

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session
Tuesday, July 25, 2017
9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 @ 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Allen Curry, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established.

Huggins led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.

Judge Tynes recited a quote from founding father Alexander Hamilton and followed up with a quote from Will Rogers.

Damon Chumney stood up in the public comments thanking the court for the opportunity to speak and stating that the Wenzel's regarding the property which is the old sanitarium had made a legitimate offer. He thinks that the court needed to accept the offer and get this property back on the tax rolls. He said that this opportunity for the court would pay for itself in a short amount of time.

Mr. Chumney also spoke on the wind turbines company possibly coming to the court requesting a tax abatement from the court. He did not feel with all the other subsidies that they receive that the court needed to approve a tax abatement.

Tynes started on agenda item number 13 concerning the update on the real estate purchase contract offered between the county and Isaac Wenzel concerning the old sanitarium building. Mr. Wenzel stood and said that the offer of \$19,500.00 had been accepted by every entity involved with the property and he was now bringing the offer back to the court. He stated that he will be building an office on that property and have it cleaned up and will be donating the rock to Bullman's Bridge. He asked the court to reconsider their position, the original offer was \$19,326.73 and his new offer is \$19,500.00. A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Curry to accept the offer that Mr. Wenzel had offered with the understanding that the difference in the first offer and the second offer in the amount of \$173.27 would be coming to the county. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 551 & Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 688)

On agenda item number 7 Tynes did a budget comparison on the law enforcement budget for fiscal years 2015, 2016 and 2017. He basically just wanted the public to know of the major increases that had been given to the law enforcement budget over the last 3 years, showing that the court does support law enforcement.

There were no budget amendments submitted.

There were no line item transfers submitted.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the following consent agenda striking (A) Approval of the minutes of the 6-27-2017 Commissioner's Court Meeting because they had already been approved.

- B. Approve Department Reports (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 561)
- C. Approve bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$70,146.32 (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 568)

D. Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 579)

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins for declaration of surplus on 2007 Ford Ecoline jail van (VIN #1FMNE31S2WHA92999). The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Curry to approve the bond and deputation for Hamilton County Reserve Deputy Sheriff Cari Davis. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 684)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Curry to approve the two new members Shelby Partain and KK Zimmerman to the Hamilton County CPS Board. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 589)

The court received and acknowledged the certified copy of the 220th Judicial District Court order setting the public hearing on August 9, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of reviewing and setting the annual compensation of the 220th Judicial Court Reporter. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 590)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to adopt the Sheriff's and Constables' fees with for the calendar year 2018 with no changes being made. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 591)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Huggins to approve the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (Imposition of Optional Fees for calendar year 2018) with no changes being made. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 595)

The court had a discussion on the request of the Texas Department of State Health Services to designate a local rabies control authority. Tynes said that with the courts consent he would call the city and question them as to who they use and just more information in general about it. This item was tables until the August 8, 2017 Commissioner's Court meeting. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 599)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to adopt the Hamilton County Holiday schedule for fiscal year 2017-2018 with no changes made. The motion carried with three for and to against.

Future Agenda Items:

Texas Department of State Health Services request for a designation of Local Rabies Control Authority.

Tynes adjourned the court at 9:35 A.M. for a recess of about 15 minutes to break before going into the budget workshop.

The court reconvened at 9:50 A.M. for a budget workshop.

There was some discussion/confusion on the numbers that were turned in from the Hamilton County Appraisal District. Tynes stated that both he and Hamilton County Auditor Kent Reeves would go over next week and talk to Hamilton County Chief Appraiser Doyle Roberts because he is on vacation the rest of this week. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 607)

Sheriff Justin Caraway presented a spreadsheet and talked with the court about the need the Law Enforcement has for a new vehicle. He stated that we don't have enough vehicles now to adequately outfit his fleet without using drug seizure vehicles. He said that this is a need, not a want. He told the court that could guarantee them that he and his staff could bring the money back into the reserve with all the work that they are doing. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 619)

Tynes expressed to the court that he would like to address all these budget issues now instead of when the proposed budget is filed.

Huggins stated that until we got the numbers from the appraisal district worked out that he wasn't comfortable going forward with things.

Reeves suggested that we take a look at the billing registry at the appraisal district to get an accurate number.

The court also spoke to Caraway about the dispatching contract. Caraway said that was pretty sure that the City of Hamilton would sign the contract, but he did not think that Hico would.

Tynes ended in saying that any input or proposals that the commissioners would like to add, for them to please come and talk to him. He has to file a proposed budget by the end of the week. For them to think about it and let him know if there were any concerns of any kind.

Tynes adjourned the budget workshop at 11:25 A.M.

W. Mark Tynes

County Judge

Kiesha F. Bagwell

County Clerk