

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Budget Workshop

Monday, July 14, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, David Ogle, Keith Curry and Dickie Clary. County Judge James Yates called the meeting to order a quorum was established. There were no pledges or invocation today.

Justice of the Peace, Judge James Lively spoke to the Commissioners Court with regards to potentially having a position removed from his office through this budget cycle. Judge Lively provided information on the multiple dockets the Justice Court hears as well as the caseload data and a brief overview of the administrative duties required. The Justice Court currently has 1,144 active cases. Judge Lively stated that removing a position in his office would be detrimental to the Judicial processes. In the event a position is removed they will need to completely restructure the office resulting in delay of vital and mandated services. Financial impact will be incurred due to lack of staff to administrate collections strategies such as OMNI, private collections and FTA's. Theses services will no longer be utilized by the Justice Court due to personnel constraints.

Recess at 9:58 am

Reconvene at 10:08 am

Discussion on the FY 2025-2025 Budget Workshop:

- *Non- Departmental – increase in Health Retiree; Tower Funding*
- *District Court*
- *County Auditor*
- *Health and Welfare*
- *Indigent Health*
- *Community Service*
- *Extension Service*
- *Capital*
- *Commissioners Precincts 1,2,3 & 4*
- *District Judge*

All was discussed today in Budget Workshop.

The Commissioners Court discussed the need to approve the Verizon contract for the Sheriff's Department for hot spot usage. The contract is a two-year term; \$37.99 monthly fee and a one-time charge of \$600.00. Commissioner Clary made the motion to approve the contract and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved the Verizon contract for the Sheriff's Department with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

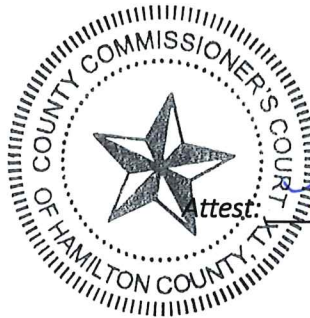
FEMA/TDEM Discussion:

Due to the July 2025 flooding and immense damages to multiple County Roads throughout the County the Commissioners Court feels it is imperative to request a TDEM representative to come assess the most recent damages. Further discussion on this topic at a future meeting.

Adjourned at 12:29 pm.



Judge James Yates





County Clerk