

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Lloyd Huggins, Dickie Clary and Keith Curry. 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.

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

\$15,240.16 from 010-562-1260 (Dispatcher 6) to 010-562-1210 (Dispatcher 1), multiple Dispatchers were sharing the same GL account for payroll disbursement. This is a payroll correction.

\$2,981.98 from 010-409-5720 (Contingency) to 010-426-4140 (Visiting Judge), Statutory visiting Judge for a Statutory Probate in the County Clerks Office.

\$7,200.00 from 010-409-5720 (Contingency) to 010-640-4870 (Indigent Health Coryell County), was not originally budgeted.

\$1,500.00 from 023-614-5700 (Non-Capital Equipment) and \$5,000.00 from 023-614-5500 (Bridge Replacement) to 023-614-4500 (Equipment Repair and Maintenance).

Commissioner Huggins made the motion and Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The Court approved the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) and Correction Budget Adjustments with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes from March 8, 2024 and March 12, 2024.*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Payroll in the amount of \$69,611.09*
- d. Expense Register in the amount of \$136,373.30*
- e. Cash on Hand in the amount of \$2,600,664.89*
- f. Investments in the amount of \$1,335,344.44*
- g. Precinct 4 has one Culvert Application to consider on CR 512*
- h. Certificates of Continuing Education for Rachel Geeslin, Certificate of Continuing Education County & District Clerk's Association of Texas; Lacy Alexander, MGT 448 All hazards Planning for Animal, Agricultural and Food Related Disasters, Solar*

- Eclipse Call taking Training; #3852 Lacy Alexander, Melissa Erexson, Linda Goodwin, April Amanda Phillips; Amanda Phillips, Spanish for Telecommunicators.*
- i. Building and use Requests – Hamilton High School Prom – Grand march, May 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm and Child Protective Services Board to place flags around the Courthouse for Child Abuse Awareness month April 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024.*

Commissioner Wagner made the motion and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The court approved the Consent Agenda with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court discussed the need to rescind the action from March 12, 2024 Appointing Hamilton County Investment Officers. Commissioner Huggins made the motion and Commissioner Clary seconded the motion and the court rescinded the original appointment of Investments Officers with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Child Protective Services Board provided a Proclamation for Child Abuse Awareness Month, April 1- April 30, 2024, for the Court to consider. Commissioner Clary made the motion followed by Commissioner Curry. The Court approved the CPS Proclamation with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the annual fee for Texas Association of Counties Cybersecurity course and Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion. The court approved the fee for Texas Association of Counties Cybersecurity course by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court took action on the appointment of Assistant Auditor, Janie Stanosch and Treasurer, Tonya Cox as the Investment Officers for Hamilton County. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Appointment of the Investment Officers with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Judge Yates provided the court with the names of three citizens that will help complete the Salary Grievance Committee. William McKandless, Christina Keay and Elizabeth Bays were all selected. Commissioner Huggins made a motion to accept the names provided and Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The Court approved to accept William McKandless, Christina Keay and Elizabeth Bays to the Salary Grievance Committee with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Tonya Cox provided the court with information about an account at McBank that has been dormant for 5 years and needs to be closed. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve closing the dormant account and Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion. The court approved the closing the dormant account at McBank with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Commissioner Huggins made a motion to approve the authorization of Rachel Geeslin to conduct business on behalf of Hamilton County Clerks' office in order to claim the unclaimed funds from the Texas Comptroller. Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The commissioners court approved the authorization for Rachel Geeslin to claim the funds on behalf of Hamilton County Clerks' office by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

During the audit process it was brought to light that the 4th Quarter 941 Form was insufficient from the IRS. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to Ratify the Contingency Expenditure (\$4,044.86) and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners court approved the ratification of the Contingency Expenditure by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Discussion and or action on TAC, County Information Resources Agency will be moved to a future agenda.

Discussion and or action on Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) will be moved to a future agenda.

No discussion on the FY 2023-2024 Budget.

Adjourned at 9:26 am.



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James Yates
Hamilton County Judge

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Rachel L. Geeslin
Hamilton County Clerk