

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at 9:00 a.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. Commissioner Ogle led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

There were no open comments today.

There were no Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) to consider.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Minutes from December 9, 2025*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Expense Register in the amount of \$73,276.91*
- d. In-Between Bills in the amount of \$3,929.98*
- e. Payroll in the amount of \$90,432.39*
- f. No Certificates of Continuing Education*
- g. No Culvert Applications*
- h. Building and Use Request – Hamilton Historic Main Street requests the use of the Courthouse parking lot March 14th, April 11th, May 9th, June 13th, July 11th, August 8th, September 12th, October 10th, November 14th and December 12, 2026 from 7:00 am – 1:00 pm and reserving March 28, 2026 for Sip & Stroll Wine Walk from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm.*
- i. Bond – Sheri Poe, Deputy District Clerk; Mary Clark, Justice of the Peace Clerk; Mashell Thompson, Jail Administrator*

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

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

New Hire

Javario Savannah – Sheriff's Department

Position Changes

Micah Looke to Chief Deputy, S.O.

John Donahoo to Captain, S.O.

Kenneth Pollard Full time to Part time

No Hamilton County Treasurer's Report provided.

No Hamilton County Investment Report provided.

Hamilton County Infrastructure Update:

- ***The Concrete for the sidewalk is scheduled to be poured Saturday, December 27, 2025.***
- ***Commissioner Clary is concerned and would like to move forward with clearing the brush and grass around the Tower locations.***
- ***Upgrades to the Commissioner Courtroom will begin after the first of the year.***
- ***The County is working on a Grant that will upgrade our sirens and early warning systems***

Communications Update:

Lacy Alexander stated they have received the radio frequencies are in the approval process at this time. The frequencies have also been sent to Motorola and Bearcom for further approvals. The generator at the Communications department has a small alarm going off which is the water pump trying to go out. Hunter generator service out of Stephenville will be coming to service the generator for half of the price than Loftin quoted. The COG will reimburse 83% of the cost of repairs. The Court asked Mrs. Alexander to contact Hunter generator services in regards to possibly setting up routine maintenance and check ups on the Tower generators as well.

Law Enforcement Update:

Sheriff Boulton stated the Sheriff's Department has an experienced new Deputy. Charles Kline's first day will be Christmas Eve.

No discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.

The Commissioners Court discussed the estimate from Paradise Conversions for two new patrol vehicles. The new vehicles will be paid from the ICE Grant monies. Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the quote and Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the quote from Paradise Conversions with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Commissioner Clary made a motion to accept the Carlton Volunteer Fire Department Interlocal Agreement followed by Commissioner Wagner seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Carlton Volunteer Fire Department Interlocal agreement with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Commissioners Court discussed the need to amend the language in the Contractors contracts to reflect the required FEMA legal language. Commissioner Wagner made the motion followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court approved amending the language in the Contractors contracts with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the ratified quote from BizProtec followed by Commissioner Wagner seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the ratified quote for \$3,122.0 annual fee for the migration of emails and the transition to Microsoft 365 with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Commissioners Court rescinded the previous Ricoh contract for the County Judge's office with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained. Commissioner Clary made the motion followed by Commissioner Ogle seconding the motion. The previous copier did not have the correct functions needed for the Judges office.

The Commissioners Court accepted the new Ricoh contract for the County Judge's office with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained. Commissioner Wagner made the motion followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion; Judge Yates abstained. The new cost for the printer will be \$72.02 a month.

Discussion on the FY 2025-2026-2027 Budget Workshop:

- *Commissioner Clary is requesting the supporting documentation from the financial department supporting the Special Revenue Budget. The Special Revenue Budget was created to receive and disburse the various grant funds such as FEMA and the Ice Grant funds.*

No discussion on the Hamilton County Phase II Tower.

No discussion on the Workshop for FEMA

Adjourned at 9:35 am.



Judge James Yates

Attest: Rachel Heeslin
County Clerk

