

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 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. Wagner led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.

There were no budget adjustments to consider.

Bob Self of the American Legion Post spoke to the Court asking for modification of his Building Use Request to include Courthouse steps and lawn for 9/11 ceremonies.

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 \$38,740.83, in-between bills in the amount of \$23,853.31, payroll in the amount of \$71,540.69**
- D. Certificates of continuing education – Terry Short**
- E. Application(s) for culvert – Tommy D. Dillingham, Precinct 1**
- F. Building and Use Requests –**
 - 1. Dove Festival – 9/4/21 – Chamber of Commerce**
 - 2. 9/11 Ceremonies by American Legion Post**
 - 3. POW/MIA Recognition by American Legion Post**
 - 4. Christmas decorations by Chamber of Commerce**
- G. Bonds/Deputations – none**

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

There were no Hamilton County personnel issues to discuss.

The roof of the Courthouse and the roof of the Annex were inspected and Clary reported that the Courthouse roof needed replacing at a quoted cost of \$83,518. The Court will consider the quote and vote on the issue at the next meeting.

Terry Short, Tax Assessor/Collector reported that TxDMV fees would remain the same for the upcoming year. She does not recommend making any changes. The Court accepted her recommendation.

The Court considered the County Clerk's order regarding the location for early voting in the November 2, 2021, general election. Tynes moved to adopt the Order, Huggins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

A representative from CTCOG recommended the creation of a 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District. Creation of this district would eliminate the uncertainty and necessity of depending on the State for funding. Tynes moved to create a 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District, Wagner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Huggins updated the Court on The Hamilton County Emergency Communications system. The main tower was inspected and found to be carrying too much load, found corrosion on the anchors, and found loose guy wires. The inspector recommended replacing the tower. The task force is in the process of developing a timeline for expenses. The replacement dispatch console will include Sheriff's Department radio upgrades. Tynes had developed a job description for the Emergency Communications administrator and suggested the Court move forward on hiring a qualified candidate. The CFO suggested that Erath County might have some candidate resumes to pass on to Hamilton County, as Erath County had recently hired their administrator.

No action was taken on the possibility of a County Feral Hog grant from the Texas Wildlife Services.

Pathway representatives spoke to the Court regarding the NTIA grant for fiber optic cable. Tynes suggested the County would partner with Pathway only if there was to be no financial obligation from Hamilton County. Clary was concerned about reporting requirements. The County Attorney informed the Court that a partnership agreement could not be signed at this time because the agreement was not yet complete. The Court will discuss the issue at the next meeting.

No action was taken on the CTIF Grant.

The Court considered the renewal of the GHS Collection Services Contract. Justice of the Peace Lively recommended renewal. Huggins moved to renew the GHS contract, Curry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Clary reported that a resolution could be adopted allowing Judges and Commissioners to complete continuing education online. Clary moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing County Commissioners to Participate in Online Training, Huggins seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Tynes presented the Court with a renewal for the Interlocal Agreement for Inmate Housing at Burnet County. Tynes recommended renewing the agreement. Wagner moved to renew the Burnet County Inmate Housing Agreement, Curry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.


No action was taken on a Burn Ban.


No action was taken on Agenda Item 21, County Purchase – Contract Negotiation.

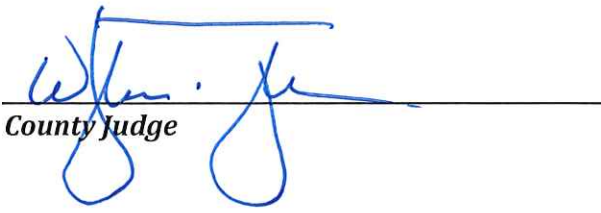
County Treasurer, Shawna Dyer, offered her resignation, effective September 24, 2021. The Court is unable to appoint a replacement for her until the actual vacancy exists. However, the Court will accept the resignation, effective September 24, 2021.

The Court then moved into closed session regarding personnel matters.

The Court adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Attest:  _____
County Clerk



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County Judge