

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court*

*Regular Session*

*Tuesday, May 23, 2023*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Yates led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.*

*There were no open comments.*

*There were three budget adjustments to consider from Precinct 3. Huggins made the motion to approve the budget adjustment, Curry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

*The Court considered the following consent agenda:*

- A. Minutes from previous Commissioner's Court meetings*
- B. Approve Departmental reports*
- C. Approve bills: payroll in the amount of \$82,502.37, in-between bills of \$345.45, and bills in the amount of \$191,073.39*
- D. Certificates of continuing education – Tonya Cox*
- E. Application(s) for Culvert – None*
- F. Building and Use Request – Ratify Titanic walk-through for school children for May 22, 2023*
- G. Bonds/Deputations - None*

*Clary made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Huggins seconded. The Court approved the consent agenda unanimously.*

*Susan Halpin of the District Clerk's office resigned.*

*Clary supplied an estimate for protective coating for the cupola on the Courthouse roof and the Annex roof in the amount of \$36,000 for both projects. After discussion, those projects will be tabled until next budget year. The Court also discussed repairs to the concrete bench around the Courthouse and the steps. Clary also reported hail damage to Precinct 4 barn. The adjuster had recommended a roof replacement. There was also damage to two County vehicles. The insurance company will handle the repairs.*

*No action was taken on the Burn Ban.*

County Treasurer Cox reported that the County had \$2,080,173.56 in cash, and \$4,583,13234.77 in investments at the end of April, 2023.

The Emergency Services County Liaison announced a meeting of various County services to discuss the 2024 Solar eclipse. The meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Annex courtroom.

Clary introduced the new Hamilton County Tax Abatement Policy, which was a collaboration between Clary and the County Attorney. Clary made the motion to adopt the proposed Tax Abatement Policy, Huggins seconded and after discussion, the motion passed with all Commissioners voting "Yes" and Yates abstaining.

Lacy Alexander reported the FTC had signed off on the new park tower. Construction will begin soon. The Hico tower construction will begin on May 30, 2023. This week is EMS Week.

No action was taken on the FY2022-2023 budget.

Yates stated that all departments had submitted their proposed budgets for FY2023-2024. There will be a budget workshop at the next meeting of the Court. The date for filing the budget is set for July 28, 2023.

The Court adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Attest:

  
County Clerk



\*\*\*\*\*CORRECTION\*\*\*\*\* The statement on the second page of the minutes for May 9, 2023, should read "...FAA has new height restrictions for the towers..." rather than "...FFA has new height restrictions for the towers...".