

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

1:00 p.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry, Dickie Clary and David Ogle. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Judge Yates led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

There were no open comments today.

There was one Budget Adjustment (L.I.T.) to consider:

- \$134.63 from 010-562-4400, Communications Towers at Park Road to 010-560-4400, Sheriff's Department. This is just a correction.*

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) as presented and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Minutes from January 13, 2026*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Payroll in the amount of \$79,616.39*
- d. In-between Bills in the amount of \$4,809.50*
- e. Expenses in the amount of \$169,670.73*
- f. Sheriff's vehicles in the amount of \$204,855.00*
- g. Culvert Application – Precinct Four – Verizon decided to rock the ditch instead of a culvert*
- h. Bonds – Charles Cline, Sheriff Department*

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved the Consent Agenda with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

New Hire – Charles Cline, Sheriff's Department

Resignations – Lance Christianson – Sheriff's Department

James Quigg – Precinct Four

Hamilton County Treasurers Report:

Treasurer, Tonya Cox, provided the Treasurer's report stating she has completed October 2025 bank reconciliations and is about half way through November 2025 bank reconciliations. Cash on Hand is in the amount of \$1,847,202.45 and Investments in the amount of \$4,202,422.71.

No Hamilton County Investment report at this time.

No Hamilton County Infrastructure Report at this time.

Communications Update:

Lacy wanted to recognize some of her outstanding staff that spent the night at the Communications Department all weekend during the winter weather. Melinda Lake, Julie Ingram and Aubrey Tolar and Lacy Alexander were the staff members that provided coverage for the entire weekend. Andrea Ringnald has taken and passed her state dispatchers' class with a score of 90%. One family needed assistance during the bad weather and with the help of the Communications Department, United Care and Deputy Lisa Keeping; that family was able to be provided with an emergency box of goods. The City of Hamilton nor Hamilton County reported any power outages during the winter storm. There was a structure fire on PR 642 yesterday and the family has been displaced but luckily have other options for shelter.

Law Enforcement Update:

Sheriff Boulton provided the Law Enforcement update stating a water line had broken in the ceiling of the Sheriff's Department during the winter storm. The Sheriff's Department should be receiving \$60,000.00 additional ICE grant monies each quarter. A new state grant will be open soon for the Sheriffs department to submit their application. The new grant is for \$80,000.00 and can be used for technology and officer equipment. To qualify, the officer has to be an active officer for at least two years.

No Financial Director's Update at this time.

The Burn Ban for Precinct One and Precinct Three has been lifted as of January 27, 2026.

The Commissioners approved the Resolution supporting legislation to improve County Road infrastructure and safety with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained. Commissioner Wagner made the motion and Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion.

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approved the list of Election Judges for the Joint Primary Election on March 3, 2026. Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the list of election Judge for the Joint Primary election with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Commissioner Clary made a motion to ratify the agreement between Hamilton County and Engie North America electric provider. Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court ratified the agreement with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained. Engie North America has been the service provider for the past four year. The new contract dates are March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2029 at a rate of .07813 kilowatts per hour.

The Commissioners Court discussed the Memorandum of Understanding between Texas Division of Emergency management and Texas Emergency Management Assistance Teams participating jurisdiction/employer. The Memorandum of Understanding would allow Lacy Alexander to be called out for a response team in the event of an emergency. The County would be completely reimbursed for her salary if she is called away from the County. Mrs. Alexander stated that Hamilton County would always come first before she made a decision to assist in another county during an emergency. Commissioner Clary made a motion followed by Commissioner Ogle seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court ratified the Memorandum of Understanding with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Hamilton County and Hamilton General Hospital for the SB 5 grant funding. Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The Interlocal agreement will allow the County to receive the SB 5 grant funding and then disburse the grant funds for a new ambulance as requested. The Commissioner Court approved the Interlocal Agreement with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

FY 2025-2026-2027 Budget Workshop:

- Commissioner Clary encourages everyone to review the Budget Reports for errors***
- Commissioners Court will review the Budget Report at the first scheduled meeting each month***

Phase II Communications Tower:

- **All inventory has been received by Bearcom**
- **February 2, 2026 – February 6, 2026 – Bearcom will begin the dry installation**
- **Actual installation will begin several weeks following the dry installation**
- **Hamilton location will be first, then Hico location**
- **Lacy is still searching for Vendors for generator maintenance and possible remote alarm notification**
- **The Commissioners Court requests a presentation from any Vendors that can possibly provide the generator maintenance services.**

Workshop for FEMA – cancelled

Adjourned at 1:53 pm

Judge James Yates

Attest: _____

County Clerk

