

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court*

*Regular Session*

*Tuesday, July 8, 2025*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, July 8, 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. Judge Yates began with a moment of silence for the Hill Country Flood victims. Judge Yates led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.*

*Open Comments:*

*John Pelath, a TDEM representative with Milam County, introduced himself to the Commissioners Court. Mr. Pelath has been assigned to Hamilton County to provide assistance as needed in order to access the road damages from the July 4<sup>th</sup> flooding event. Mr. Pelath stated that the County does not have to file for a Disaster Declaration and asked the Court to provide calculations on .25 mile of road base in order to help him calculate the damages. Commissioner Clary provided calculations for 1 mile of road stating the total would be \$120,000.00 per mile of County Road. Commissioner Clary also asked if Mr. Pelath knows of any "quick money" the County can access in order to make the needed repairs, the response was no.*

*Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.):*

*The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:*

- *Approve the Minutes from June 24, 2025 and June 25, 2025*
- *Approve Departmental Reports*
- *Expense Register in the amount of \$101,063.29*
- *Payroll in the amount of \$84,465.46*
- *Culvert Application – Randy Vanek – New entrance on County Road 105, Precinct 1*
- *No Building and Use Request*
- *Bonds – Madison Lee Hailey, Reserve Deputy Sheriff; Janie Stanosch, Auditor; Tuwana Quigg, Deputy Court Clerk for the Justice of the Peace.*

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

***Hamilton County Personnel Update:***

***New Hires:***

***Melinda Lake, Communications***

***Kenneth Pollard, Sheriff's Dept. Hospital Security***

***Hailey Pierce, AgriLife Extension Office***

***Resignations/ Terminations:***

***Ellie Timmons, AgriLife Extension Office***

***Position Changes:***

***Aaron Goodman graduated from Police Academy to Licensed Peace Officer***

***Michael Lewis graduated from Police Academy to Licensed Peace Officer***

***Keith Kraatz, Sheriff's Dept.; Captain to Reserve Officer***

***Hamilton county Treasurer's Report:***

***Tonya Cox provided the Treasurer's report to the Court stating the total overtime hours for the Communications Department this payroll was only 9 hours. Mrs. Cox also stated that the SAM.gov has been updated for another year.***

***No Hamilton County Investment Report provided at this time.***

***Hamilton County Facilities Report:***

***The County Clerk's office basement did not leak or collect water during the recent July 4<sup>th</sup> flooding event and the exterior pipe drain that was installed seems to be working great. A small leak was detected on the second floor near the Auditors office.***

***Communications Update:***

***Lacy Alexander provided the update for the Communications Department. The Communications Department received 1,498 calls for service in the month of June. Mrs. Alexander has continuously monitored the water levels of the major water ways in Hamilton County for public safety. The Bosque River was running at 570 and now is running at 304 and the Leon River was running at 1130 but now has slowed to 380.***

***Law Enforcement Update:***

***106 Reports Written***

***21 Arrests; 15 Felony and 6 Misdemeanors***

***131 Traffic Stops resulting in 65 cited violations and 101 Warnings***

***Bailiff – 7 days coverage totaling 18.5 hours***

***12 Civil Processes Served***

***799 Calls for Service answered***

***Seizures – 3.49 oz. of Marijuana and less than 1 gram of Methamphetamines***

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

***The Sheriff's and Constable Fee changes for 2025-2026 were presented to the Court. Commissioner Clary made a motion to accept the fees and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the 2025-2026 Sheriff's and Constable Fees with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.***

***The introduction of Brittany Hammond, Hamilton County liaison Officer with TDEM will be moved to a future agenda. Ms. Hammond was deployed to San Saba to assist with flood relief.***

***The Commissioners discussed the upcoming software update from Windows 10 to Windows 11 and the need to purchase new computers from Bizprotec. Bizprotec has provided a quote and had asked the Court for approval to make the purchases before the prices go up again. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the purchase quote from Bizprotec and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the purchase quote with a 4-0 vote. Judge Yates abstained. The County will be billed in September and the invoice due date will be in October.***

***Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Mills County and Lampasas Counties for the housing of Hamilton County inmates. Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The Court approved the Interlocal Agreement with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained. The daily rate is set at \$75.00 per day.***

***Hamilton County Phase II Communications Tower:***

***July 21, 2025 Motorola will begin checking the tower locations. Motorola will be at the Hico site at 8:30 am, July 21<sup>st</sup> and then at the Hamilton site on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.***

**9:30 am – 5-minute Recess**

**9:35 - Executive Session to discuss the processes and legal ramifications of County Road closures.**

**9:53 am – Regular Session**

**The Commissioner Court discussed the proper procedures and protocols in conjunction with Emergency Management and Law Enforcement in regards to County Road closures. Local Emergency Management and Law Enforcement are to notify the County Commissioners of any road hazards and then the Commissioners will handle the issues from that point as needed.**

**10:13 am – Budget Workshop**

**5-minute recess**

**10:18 am - Budget Workshop back in Session**

**Commissioner Clary led the Budget Workshop. The Commissioners Court reviewed multiple departments proposed budgets line by line.**

**11:58 – Recess**

**1:15 – Reconvene**

**The Commissioners Court continued to review multiple departments proposed budgets.**

**Adjourned at 3:20 pm.**

**Attest:**

**County Clerk**

