

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Budget Workshop

Friday, August 8, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Friday, August 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Dickie Clary and Keith Curry. Commissioner Ogle was absent. County Judge James Yates called the meeting to order a quorum was established. There were no pledges or invocation today.

FEMA DR 4781:

The Commissioner Court discussed the letter from Hamilton County to FEMA and TDEM which specifies the agreement between Hamilton County and FEMA in regards to calculations. The Court agreed to back up to 24 feet off the County line where a Hamilton County Road may join another county. As a result of the County agreeing to shorten the length of the road calculations FEMA has agreed to increase their material calculations by 22,000 cubic yards. Commissioner Wagner made the motion and Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The Commissioner Court approved the agreement letter with a 3-0 vote; Judge Yates abstained.

The Commissioners discussed the actual measurements of what is considered surface road damage vs base road damage. The Court agreed that 3 inches should be allocated to Base damages and 3 inches should be allocated for Surface Damages of the roads. Nana Akonor, a FEMA representative, has been assisting the Commissioners with this situation.

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- Judge Yates filed the Proposed Budget in the County Clerk's Office this morning.*
- Discussion on the Tax Note payment schedule*
 - ** 1st payment due February 2026 in the amount of \$212,122.22*
 - ** 2nd payment due August 2026 in the amount of \$26,318.75*

The Commissioners discussed the need to add an additional \$5,000.00 to cover any possible shortfalls due to using a 98% collection rate or for any potential bank fees that may occur.

Phase II Communications Tower:

The first Tower payment of 20%, est. \$200,000.00; will be due on September 1, 2025.

Adjourned at 9:39 am



County Judge

Attest: 

County Clerk

