

**Hamilton County Commissioner's Court**

**Regular Session**

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary. Tynes called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Tynes led the invocation and followed with the pledges.**

**There were several budget adjustments to consider. Huggins made the motion to approve the budget adjustments, Clary seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**The Court considered the following consent agenda:**

- A. Minutes from previous Commissioner's Court meetings**
- B. Approve Departmental reports**
- C. Approve bills in the amount of \$15,220.22 for FY22; bills in the amount of \$61,764.52 for FY23; in-between bills in the amount of \$818.27, payroll in the amount of \$78,172.69**
- D. Certificates of continuing education - None**
- E. Application(s) for Culvert - None**
- F. Building and Use Request**
  - 1. Chamber of Commerce - Courthouse parking lot and lawn, tree lighting**
  - 2. EDC and Chamber of Commerce - holiday lighting and décor**
  - 3. Hamilton Historic Main Street - Small Business Saturday, 11/26/22**
  - 4. Hamilton Historic Main Street - Kayla Schraub spoke, requesting the Court to consider Main Street's obtaining a grant to beautify Courthouse grounds with picnic tables, seating and speakers for broadcasting music. After discussion, the Court agreed to defer this request until the next meeting,**
- G. Bonds and Deputations - None**

**Wagner made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Huggins seconded. The Court approved the consent agenda unanimously.**

**Cody Turner moved from Precinct 1 to Precinct 2, effective 10/17/2022.**

*There were no issues to report on Hamilton County facilities.*

*An Interlocal Agreement between Hamilton County and Mills County was introduced regarding inmate housing. Clary made the motion to accept the interlocal agreement between Hamilton and Mills County, Huggins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.*

*The Court entered into a discussion on the Hamilton County tax abatement policy. Clary proposed a series of public meetings, giving the public an opportunity to give their opinions on the tax abatement policy. He suggested the next three Commissioner's Court meetings. County Attorney Henkes suggested adding the topic as an agenda item, inviting public comments and responses. Richard Layne addressed the Court suggesting that 6:00 p.m. would be an appropriate time for the meetings, and further, that he would end all tax abatements. Tynes suggested publishing the current tax abatement policy in the newspaper for the public to read before the meetings.*

*The Court considered the agreement for lease of space to Texas A&M Forest Service. They had previously approved the ongoing agreement.*

*No action was taken on Agenda item 13.*

*Clary reported that Precinct 4 had a TS100 New Holland Tractor and Boom Mower, a Kenworth dump truck, and a Dodge pickup he needed to declare as surplus. Clary made the motion to declare the above items as surplus, Huggins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

*The Court took no action on Agenda item 15.*

*The Court took no action on Agenda item 16.*

*The Court discussed changing telephone service at the Courthouse and Sheriff's Department from Century Link to Pathway. Pathway currently provides Internet services to the buildings and changing providers would result in cost savings. The Court will request a contract from Pathway to consider.*

*Huggins addressed the issue of 9-1-1 addressing and private road requests. There is no current map which would provide locations of the newly-created private roads to emergency services. The Court discussed keeping EMS and Emergency Communications advised before approving private roads.*

*Lacy Alexander updated the Court on the Emergency Communications project. All equipment is working properly. Alexander will meet with CTCOG and request new maps or digital maps reflecting all roads.*

*The Court entered into closed session.*

*The Court adjourned at 10:50 a.m.*

  
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County Judge

Attest:   
County Clerk

