

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary. Tynes called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Clary led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.

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 - None**
- D. Certificates of continuing education - None**
- E. Application(s) for Culvert - None**
- F. Building and Use Request - None**
- G. Bonds/Deputations - None**

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

There were no Hamilton County personnel changes to report.

The light pole located on the southwest corner of the Courthouse parking lot had been hit again and damaged. One estimate in the amount of \$4,500.00 had been obtained to remove the pole. Carl Taylor will obtain more estimates. Also, the Hamilton County VFD verbally asked permission to use the northwest corner of the Courthouse parking lot over the weekend. Tynes, Huggins and Clary gave verbal permission.

The Burn Ban has been lifted, but will be addressed again at the next meeting.

The Court considered Local Government Code sec. 352.051 and an order regulating certain fireworks. June 14, 2022, is the deadline to approve. Pecan Creek is designated as a safe space for fireworks. Calvary Baptist Church has reached out to be approved as a safe area. Huggins made the motion to approve an Order regulating fireworks, Clary seconded, and the motion passed 4 to 1, with Tynes opposing.

The Court discussed Tyler Technologies Professional Services Agreement for inclusion of District and County Courts in a new case management system. The cost is \$49,875.00 for conversion of files. The Court plans to transfer money from contingency fund to software maintenance, as this should be a FY2021-2022 expense. Clary made the motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement, Huggins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Cooperative Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. has been executed.

The Court approved a Resolution to finance the Hico tower with Government Capital. Terms: Seven (7) year note, 4.241% interest and can be paid off in full after two (2) years. Annual payment, \$100,857.94. Tynes made a motion to approve the resolution, Huggins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Court approved a letter signed by all members of the Court. The letter will be sent to Senator Buckingham, Senator Birdwell and Representative Slawson. The letter asks for assistance in securing approval of a SERI Grant from the Governor's Office. The request is for \$1.1 million to provide funding for a third communications tower in the southwest part of the county. The Court anticipates a decision by September, 2022. Clary made the motion to send the letter. Huggins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Lacy Alexander updated the Court on the Hamilton County Emergency Communications project.

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 Court discussed the FY2022-2023 budget. Items discussed:

- a. Creating a Special/Dedicated account for ARPA fund revenue & expenses*
- b. \$486,745.00 expenses exceed revenue (preliminary figures)*
- c. No budget requests received from Sheriff for the S.O. or jail*
- d. Health insurance has averaged 6-8% increase over the past three (3) years.*
- e. Salary increases for clerks based on responsibility*
- f. Possible tax increase of at least 3%*
- g. General budget adjustments*
- h. Change to existing Longevity Plan - (\$500 after 2 years with maximum compensation of \$3,000)*
- i. Sheriff's department staffing*
- j. Sheriff's department: \$225,000 in Capital purchases thus far this fiscal year. \$260,000 anticipated by the end of FY2021-2022.*
- k. Proposed budget to be filed with County Clerk by July 31, 2022.*

The Court adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Attest:

Cynthia
County Clerk



W. J. F.
County Judge