

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, July 22, 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. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Commissioner Wagner led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

There were no Open Comments today.

Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.):

- *\$4,500.00 from 023-614-4828 Insurance Mobile Equipment to 023-614-4500 Road & Maintenance Equipment*

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioner Court approved the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- *Approve Minutes from July 8, 2025 and July 14, 2025*
- *Approve Departmental Reports*
- *Expense Register in the amount of \$61,776.22*
- *Payroll in the amount of \$90,051.93*
- *No Culvert Applications*
- *No Building and Use Requests*
- *Bonds – Christopher Gist; Deputy Sheriff and Kenneth Pollard; Deputy Sheriff*

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved the Consent Agenda with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

Resignation/Termination: Michael Lewis, Sheriff's Department

Hamilton County Treasurer's Report:

- ***Cash on Hand in the amount of \$3,053,967.92***
- ***Investments in the amount of \$4,645,287.85***

Treasurer, Tonya Cox provided the Hamilton County Investment Quarterly report. Quarter ending June 30, 2025.

Hamilton County Infrastructure Update:

Commissioner Clary stated that Jody Tyson and Commissioner Curry did a great job on the pad that was constructed at the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Clary said that the pad has now cured and is ready for the building to be put in place.

No Communications Department Update was provided at this meeting.

Hamilton County Law Enforcement Update:

Sheriff Boulton wanted to publicly say thank you to Investigator Courtney Renfro. Investigator Renfro has been going above and beyond which has led to multiple arrests various drugs being seized taken out of our County.

No discussion on the Outside Audit at this time.

No discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.

Brittany Hammond introduced herself as the new Hamilton County TDEM liaison. Ms. Hammond has been riding around the County with the Commissioners assessing damages from the July 3, 2025 flooding event. The estimated public assistance request from Hamilton County is around \$2,174,000.00.

Sarah Murry, Program Manager of Heart Gallery of Central Texas addressed the Court and provided information on the services they offer. The Heart Gallery of Central Texas provides professional quality photos of older children available for adoption. The galleries are set up at a high traffic building within the County to gain the most exposure. The Heart Gallery of Central Texas also provides foster and adoption assistance for potential foster parents or those wanting to be come adoptive parents. Ms. Murry asked the Court to consider if Hamilton County would be willing to participate and hold a gallery within Hamilton County.

Judge Yates read aloud a letter from District judge Shaun Carpenter requesting the Commissioners Court to accept the Auditor's Budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Judge Yates read aloud the Order establishing the Budget for the Office of County Auditor.

Judge Yates read aloud the ratified District Order appointing an Emergency Assistant Auditor for Hamilton County.

The Court considered the quote from BizProtec LLC for a Dell Server in the County Clerks Office. The quote received for the server is in the amount of \$ 7,043.00. The funds are within the County Clerks budget therefore no action was needed from the Court.

Commissioner Clary made a motion to accept the Interlocal Agreement for fiscal year 2026-2027 Biennium for Capital Murder Insurance. Commissioner Curry seconded the motion and the Court accepted the Interlocal agreement for the Capital Murder Insurance with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Commissioners Court accepted the 2025 County Historical Commission Appointee Roster.

The Court discussed the need to ratify the prayer vigil for the recent flood events on the Courthouse steps, Wednesday, July 9, 2025. Commissioner Curry made a motion to ratify and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the ratification of the prayer vigil for the recent flood events with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

NXTLVL Roof Company, LLC completed the roof repairs on the Courthouse and submitted an additional invoice to be paid. The contractors had to scrape off ten layers of felt paper in order to complete the roof repairs. Additional man power and equipment was needed to complete the repairs due to the multiple layers of felt paper. The Court discussed the need to pay the additional \$1,550.00 to NXTLVL Roofing Company, LLC. The total cost of the Courthouse roof replacement was \$26,450.00.

Recess at 9:31 am.

Executive Session began at 9:37 am to discuss Personnel Issues.

Executive Session ended at 10:00 am.

Regular session resumed at 10:07 am.

Hamilton County provided a Disaster Declaration and a letter to Governor Greg Abbott in regards to the July 3, 2025 flooding. Hamilton County is one of the additional five counties added to the Disaster Declaration.

FEMA-DR4781:

FEMA has been sending multiple e-mails requesting exact GPS coordinates, ditch and road calculations on all the projects that have been submitted and placed a fifteen-day time clock; August 1, 2025; for the County to comply. Commissioner Clary stated he is quite confused because all of the requested information has already been provided to FEMA as well as the requested information being uploaded in the portal. Ms. Hammond stated that if FEMA is unwilling to assist in this matter TDEM should be able to pull all the PSTAT's and obtain the requested information. The next scheduled FEMA-DR4781 meeting will be held Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

No discussion on the Hamilton County Phase II Tower.

Budget Workshop began at 10:18 am


- **Sheriff's Department**
- **Jail Administrator**
- **Revenue**
- **Towers**
- **District, County and Justice Court Fees**
- **County Clerk – Elections**
- **Voter Registrar – Elections**

All was discussed during Budget Workshop.

Adjourned at 11:55 am.



Judge James Yates

Attest: 

County Clerk

