

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in regular session on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Lloyd Huggins, and Keith Curry. Dickie Clary was absent. Tynes called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Wagner led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.

There were two packets of budget adjustments which were discussed. Huggins moved to approve the first packet, BA119, Curry seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Huggins moved to approve the second packet, BA120, Curry seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Tynes reiterated that strict compliance to departmental budgets will be expected.

The Court considered the following consent agenda:

- A. Minutes from previous Commissioner's Court meetings**
- B. Approve Departmental reports**
- C. Approve bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$120,736.61; in-between bills of \$71,057.11; two payrolls in the amounts of \$69,945.39 and \$69,820.87**
- D. Certificates of continuing education – Rachel Lamb, Cynthia Puff, Johnny Wagner**
- E. Application(s) for culvert - none**
- F. Building and Use Requests – none**
- G. Bonds - none**

Wagner moved to approve consent agenda and Curry seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Regarding Hamilton County Personnel, Ashley Benningfield of the Sheriff's Department was terminated effective 6/28/2021; Chris Blanton of the Sheriff's Department resigned effective 7/22/2021; Jason Hume was hired by the Sheriff's Department as a deputy, effective 7/26/2021; Christoff Brand was hired by Precinct 4 as a road hand, effective 7/6/2021.

Tynes reported that the air conditioning in the Courtroom had been repaired and that the automatic door for the east side of the Courthouse had been ordered.

The District Judge sent a letter advising that the appointment of a County Auditor was not warranted and the Court agreed that Kent Reeves continue in his role as CFO.

The CFO reported on Hamilton County finances. There are investments in the approximate amount of \$3.3 million and cash in the approximate amount of \$1.88 million, with \$638,000 in dedicated funds. The ARPA grant of \$821,000 had been received previously, and placed in a special account.

CTCOG recommended that private roads be created from CR633 in Precinct 1, due to 911 addressing, and that the roads be named PR6331, PR6332, PR6333 and PR6334. Wagner moved to approve the private roads, Curry seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Court discussed the Interlocal Agreement between Coryell County and Hamilton County concerning indigent medical. Wagner moved to keep the agreement in place, Curry seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Huggins reported on progress from the Task Force on the upcoming emergency communications plan. He had met with a representative of CTCOG last week and was informed that the dispatch console needed to be replaced. Discussion ensued between Chief Deputy Young and the Court regarding which vendor would eventually be selected for the plan. There is to be another meeting of the Task Force tomorrow.

No action was taken on the CTIF Grant.

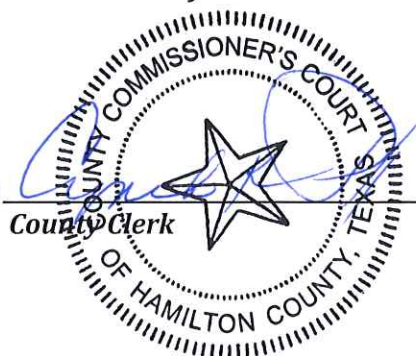
The Court then conducted its Budget Workshop and discussed its latest revision. The following items were discussed: 3% wage increase for staff, excluding AgriLife employees and elected officials; moving of funds from the cash account into the retirement plan; longevity plan; increase in Sheriff's Department budget; repairs on Sheriff's Department vehicles and whether to enter into the Enterprise program for new vehicles; the need for an Emergency Management Coordinator and dispatcher; the distinction between a Deputy and Investigator in the Sheriff's Department.

The Court then moved into Closed Session.

The Court adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Attest:

County Clerk



County Judge

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'W. Young', written over a horizontal line.