

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Wednesday, November 12, 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. Judge Yates led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

There were no Open Comments today.

There were no Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) to consider.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve the Minutes from October 28, 2025*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. In-Between Bills in the amount of \$6,676.49*
- d. Expense register in the amount of \$83,665.98*
- e. Payroll in the amount of \$89,394.19*
- f. No Culvert Applications*
- g. No Building and Use Requests*
- h. Bonds – Lisa Keeping, Deputy Sheriff and Lucas Robinson, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1*

Commissioner Clary 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 at this time.

No Hamilton County Treasurer's report at this time.

No Hamilton County Investment report at this time.

Hamilton County Infrastructure Update:

- a. *The tear down of the drive thru behind the Hamilton County Annex has been completed. Pinnacle Paving will be repairing the blacktop, sealing, striping the parking lines and placing the handicap signs.*
- b. *Two A/C units have been ordered; one is for the County Clerks Office and the other is for the Justice of the Peace Office. The units will take an estimated six weeks to be built.*

Communications Update:

- *October 2025 saw an increase of 56 calls in comparison to October 2024*
- *October 2025 saw an increase of 168 calls in comparison to October 2023*
- *October 2025 saw 494 more calls in comparison to September 2025*
- *Vistacom came and did a review and update of the Communications Departments systems; all systems are working as they should*
- *In the event our call center gets overwhelmed with calls, the calls will roll over to Mills County*
- *Communications Department is still answering 911 calls in 5 seconds or less which is the National Standard.*

Law Enforcement Update:

- *101 Reports written in October*
- *Arrests – 14 were Booked in, 11 males & 3 females. 14 Felony charges and 10 Misdemeanor charges*
- *305 traffic Stops resulting in 106 Violations being cited for fines and 220 Violations resulting in warnings.*
- *48 hours covering 9 days of Bailiff coverage*
- *Served 23 Civil processes which took 31 attempts*
- *Responded to 969 calls for service*
- *Seized 1.95 oz of Marijuana*
- *Completed 22 Inmate transports*
- *40 Records requests resulting in \$250.40 in revenue.*

Sheriff Boulton addressed the Court in regards to an article written in the newspaper by the City Mayor, Richard Buchanan. Sheriff Boulton stated the article was written based on rumors instead of facts.

No discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.

The Commissioners Court discussed to contracts and Interlocal Agreements between Hamilton County and Hico Senior Services and Cranfills Gap Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the contracts followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion. The Court approved the Interlocal Agreements and contracts between Hico Senior Services and Cranfills Gap Volunteer Fire Department with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court discussed a proposal from Ricoh for a copier in the County Judge's Office. Due to a clerical error with the previous Auditor a contract was not put in place for the County Judge's Office. Commissioner Clary made a motion to accept the proposal from Ricoh; Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The Court accepted the proposal from Ricoh for a copier in the County Judge's Office with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to accept the grant agreement for the Rural Sheriff's Office Salary Assistance Program (SB22 Grant) followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court accepted the SB22 Grant Agreement for \$350,000.00 with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Commissioners Court designated Timany McCarn, Hamilton County Financial Director, as an authorized signatories for financial and banking purposes. Commissioner Clary made the motion followed by Commissioner Wagner seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court authorized the financial director to be a signor with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Hamilton County Sheriff's Department received a \$100,000.00 ICE grant that is to be used to purchase and outfit patrol vehicles. The Sheriff's Department has ordered a 2026 Dodge Ram 1500 for the captain's patrol vehicle. The new Ram truck will cost about \$47,000.00 and another \$3,000.00 to outfit it. Commissioner Clary requested Sheriff Boulton to provide a written vehicle replacement plan. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to accept the vehicle purchase followed by Commissioner Clary seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court supports the purchase of the new 1500 Dodge Ram with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Sheriff Department requests \$30,000.00 from Inmate Housing budget to purchase an Inmate transport van. Commissioner Clary stated in the event the inmate housing line runs short on funds at the end of the fiscal year then the Sheriff's Department would need to locate the needed funds within their own budget. Commissioner Clary made the motion followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the purchase of an inmate transport van with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Commissioners Court Canvassed the results of the November 4, 2025 Constitutional Amendment Election. Commissioner Clary, made a motion to approve the Canvass results followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court accepted the Canvassed results with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained. The Official election results can be found in the Commissioner Court records, Election Records book and on the Hamilton County website.

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

No discussion on the Hamilton Couty Phase II Tower.

Recess at 9:44 am

Reconvene at 12:00 pm

FEMA DR4789 –

Brandy and Brittany with TDEM were in attendance and Donna with FEMA joined virtually. Hamilton County told FEMA that we are not interested in combining the damaged roads into projects for financial reasons. Hamilton County was instructed to compile an e-mail stating as such and submit it to FEMA for the changes to be made. The Commissioners Court discussed multiple projects and reviewed FEMA's accuracy of information.

Commissioner Ogle stated the sink hole on CR 216 will be 100% complete this week. The only remaining work to be done on CR 216 is the road surface.

FEMA DR4781 – 12:422 pm

The Commissioners Court and the TDEM representatives reviewed obligated projects and the requests for reimbursements. The TDEM representatives stated the following projects have either been obligated or payments have been processed:

- *Project #1782 - \$87,018.24*

- **Project #1336 - \$12,360.69**
- **Project #1781 - \$16,370.49**
- **Project #1783 - \$21,154.85**
- **Totaling - \$136,904.21**
- **Four projects are pending award and 4 projects are in the large project review phase.**

May 17, 2026 is the project completion deadline. Hamilton County may file for up to 18 months of extensions if needed.

Adjourned at 1:27 pm

Attest:

County Clerk



County Judge