

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court*

*Regular Session*

*Tuesday, June 11, 2024*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, June 11, 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. Judge Yates led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.*

*Open Comments:*

*Former Commissioner Jim Boatwright addressed the court in regards to the condition of the county roads. Mr. Boatwright suggested that the commissioners take pictures of all the damages, document and keep receipts for all work done on the roads and then wait for FEMA to reimburse the county. Mr. Boatwright also suggested that the court implement a Unit System on their own motion that way in the future if the court would like to remove the Unit System, they would be able to do so without an election.*

*Former Commissioner Jon Bonner also addressed the court in regards to the condition of the county roads. Mr. Bonner suggested the Commissioners "Get busy fixing the roads and let FEMA reimburse the County". Mr. Bonner also suggested that the Commissioners sell all the Precinct barns and round up all the County equipment and sell it in order to pay off debts. Mr. Bonner is also concerned with the lack of training for the road hands and suggested the County hires a qualified road supervisor. Mr. Bonner is also in favor of the Commissioners Court putting the Unit System in place.*

*Tom Adams spoke on behalf of the Hamilton Public Library expressing his concerns on the budget restrictions the library faced last year without the usual funding from the County. He stated that without guaranteed funding the Hamilton public Library will be unable to be the asset it was meant to be. Mr. Adams requests the commitment of support from the county during the 2025-2025 budget process.*

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

- a. County Judge, James Yates is requesting \$1,300.00 from 010-510-4826, Insurance/CH to 010-510-4827, Insurance Annex for Property Insurance Contribution.*

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- b. *County Judge, James Yates is requesting \$4,850.00 from 010-409-5720, Contingency to 010-562-4826, Insurance/Dispatch (\$3,300.00) and to 023-614-4828, Insurance/Precinct #3 (\$1,550.00) for Property Insurance Contributions.*
- c. *County Judge, James Yates is requesting \$1,000.00 from 010-400-4250, Schools & Conferences to 010-400-3100, Supplies.*
- d. *Assistant Auditor, Janie Stanosch is requesting \$1,100.00 from 010-455-3100, Supplies to 010-455-4300, Jury for Juror expense Fees.*
- e. *Chief Deputy Sheriff, Isaac Partain is requesting \$3,000.00 from 010-560-4250, Schools & Conferences to 010-5604540, Vehicle Repair.*

*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.) by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:*

- a. *Minutes from May 28, 2024*
- b. *Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. *Expense Reister in the amount of \$81,951.94*
- d. *Payroll in the amount of \$69,173.45*
- e. *One Culvert Application for Jake Mosal on County Road 105 in Precinct One*
- f. *Ratify the Building and Use Request for the parking lot of the Annex building for the American Legion sign on May 24-27, 2024.*
- g. *Bond – Casey Schreiber, Deputy Sheriff*

*Commissioner Clary made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Consent Agenda by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*Hamilton County Personnel Update:*

- a. *Kristen Reid (County Clerks Office), start date of June 3, 2024*
- b. *Alejandra Moncada (County Clerk's Office), Position change to Chief Deputy Clerk, June 3, 2024.*

*Hamilton County Treasurer, Tonya Cox provided a Treasurer's Report stating as of April the Cash on Hand is \$2,183,953.55 and Investments in the amount of \$3,369,933.89.*

*No Hamilton County Investment Report.*

*No Hamilton County Facilities Report.*

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*Lacy Alexander, Hamilton County Emergency Manager provided the Communications Department Update. The total calls for service in the month of May was 1,661 which is 134 more calls for service than in 2023. The generator at the Annex is currently having is bi-annual maintenance as provided in the agreement between Hamilton County and the Central Council of Government. Mrs. Alexander also updated the Court on the ISTAT and PSTAT process stating that photos of damages and documentation are still being submitted to the state.*

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

*Karen Krueger, President of the Hamilton County Public Library Board of Directors and Nancy Diaz spoke to the Court about the importance of the Hamilton County Public Library and the various programs and services they have to offer to the citizens of Hamilton County. The representatives from the library provided financial information along with their 2024 Budget in hopes of the Commissioners Court increasing the Counties contribution to the Hamilton Public Library in the 2024-2025 budgeting process.*

*The Commissioners Court opened the five sealed bids received for Road Base and Oversize Rock, FOB Locations and Trucking Services, Bid # HC 2024-01. After opening all the sealed Bids, the Commissioners discussed the need to accept all the bids received due to logistics. Commissioner Clary made a motion to accept all five Bids received and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. All five sealed Bids were accepted by the court by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained. Please see Exhibit "A", an attached excel spreadsheet, for the pricing and specifications of each Bid received.*

*The Commissioners Court took action on Authorizing the Hamilton County Precincts to advertise for Bids on Motor Grader services, blading for County Roads. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve and Commissioner Huggins seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court authorized the precincts to advertise for Bids for Motor Grader services by a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*There was no discussion on the Law Enforcement Contract at this time.*

*Hally Ragsdale, Hamilton County Liaison for, TDEM updated the Commissioners Court on the May 2024 Flooding Disaster Recovery. Holly stated that the damage assessment to the Hamilton County Precincts estimate about \$14 million and that FEMA has validated a portion of that because Hamilton County has exceeded the threshold of \$37,821.20. Brandy Masterson, Recovery Coordinator for TEDM will be meeting with the Commissioners Court next week to explain the application process for public assistance and to review the timelines of when to submit the application. Holly also reminded the Commissioners to continue taking pictures and documenting flood damages for further submission to FEMA.*

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The Court took a five-minute recess at 10:25 am.

Commissioners Court back in session at 10:30 am.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the allocations for the Road and Bridge funds and decided wait until all Bids have been received and opened. The allocation of the Road and Bridge Funds will be placed as a future Agenda item. Allocations for the Emergency Road and Bridge Funds will also be placed on a future agenda.

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to Ratify the Bid for the Concrete Low Water Crossing Bridge Funds document presented in a previous Commissioners Court meeting. Commissioner Curry seconded the motion and the Commissioners Court approved Ratifying the Bid document for the Concrete Low Water Crossing with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

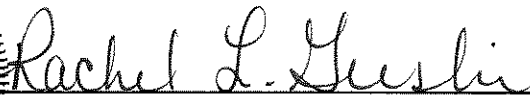
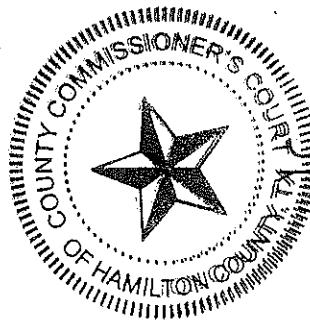
FY 2024-2024 Budget Workshop:

Commissioner Clary led the court in the Budget Workshop discussions. The Commissioners Court reviewed the individual departments budgets line by line and proposed several changes from the 2023-2024 FY adopted budget. The Commissioners would like to see the Service Contracts individualized on the budget in the future. The Commissioners also requested the beginning balance of the General Fund for 2024 which will be available after the 2023 Audit is complete.

Adjourned at 11:35 am



James Yates  
Hamilton County Judge



Rachel L. Geeslin  
Hamilton County Clerk

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