

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry and Dickie Clary. County Judge James Yates called the meeting to order a quorum was established. Commissioner Wagner led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

There were no open comments.

There were no Budget Adjustments to consider.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Minutes from previous Commissioner's Court. September 19, 2023, September 26, 2023 and October 3, 2023.
- b. Approve Departmental Reports
- c. Approve bills submitted for payment. No in-between bills to consider. Payroll in the amount of \$83,700.75. Comp time payout in the amount of \$14,837.63. The FY-2023 Expense Register in the amount of \$90,041.15. The FY-2024 Expense Register in the amount of \$151,849.68.
- d. No Certificates of Continuing Education to approve.
- e. One Culvert Application to consider in Precinct 1 on County Road 125.
- f. No Building and Use Requests to consider.
- g. Approve Bonds for Edward Hood and Isaac Partain, both Deputy Sherrif's.

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The consent agenda was approved with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Hamilton County Personnel Update – Glenda Hankins resigned from the Communications Department on October 4, 2023. Janie Stanosch is a full time, new hire as Assistant Auditor.

There were no Facilities updates to consider.

Tonya Cox provided the Court with the Treasurer's Report stating currently Cash on Hand balance is \$1,503,249.20 and Investments in the amount of \$3,291,260.29.

Lacy Alexander was unable to attend today's Commissioners Court due to her working Dispatch shifts within her department. The email stated Hamilton County's call volume was up 200 calls in comparison to last September. The shelter and generator at the Hico site have been set and power will be connected some time this week. Motorola will be conducting a walk through at both tower locations today. Generator testing is scheduled for later this week and once all that has been completed Phase 2 will begin on this project. Communications Department still has two employment positions available and no applications submitted at this time.

The BURN BAN will be back in effect beginning this Friday, October 13, 2023. The BURN BAN will allow burning of household trash in a burn barrel with a screened lid. J. Wagner made a motion to approve the BURN BAN and D. Clary seconded the motion. The BURN BAN was approved by a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The update from Central Counties Services Executive Director, Johnnie Wardell, will be placed on a future agenda. No action taken today.

The court discussed and took action on adopting the Hamilton County Resolution Indigent defense Grant Program. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The court approved the Indigent Grant Program with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

D. Clary made a motion to change the Designated Investment Officers and K. Curry seconded the motion. The court approved Tonya Cox, Judge James Yates and Janie Stanosch as the designated Investment Officers with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Coni Guinn was scheduled to discuss some issues at the Old Jail – Museum but was unable to attend today's meeting due to an illness. No action or discussion from the court at this time.

Judge Yates asked for the court's approval on purchasing a laptop computer. J. Wagner made a motion to approve the purchase and K. Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved the purchase of a laptop computer with a vote of 3-0, Judge Yates abstained.

The court took action on ratifying the District Judge's Order appointing an Assistant Auditor. Commissioner Wagner made a motion and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The court approved ratifying the previous order with a vote of 3-0, Judge Yates abstained.

Sandy Layhew gave a brief explanation on the new requirements for counties to have a written Jury Selection Plan. D. Clary made a motion and K. Curry seconded the motion to adopt the new Jury Selection Plan. The court took a vote and it was approved with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

J. Wagner made a motion and K. Curry seconded the motion to approve the Hamilton County Agreement with the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department. The agreement was approved by a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The court discussed and took action on approving the Hamilton County contract with the Hamilton Community Foundation. The contract begins on October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. D. Clary made a motion to approve and J. Wagner seconded the motion. The court approved the contract with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Commissioner D. Clary made a motion to approve the Hamilton County contract with the Jonesboro Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion and the court approved the contract by a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The court took discussed and took action to approve the Hamilton County contract with United Care. The term of the contract is from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. J. Wagner made a motion to approve and K. Curry seconded the motion. The court approved the contract with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

No discussion on the FY 2023 -2024 Budget.

The Court adjourned at 9:26 am.

James Yates

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Attest: *Rachel Bees*

County Clerk

