

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry, David Ogle and Dickie Clary. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Commissioner Wagner led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

There were no Open Comments today.

Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.):

- *\$10,000 from 023-614-5720, Contingency Precinct 3 to 023-614-1090, Temporary Employee.*

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) as presented and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) Agenda with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve the Minutes from October 10, 2025, October 14, 2025 and October 21, 2025*
- b. No Departmental reports to approve*
- c. In- Between Bills in the amount of \$94,790.21*
- d. Expense Register in amount of \$118,156.45*
- e. Payroll in the amount of \$83,297.94*
- f. Payroll in the amount of \$979.23*
- g. No Culvert Applications*
- h. No Building and Use Requests*
- i. Bonds – Nicole Clepper, Assistant Treasurer; Teodoro Pineda, Deputy Sheriff; Sandy Layhew, Financial Officer; Anna Renaud, Deputy District Clerk and Aaron Goodman, Deputy Sheriff*

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.

No Hamilton County Personnel Update.

Hamilton County Treasurer's Report:

August – Cash on Hand in the amount of \$2,642,581.26

August – Investments in the amount of \$4,194,384.37

September – Cash on Hand in the amount of \$2,156,738.29

September – Investments in the amount of \$4,187,337.48

Treasurer; Tonya Cox stated the Sheriff's Department has received the \$130,000.00 funds from the Body Armor Grant. Timany McCarn, Financial Officer will be creating new GL numbers in order for the funds to be expensed out and tracked for reporting.

Hamilton County Infrastructure Update:

- **The drive thru behind the Hamilton County Annex building has been torn down and the parking lot will need to be fixed, sealed and stripes painted before use.**
- **The County Clerk's basement had a leak last week due to a corroded pump on the geothermal unit.**
- **Carl Taylor monitored the supposed leak in the Financial Office on the second floor during the most recent storms and was able to determine the damages are from an old leak and currently there is no water causing more damages.**

Hamilton Communications Update:

- **Lacy Alexander stated that October 17th -19th several large fires broke out around the County. The fire in Rio Escondido (Evant) required assistance from the Texas Forestry Service.**
- **NRS has installed two flood gauges that eventually will be live feed. One flood gauge was placed at Plum Creek and CR 410 and the other flood gauge was placed at Cowhouse Creek and FM218. The gauges were placed to track floodwaters.**
- **The Communications Department is fully staffed at this time but Lacy is still looking for a full-time person to replace a part time position.**

Law Enforcement Update:

- **Sheriff Boulton stated the first week of November a new Deputy begins and other than needing one more full time Deputy the Sheriff's Department is fully staffed.**
- **The Sheriff's Department has received \$130,000.00 for the Rifle Body Armor Project. \$100,000.00 is allocated to a new vehicle and the \$7,500.00 per officer that is certified**

through ICE. This grant is at no cost to the taxpayers or the County and has no "pay back" requirements, only reporting requirements.

- *The SB22 grant contract has been signed and returned. The grant is in the amount of \$350,000.00 and reporting is due on December 1, 2025.*

Central Texas Council of Government has created a new district for 911 Emergency calls. Hamilton County is the first County to join the district. Previously the \$.50 911 fee on everyone's cell phone bill was sent to the state for allocation to the Counties; now that \$.50 fee will be sent to the new CTCOG district in order for the funds to be allocated more appropriately to the Counties within the new district. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Commissioner Court approved the Interlocal Agreement for 911 Public Safety answering point system with Central Texas Council of Government with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Commissioner's Court discussed the need to approve the following contracts with Hamilton County;

- *Hamilton County Child Protective Services*
- *United Care*
- *Hamilton Public Library*
- *Central Counties Services*
- *Hamilton Community Foundation*
- *Shive Volunteer Fire Department*
- *Evant Volunteer Fire Department*
- *Jonesboro Volunteer Fire Department*
- *Hico Volunteer Fire Department*

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the contracts and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved the above listed contacts with Hamilton County with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Judge Yates announced the Appointment of Lucas Robinson to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1; James Lively. Commissioner Wagner made a motion and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court accepted the appointment of Lucas Robinson as Justice of the Peace Judge, Precinct 1 by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court discussed Hamilton County cast votes for representative for the Board of Directors, Hamilton County Appraisal District for a two-year term beginning January 1,

2026. Commissioner Clary made a motion for Ralph Lee followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion. The Commissioner's Court voted Ralph Lee as the representative to serve a two-year term on the Hamilton County Appraisal District Board of Directors with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Regional Public Defender Office Local Government Corporation and Hamilton County. Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Court approved the interlocal agreement with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The next regularly scheduled Commissioners Court falls on Veteran's Day, Tuesday November 11, 2025. Commissioner Clary made a motion to hold the meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 4-0 vote; Judge Yates abstained. The next Commissioners Court meeting will be held at 9:00 am on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

No discussion on the FY 2025-2026-2027 Budget Workshop.

Hamilton County Phase II Tower Workshop:

The project is still on track at this time. Coordination for installation will begin in January 2026.

Recess at 9:30 am

Reconvene at 1:00 pm

FEMA Workshop:

Lorrie with FEMA provided an Agenda and led the meeting. The Commissioners Court, TDEM representatives and FEMA representatives all have open discussion on various roads within the county.

Roads withdrawn from DR4879 due to duplication of claims shown in DR 4781:

Project #961462 – CR 227

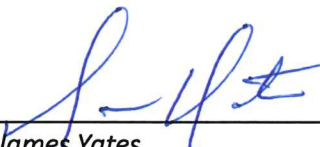
Project #961456 – CR 223

- **Currently have 11 roads waiting on completion of site inspection reports.**
- **8 roads still working on the comparison of overlapping damages claimed in DR4781**
- **Precinct 3 will leave CR3235 in DR4781 and not claim the it in DR4879**

- *ALL projects have to "pushed" by December 1, 2025 in order to get reimbursed on actuals instead of estimates.*
- *Commissioner Ogle will need to access the damages to the culverts on CR216 before proceeding with mitigation requests.*
- *Kevin will be calling Debbie Rudolph later in this week to discuss notes that came back from the Time Extension requests.*
- *CR 216 – Sink Hole - Must be completed before November 15, 2025 in order to be reimbursed on actuals instead of on estimates.*

Commissioner Clary asked Kevin with FEMA to clarify the small project estimate funding. Commissioner Clary asked if they are able to complete a small project and there is money remaining would the County have to pay back those funds or would the County be allowed to allocate excess funds from a small project towards another small project. Kevin stated that if there are any excess funds from a small project the County would not have to repay those funds and the excess funds should be used on other small project completions.

Adjourned at 2:21 pm



Judge James Yates

Attest: 

County Clerk

