

**Hamilton County Commissioner's Court**

**Regular Session**

**Tuesday, June 14, 2022**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner and Dickie Clary. Tynes called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Wagner led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.**

**Hamilton Mayor Rodney Craddick addressed the Court and offered a report and exhibit regarding the success of the Hamilton Community Center.**

**Richard Layne addressed the Court complaining of a game feeder on one of the County vehicles.**

**There were no budget adjustments to consider.**

**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 \$77,854.59 and bills in the amount of \$135,101.03**
- D. Certificates of continuing education - Lacy Alexander**
- E. Application(s) for Culvert - Pre. 2, Steven Shreffler**
- F. Building and Use Request - None**
- G. Bonds/Deputations - None**

**Wagner made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Tynes seconded. The Court approved the consent agenda 2 to 1, with Clary opposing.**

**There were Hamilton County personnel changes: Randal Whiddon in Dispatch and Quinten Sells in Sheriff's Department, both hired 6/13/22; Phil Murphy in Dispatch resigned 6/9/22.**

**Leaks in Courthouse roof have been repaired, and other damage will be addressed as discovered. Clary will be exploring options on disconnecting electricity and removing the light pole located on the southwest corner of the Courthouse parking lot.**

County Treasurer Tonya Cox reported that the County had \$4,087,947.63 in cash at the end of April, 2022.

The Court was asked to ratify the canvassing of ballots for the May 24, 2022, primary runoff election. Wagner made the motion to ratify the canvass, Clary seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Court considered the Order regulating fireworks, passed previously, as it relates to a potential Burn Ban in Hamilton County. There appears to be contradictory language in Local Government Code sections, however, the Order will be placed in the local newspaper and on the website advising that projectile-type fireworks may be used only in designated safe areas. Calvary Baptist Church will be considered a safe area, along with Pecan Creek Park. This Order covers unincorporated areas of the County and covers sales and use of fireworks.

Lacy Alexander advised the Court that there would be no additional charge for adding Jonesboro VFD (Hamilton County area) to the dispatch coverage, The second installment of the ARPA grant has not yet been received. All light bars, wiring and radios which could be salvaged have been removed from surplus Sheriff's department vehicles and are ready for sale. The mini-split has been installed, the roof antennas have been installed, replacement antennas for Fair Park have been ordered, and Alexander is working on inventory of equipment. Some equipment already may have salvage potential when new system goes live. Clary reported that the Dailey Wells microwave unit on loan may be charged as a rental unit. There is a question regarding how to expense the mini-split and outside security key pads.

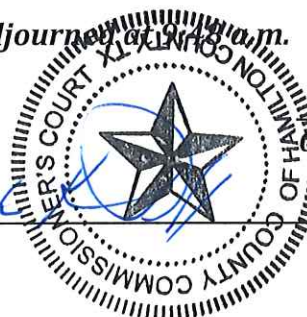
The Court certified receipt of \$3,000.00 in funds from the sale of three surplus vehicles to Hico Police Department.

The solar project in Hamilton County will be considered by the Appraisal District in regard to tax abatement.

The calendar for the FY2022-2023 budget was discussed. July 29, 2022, is the date to file the proposed budget with the County Clerk. County elected officials' salaries, supplements and allowances will be published the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>, public hearings will begin August 26<sup>th</sup>, tax rate hearings will be September 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The budget requests from the Sheriff's Department have not been received.

The Court adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Attest:   
County Clerk



  
County Judge