

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, March 8, 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. Tynes led the invocation and followed with the pledges.

There were no budget adjustments.

The Court considered the following consent agenda:

- A. Minutes from previous Commissioner's Court meetings**
- B. Approve Departmental reports**
- C. Approve bills in the amount of \$252,991.98 of which \$157,370 was for Precinct 1, payroll in the amount of \$76,6323.65**
- D. Certificates of continuing education – Huggins, Curry, Clary, Wagner, Alexander, Cox**
- E. Application(s) for Culvert – Robert Wynne, Precinct 3**
- F. Building and Use Request – Child Protective Services Board for Child Abuse Prevention Month, flag poles around Courthouse during April**
- G. Bonds/Deputations – None**

Huggins made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Curry seconded. The Court approved the consent agenda 4 to 1, with Clary voting against.

There were no personnel changes to report.

Work on the Courthouse roof is almost complete, however Clary is dissatisfied with an insulation issue. The bill will be paid when the work is satisfactory to the Court. Also, the Courthouse Annex sign has been hung.

The Court considered adopting the Order for the May 7, 2022, Constitutional election. Tynes made the motion to adopt the Order, Curry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Court further considered the Letter of Intent to purchase a John Deere tractor and mower for Precinct 2, as well as the financing for the package. The amount is approximately \$174,000 and CFO Reeves would arrange for financing. Curry made

the motion to sign the Letter of Intent to purchase the new John Deere tractor and mower and for CFO Reeves to arrange financing. Wagner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Huggins addressed Hamilton County Emergency Communications saying that there was still increased activity for the office. Holes need to be drilled into the outer wall of the Annex to accommodate cable and HVAC. There is a bid from Eagle Construction for \$4,890.46 for the cable and HVAC access. Eagle Construction offered its bid to install parking lot lights in the amount of \$3,143.84. The Court was asked to ratify the capital purchase for a fifth FCC license. Huggins made the motion to ratify the purchase, Clary seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The Court then considered the capital purchase of three consoles in the amount of \$297,528.09, along with an annual maintenance fee. Huggins made the motion for the capital purchase, Clary seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The money will be allocated from the grant funds.

The Sheriff's Department had received the five new Tahoe vehicles from Enterprise Leasing. The installation of the equipment will begin this week. The Sheriff's Department also requested a capital purchase for three additional body cameras. Huggins made the motion to approve the purchase of the body cameras, Curry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Sheriff discussed the sale of surplus vehicles, which will proceed in June, after the old vehicles are stripped of equipment. The Sheriff then spoke to the Court about allowing the Hico Police Department to purchase two of the best surplus vehicles: a Crown Victoria and an Impala, both fully equipped. The Hico Police Department is sorely in need of working vehicles and had asked the Sheriff about the two vehicles. The Court will work out the specifics of the price and consider the sale at the next meeting.

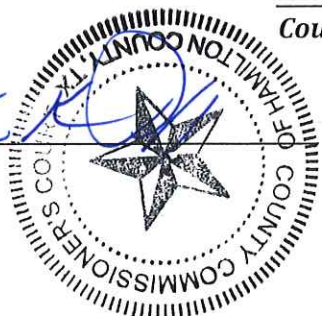
County Treasurer Tonya Cox gave her report stating that cash on hand as of January, 2022, was \$1,528,231.50.

Tynes asked the Court if there would be any discussion on Hamilton County Personnel Policies adopted January 25, 2022. No comments were made.

The Court adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Attest:

Amick
County Clerk



Lyndy
County Judge