reviewing each of them for compatibility and approval.

Budget Workshop:

The Commissioners Court discussed the proposed budget and will hopefully have a clean copy of the proposed budget reflecting all revisions discussed through the budgeting process. Hamilton County have a Public Hearing at 9:00 am on September 9, 2025. The proposed property tax rate for Hamilton County is as follows:

TOTAL TAX RATE - \$.4140 PER \$100.00

PROPOSED TAX RATE MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS - \$.3930 PER \$100.00


DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE - \$.0210 PER \$100.00

PRECEEDING YEARS TAX RATE - \$.4300 PER \$100.00

NO NEW REVENUE TAX RATE - \$.388410 PER \$100.00

VOTER APPROVAL RATE - \$.424473 PER \$100.00

Adjourned at 10:10 am



County Judge

Attest: 

County Clerk

