

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Lloyd Huggins and Keith Curry. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Commissioner Huggins led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

Open Comments:

Mayor Rodney Craddick provided the court with an update on The Community Center. During the month of February, the Community Center served 2,788 meals which is an average of 147 meals per day and received \$1,920.46 in donations.

There were several Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) to Consider:

The Assistant Auditors office requested \$600.00 from 010-495-1010 (Auditor) to 010-495-4250 (School & Conferences) to be used for future schools and conferences.

Lloyd Huggins, Commissioner Precinct 3, requested \$5,000.00 from 023-614-5500 (Bridge Replacement) to 023-614-3500 (Road Material & Supplies).

There were also several Correction Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) to consider:

\$810.00 from 021-612-1100 (Longevity) to 010-409-1100 (Longevity), came out of non-departmental in error.

\$3,716.00 from 024-615-1100 (Longevity) to 010-409-1100 (Longevity), came out of nondepartmental in error.

\$585.90 from 010-499-1160 (Salary Supplement) to 010-499-1010 (Elected Official), all salary supplements were deducted from Elected Official line rather than the Salary Supplement allocation.

\$3,224.00 from 022-613-1100 (Longevity) to 010-409-1100 (Longevity), came out of nondepartmental in error.

\$940.00 from 023-614-1100 (Longevity) to 010-409-1100 (Longevity), came out of nondepartmental in error.

Commissioner Huggins made the motion and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The court approved the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) and the Correction Budget Adjustments with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes from February 27, 2024*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Payroll in the amount of \$68,886.95*
- d. Expense register in the amount of \$108,694.04*
- e. No Applications for Culvert Installation*
- f. No Building and Use requests*
- g. Bonds – Nicole Clepper, Deputy Court Clerk, Justice of the Peace; Lexsa York, Deputy Court Clerk, Justice of the Peace; Holly J. Bailey, Deputy Tax Assessor-Tax Collector.*

Commissioner Wagner made the motion and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved the Consent Agenda with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

There was one Hamilton County personnel update to report; Andrew Sullivan was hired for a full-time position in the Communications Department on March 2, 2024.

No Treasurer's Report provided for this meeting.

There were no Hamilton County Facilities update provided.

Lacy Alexander provided the court with an update for the Communications department. Lacy provided a call log volume statistics printout showing call volumes from 2020-2023 and said that calls for service are up 228 calls in comparison to 2023. The Communications Department will be holding three Solar Eclipse public meetings throughout the county, the first being tonight at 6:00pm, in Hico at the Hico Community Center.

The Commissioners Court discussed the need to appoint two Investment Officers because currently Treasurer, Tonya Cox, is the only person listed. The court decided to appoint the Assistant Auditor, Janie Stanosch and Hamilton County Judge, James Yates. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The court approved the appointments of Janie Stanosch and Judge James Yates by a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The court discussed the need to change the Beneficiary, Friends of Cranfills Gap ISD to Cranfills Gap Lions Booster Club on a Tax Abatements dated August 5, 2020. Friends of Cranfills Gap ISD has dissolved so the Commissioners Court agreed to ratify the

Beneficiary name to Cranfills Gap Lions Booster Club by a 3-0 vote. Commissioner Huggins made a motion and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. Judge Yates abstained.

Commissioner Huggins made a motion and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion to accept the proposal from BMY to perform the Financial Audit Services for Hamilton County. The commissioners court approved BMY for auditing service by a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The court discussed the need to close the courthouse on April 8, 2024 for the Solar Eclipse event for the safety of courthouse employees. Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the closure and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners court approved the closure of the Courthouse on April 8, 2024 with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The court discussed and took action on ratifying the District Court order appointing an emergency Auditor. Jesse Jobes was appointed and will be paid \$3,000.00 for performing the "upper" level sign-off of the audit. Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The court approved the ratified district order by a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Commissioners court discussed the receipt of unexpected revenue as defined in LGC 111.0108 and the certification of the receipt of the revenue. The \$32,609.00 revenue comes from the sale of the Hamilton County Appraisal District's building located at 119 E. Henry. The revenue will be placed into the General Fund. Commissioner Wagner made the motion and Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion and the receipt of the revenue was accepted by a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Judge Yates stated he is waiting on the audit to be finalized before Jesse Jobes can review and sign-off on the 2023 audit and then present it to Hamilton County Judge, James Yates and Janie Stanosch, Assistant Auditor to sign-off on the audit.

Adjourned at 9:25 am.



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Hamilton County Judge, James Yates

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Hamilton County Clerk, Rachel L. Geeslin