

**Hamilton County Commissioner's Court**

**Regular Session**

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioner Keith Curry, Commissioner Johnny Wagner, Commissioner Dickey Clary and Commissioner Loyd Huggins. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Judge Yates led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.**

**Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.):**

- **\$2,000.00 from 023-614-4250 for School Conference.**
- **\$2,000.00 from 023-614-1090 for temporary employees for PCT. 3.**
- **\$1,841.17 from 010-630-4191 for Burials Indigent.**
- **\$1,841.17 from 010-630-4192 for Service Contract CPS for invoices for Texas Department of Family and Protective Service.**
- **\$10,000.00 from 010-409-5720 for Contingency.**
- **\$10,000.00 from 010-409-4010 for Audit. FY2024 72% completion.**
- **\$15,000.00 from 010-409-1030 for Personal Salaries.**
- **\$15,000.00 from 010-510-3600 for contract Services for part time cleaning services contracted for courthouse, Annex, and S.O.**
- **\$375.00 from 023-614-3360 for Uniforms.**
- **\$375.00 from 023-614-4820 for Auto Insurance in PCT. 3.**
- **\$400.00 from 021-612-5720 for Contingency.**
- **\$400.00 from 021-612-4820 for Auto Insurance in PCT 1.**

**Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) and Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) with a 5-0 vote.**

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

- a. **Approve Minutes from October 8, 2024 & October 16, 2024**

- b. *Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. *Expense Register FY 2024 in the amount of \$41,425.77*  
*Expense Register FY 2025 in the amount of \$123,427.23*  
*Payroll in the amount of \$80,656.89.*
- d. *Continuing Education for: No continuations at this time.*
- e. *Culvert Applications – No applications at this time.*
- f. *Building and Use Requests – No request at this time.*
- g. *Bonds: Kimberly Kaczmarkcayk, Assistant Auditor, Lisa Stary Keeping, Deputy Sheriff*

*Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Consent Agenda as presented with a 4-0 vote; Judge Yates abstained.*

*Hamilton County Personnel Update: Sherrif department hired an administrate assistant.*

#### *Hamilton Cuntly Treasurer's Report*

*For August*

- *\$2,028,532.50 for total cash and other assets*
- *\$2,420,943.13 for investments*

*Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Hamilton Cuntly Treasurer's Report as presented and Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Treasurers Report as presented with a 4-0 vote; Judge Yates abstained.*

#### *Hamilton County Facilities Update:*

*There are a few bids for the sidewalk, but we are waiting on FEMA.*

#### *Communication Update*

*The communication department is currently having issues with its internet, which is affecting its computers and online dispatch. Communications still has two positions open. They have been receiving many calls for small grass fires. Lacy also stated that Motorola is asking for an update on when they can start Phase Two. Motorola also said that we have open bids with them, and they have expiration dates. Commissioner-Clary asked to put this subject on the next agenda.*

*Burn Ban: No updates at this time.*

*The order establishing the Budget for the office of the County Auditor was approved.*

*Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the Order establishing Budget for the office of County Auditor as presented and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Order as presented with a 4-0 vote; Judge Yates abstained.*

*Steve Manning addressed the Texas A&M American Conservation Foundation Flood Model Project. They discussed their plan to help avoid flooding. Their project includes Eastland, Comanche, Hamilton, Coryell, and Bell County. The project would be a surface and underground flow model that they would link together to prevent flooding with early warnings. Their system would integrate with the county alert system to send flooding notifications in Hamilton County. They would like someone from Hamilton County to attend their meetings, or one of them will come to commissioner meetings to give us updates once a month. They would like to have a point of contact to communicate. Next year, in January, they will be having a meeting in Temple.*

*There was a small discussion about the Indigent Defense Grant Program. Last year, the county received \$17,600.00. The county will continue with the Indigent Defense Grant Program for this year.*

*Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Grant request for application of the Indigent Defense Grant Program and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved to match the grant as presented with a 4-0 vote; Judge Yates abstained.*

*The Central Texas Rural Transit District, also known as CARR, would be the new transportation system for Hamilton County, which will be replacing the HOP bus. March 2025 is the deadline for everything to be complete, and TxDot is going to be the intermediate. The county would be getting two buses for service and another as a backup. There will be two or three personal transportation options outside the county.*

*Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the joining of the Central Texas Transit District and Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved to join the Central Texas Transit District as presented with a 4-0 vote; Judge Yates abstained.*

*The Hill County Action Association—TX DEPT of Agriculture Texas Feeding Program. This program is similar to Meals on Wheels. Commissioner Huggins stated that this is a grant for approximately \$600.00 and the county would match the same amount. This program would not affect the Community Center.*

*Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the grant and Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved to match the grant as presented with a 4-0 vote; Judge Yates abstained.*

The county auditor proposed purchasing a Ricoh printer for her office. Her current printer spends \$800.00 for two toners per year. She also goes to different offices to use their printers. The new printer would save more money because it is more cost-efficient. The contract would be for five years. The treasurer suggested that they switch her printer so she can get a bigger one since she goes past her limit on the copies she makes. The treasurer's current printer contract will be looked up to see how long she has left. The commissioners said for the auditor and treasurer to get together and come up with a plan to see what works for both of them.

*Judge Yates discussed making a Court Operations Funds*

A Capital Murder trial can cost anywhere from \$9,000.00 to \$100,000.00. The account will fund any Capital Murder trial expenses in the County. This fund would receive what money is left from the annual district court budget. The County will have control, and it would be to build a pool of money. Currently, there is \$13,000.00 left over from the District Court FY 2024 budget to start.

The County Attorney suggested speaking with Comanche County to see how they have set their Operations Funds.

No discussion for Law Enforcement, personnel and Budget

No discussion for May Flooding 2024 Disaster Recovery (FEMA)

No discussion on the Allocations Road and Bridge Funds

Adjourned at 9:54 am.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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Judge James Yates

Attest: *Rachel Geeslin*  
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County Clerk

