

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry and Lloyd Huggins. Tynes called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Wagner led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.

There was one public comment by Hamilton Mayor Rodney Craddick. He spoke on behalf of the Hamilton Community Center. He stated that since inception, the center had been thriving with the help of volunteers and donations. He thanked the Court for its continued support.

There were several budget adjustments. Huggins made the motion to approve the budget adjustments, Curry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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 \$35,355.81, payroll in the amount of \$76,244.47**
- D. Certificates of continuing education - None**
- E. Application(s) for Culvert - Rick Wray, Precinct 3**
- F. Building and Use Request -None**
- G. Bonds/Deputations - Bonds for Amanda Foreman, Jason Collins, Robert Young, Raymond Lazard, Susan Foster, Robert Summers**

Huggins made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Wagner seconded. The Court approved the consent agenda unanimously.

Regarding personnel, Amanda Foreman was hired on February 7, 2022, in the office of the County Clerk.

Work on the Courthouse roof is continuing.

Lacy Alexander updated the Court on Emergency Communications. Motorola is on track to begin its work on March 1, 2022; consoles are on track to be delivered on April 20, 2022. Alexander had received a letter from a Hico Police Officer

complimenting the work of an employee of Emergency Communications. Emergency call volume has almost doubled since 2021. Huggins and Alexander are applying for a grant to aid in the cost of building a new tower in Hico.

Tynes reported that revenue from property taxes, sales tax, County Clerk's office and Justice Court's office were all on track to exceed forecasts.

County Treasurer Tonya Cox gave her report stating that cash on hand as of December, 2021, was \$1,795,681.96.

CFO Reeves had reported to Tynes that the December 31, 2021, Investment Report had been prepared but not yet filed with the Court.

The Sheriff's Department reported that the Enterprise vehicles should be received by February 25, 2022, and the Department had declared twelve vehicles as possible surplus. Huggins made the motion to declare the stated twelve vehicles as surplus, Curry seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Court had received a proposed Engagement Letter from BMY for the external audit of fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. Tynes made the motion to engage BMY for the external audit ending September 30, 2021, Wagner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Boyd of Hamilton County Agri-Life introduced his employee, Christina Keay, who will serve as FCH Agent, beginning March 1, 2022.

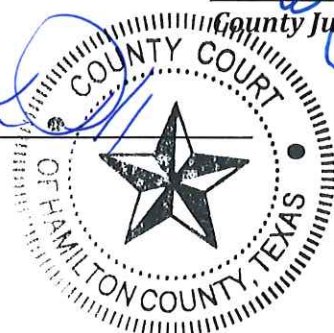
The Court had received the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement from Hamilton County Child Protective Services. Wagner made the motion to renew the Agreement, Curry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Court had asked County Attorney Henkes to amend and clarify language from Sec. C, Part 6 of the Hamilton County Policy on Tax Abatement. The language was amended. Huggins made the motion to accept and approve the amended language, Wagner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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: 
County Clerk




County Judge