

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court*

*Regular Session*

*Tuesday, November 12, 2024*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, November 12, 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. Commissioner Clary led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.*

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

- *\$983.00 from 010-560-4010, Investigation to 010-560-4590, Service Contracts for a Motorola Body Cam.*

*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 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:*

- Approve Minutes from October 22, 2024*
- Approve Departmental Reports*
- Approve Certificates of Continuing Education*
- Expense Register in the amount of \$145,851.47*
- Payroll in the amount of \$82,412.18*

*Commissioner Clary 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:*

- *Ernest Odell – new Hire in the Communications Department.*

Hamilton County Treasurer, Tonya Cox, provided the Court with the Treasurer's Update stating that as of end of September the total Cash on Hand is \$1,892,680.37 and Investments totaling \$2,431,354.58. Tonya suggested moving the SB22 grant funds into the Logic account in order to be in compliance with the grant requirements of tracking the funds in an interest-bearing account.

No Investment Report provided at this time.

*Hamilton County Facilities Update:*

Currently trying to find someone to climb the flag pole at the top of the Courthouse in order to fix the broken cable.

*Hamilton County Communications Update:*

1,620 calls for service were received during the month of October and over 3,000 total calls were received during the month of October. The Communications department have already received 546 calls during the first twelve days of November. Lacy Alexander stated that Pathway came this past Saturday to replace some equipment due to internet connectivity issues and everything is working well now.

Commissioner Clary requested that an Overtime report for the Communications Dept. be provided once a month.

*Hamilton County Law Enforcement Update:*

- a. 995 Calls for Service
- b. 65 Reports written
- c. 134 Traffic stops resulting in 104 Citations and 78 Warnings
- d. 8 Arrests – 3 Felony and 5 Misdemeanor
- e. 17 Civil Process
- f. Bailiff – 11 days totaling 36 hours

*Sheriff Bolton stated the Jail Standards inspection has been completed and there will be various items throughout the jail needing to be repaired or updated to standard. The Property room audit took over seven days to complete and Sheriff Bolton stated the Property room is full to the brim and the Sheriff's Department will need to obtain more space very soon.*

*No action on the Burn Ban at this time.*

*The Commissioners Court took action on Ratifying the District Judge's Order appointing the Assistant Auditor. Commissioner Huggins made a motion and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved to ratify the District Judge's order appointing an Assistant Auditor with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*Commissioner Huggins made a motion to ratify the amended resolution with Hill Community Action Association and Hamilton County in order to list the full name instead of the acronym (HCAA) and to add Judge Yates name and title to the contract as well. Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The Court approved the ratified contract between Hill Country Community Action Association and Hamilton County with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*The Commissioners Court discussed the Interlocal agreement for transit services with Hill Country Transit District Dba The Hop and Hamilton County. The transit services period covered will be from November through March. Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Clary. The Court approved the Interlocal agreement with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Central Texas Rural Transit District Board of Directors adding Mills, Hamilton and San Saba Counties to the Central Texas Rural District (CARR). Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Resolution with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*The Court discussed the Texas Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Hazard Mitigation plan must be updated every five years in order to comply with State and Federal guidelines. Commissioner Clary made a motion, followed by Commissioner Huggins seconding the motion. The Court approved the adoption of the Hamilton County, Texas Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*Commissioner Clary made a motion to approved the adoption by Resolution for Hamilton County approval of Hazard mitigation action plan update and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved adoption by resolution for Hamilton County approval of Hazard mitigation plan with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*The Commissioners Court took action to ratify and approve Belfor Property restoration, Texas authorization contract for repairs in the County Clerk's basement due to a water leak. Commissioner Curry made a motion to approve and Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion. The Court approved the Belfor contract with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*The Court took action to approve the following agreements and Contracts with Hamilton County:*

- a. Shive VFD*
- b. Jonesboro VFD*
- c. Evant VFD*
- d. Cranfills Gap VFD*
- e. Stae VFD*
- f. Hico VFD*
- g. Central Counties Services*
- h. Hamilton Cnty CPS Board*
- i. Hamilton Public Library*
- j. Hamilton Community Foundation*
- k. Hico Senior Services*
- l. Hamilton United Care*

*Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the contracts and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved the agreements and contracts with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*Two representatives from Motorola spoke to the Commissioners Court about the maintenance contract for Phase 2 of the Tower contract. Motorola stated that years 2-5 would include updates*

*to the software and the hardware and repairs included also. The payment schedule will go as follows:*

*25% due at time of contract execution*

*60% due at time of Equipment order*

*10% due at installation*

*5% due at finalization*

*No Action was taken.*

*Texas Government code 2054.5191 requires all employees, elected and appointed officials who have access to local government computers to complete an annual cybersecurity training. The cost per employee is \$5.00. Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the required training and Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the required cybersecurity training with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*The Commissioners Court discussed applying for a reimbursement grant offered through Texas A&M and the Forestry Service. The Community Wildfire prevention plan and Community Wildfire development Grant is a two-phase reimbursement grant that the Court discussed the need to apply for or not. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the application of the grant and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Court agreed to apply for the grant by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*Recess began at 10:34 am*

*Reconvene at 1:00 – FEMA discussion.*

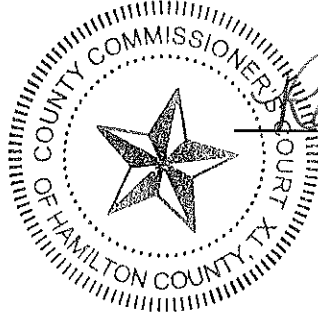
*The FEMA representative and the Commissioners Court discussed the discrepancies in ditch material calculations and documentation and decided to have a follow up meeting in order to finalize the details of materials needed and the calculations of certain projects.*

*Adjourned at 1:50 pm*

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*J. Yates*

**James Yates**  
**Hamilton County Judge**



*Rachel Geeslin*

**Rachel L. Geeslin**  
**Hamilton County Clerk**