

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry, and David Ogle. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Commissioner Wagner led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

Open Comments:

Rodney Parrish has been a resident of Hamilton County for 73 years and has seen a drastic increase in the population of feral hogs and the extensive damages they've created. Mr. Parrish is requesting the Court to implement a bounty on feral hogs. Mr. Parrish discussed the previous bounty implemented was by just turning in the tails of feral hogs to receive the bounty but he stated that too many illegal activities can happen with that process and suggested that cutting the snouts is the best process since the hog would be dead and not just de-tailed.

Budget Adjustment (L.I.T.) to consider:

- \$300.00 from 010-499-4250, Schools & Conferences to 010-499-3100, Supplies for the Tax Assessor/Collectors Office. – GL correction from a previous court approval*
- \$50.00 from 010-560-4590, Sheriffs Department to 010-510-4590, Courthouse Security/ Annex – GL correction from a previous court approval*

Commissioner Wagner 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 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve the Minutes from February 24, 2026.*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Payroll in the amount of \$77,029.13*
- d. Expenses in the amount of \$220,599.14*
- e. In-Between Bills in the amount of \$19,057.83*
- f. Culvert Application*

- Precinct One – CR620, CR617, CR612, CR601, CR604
- Precinct Two – CR404, CR409, CR427
- Precinct Four – CR505 (AKA Schoolerville Road)
- g. No Bonds to consider
- h. No Building and Use Requests to consider

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court approved the Consent Agenda with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

New Hire – Lisa Collins and Casey Schreiber – Sheriff’s Department

Resignations/Terminations – Melinda Lake & Aubrey Toler– Communications Department

Javario Savannah – Sheriff’s Department

No Hamilton County Treasurer’s Report at this time.

No Hamilton County Investment Report at this time.

No Hamilton County Infrastructure Report at this time.

Communications Update:

Lacy Alexander provided the call volumes from the month of February stating the total calls for service in February were 1,680 compared to 1,395 in January. The Communications Department received a total of 2,910 calls in which 277 of those were 911 calls that were answered within the defined time period of 4 seconds or less. Mrs. Alexander stated staffing is at a critical state.

Law Enforcement Update:

Sheriff, Brad Boulton, provided the February 2026 monthly report.

Reports – 62 written

Arrests – 6 males and 5 females were booked in. 9 Felony charges and 3 Misdemeanor charges

Traffic Stops – 230 stops made resulting in 104 violations cited for fines and 193 violations resulting in warnings

Bailiff – 8 days for a total of 13 hours

Civil Process – Served 29 Civil Citations which took 45 attempts

Total Calls for Service Answered – responded to 875 calls for service

Drug Seizure – under 1 gram of Methamphetamines

Inmate Transport – completed 16 inmate transports

Open Records Requests – handles 29 records requests resulting in \$0.00 in revenue.

No Financial Director's Report at this time.

No discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.

The Court discussed the maintenance agreement from Hunter Generator Service, LLC. Hunter is out of Erath County and will be providing the maintenance on all three of the generators (each tower location and the older generator). Commissioner Wagner made a motion to accept the maintenance contract followed by Commissioner Ogle seconding the motion. The Court approved the maintenance contract with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Discussion on Emergency Management Personnel (Communications Department):

Lacy Alexander and Holly Whitten discussed the ongoing staffing issues within their department. Currently, the Communications Department has a 70% turnover rate. Mrs. Alexander stated the issue is lack of pay. Applicants are coming to Hamilton, completing the necessary training and courses and then leaving shortly after the completion of all required trainings and certifications seeking higher pay. Currently dispatchers in Hamilton County are making about \$18.29 per hour which is 26.6% lower than the average. Not only is the Communications Department at a critical staffing level, lacy is also concerned about the constant depletion of her budget in training new staff. Most recently, two staff members have resigned and been hired on at Mills and Erath Counties because the rate of pay is higher. Mrs. Alexander is requesting the Courts support in assisting with this staffing situation. Judge Yates stated this will not be an over night fix and they will need to look into various things before any decisions can be made.

SB3 Outdoor Warning Sirens Alert Grant – no updates yet but there will be a Zoom meeting next week to discuss more details of this grant.

SB5 Hamilton County/ Hamilton General Hospital Ambulance Grant – no further information at this time.

No discussion on the FY 2025-2026-2027 Budget Workshop at this time.

Workshop for the Hamilton County Phase II Tower:

Lacy Alexander stated she would be having a meeting at 11:00 am today with Dan Howard and Maxine Johnson to discuss and review the next steps in the project.

Workshop for FEMA – DR4781 and DR4879 – No discussion at this time.

Adjourned at 9:26 am



Judge James Yates

Attest: 

County Clerk

