

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry, Dicky Clary and David Ogle. Judge Yates called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. Commissioner Clary led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

There were no open Comments today.

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

The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve the Minutes from March 24, 2026.*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Payroll in the amount of \$77,569.76*
- d. Expenses in the amount of \$254,236.16*
- e. In-Between Bills in the amount of \$16,980.38*
- f. No Culvert Applications to consider*
- g. No Building and Use requests to consider*
- h. Bonds: Haylee Guerra, Deputy Sheriff & Matthew Vinson, Deputy Sheriff*

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 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

New Hire:

Michael Cook; Sherrif's Department

Adrian Jones; Finance Director

Resignations:

Logan Wade – Precinct 3

Timany McCarn – Financial Director

Hamilton County Treasurer's Report:

Tonya Cox stated that changes to the MC Bank account will need to be made to remove Timany McCarn and add Adrain Jones to the bank accounts. The Overtime account is in the negative therefore a budget adjustment will need to be made at the next Commissioners Court. The Communications Department's overtime total is \$9,397.92 and the combined overtime total for the County Clerks and Tax assessor's offices for election purposes total \$3,972.85. Tonya Cox also provided the Investment report to the Commissioners Court; no discussion on the submission of the Investment Report.

Communications Update:

Lacy Alexander stated the Communications Department received 2,923 calls for service with 312 being 911 calls and three 911 texts. March had an increase of 294 calls for service compared to February. The dispatchers are still answering the 911 calls in four seconds or less. On April 2, 2026 the Central Texas Council of Governments and the seven counties included within the COG participated in the emergency notification statewide drill. The notification system was overloaded and some notifications were not received in a timely manner and some not received at all therefore the system failed. The notification system is in the process of moving to Everbridge and should be completed around June or July of 2026. All Code Red information will transfer over to the new system and more information will be provided at a later date on how to use the new system.

This week is Telecommunicators Appreciation week and Lacy wanted to thank several local businesses, the Commissioners Court and Judge Yates for keeping her and her staff fed and hyped up on sugar.

Law Enforcement Update:

Reports: 54

Arrests: 11 males and 3 females; 8 felony charges and 9 misdemeanor charges

Traffic Stops: 253 stops made resulting in 127 violations cited for fines and 205 violations resulting in warnings

Bailiff: 8 days totaling 13.5 hours

Civil Process: served 28 civil citations which took 61 attempts

Total Calls for Service Answered: 1,378

Drug Seizure: under 1 ounce of Marijuana and under 1 gram of THC

Inmate Transports: completed 24 inmate transports

Open Records Requests: 31 resulting in \$45.00 in revenue

No discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.

Commissioner Wagner made the motion to Ratify the District Judge's Order Appointment of Garrett Arendall Community Supervision Officer for the 220th Community Supervision and Corrections Department. Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court ratified the appointment of Garrett Arendall with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court discussed if they should accept or reject 287(g) service agreement between the US department of Homeland Security US Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Hamilton County Sheriffs Department. Commissioner Wagner made the motion to accept the agreement followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion. The Court accepted the agreement between Hamilton County Sherrif's Department and Homeland Security ICE 287(g) agreement with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Commissioner Clary made a motion to accept the Hamilton County Holiday schedule for 2026-2027 followed by Commissioner Ogle seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court accepted the Hamilton County 2026-2027 Holiday schedule with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Court approved the sale of fireworks for the Memorial Day Holiday. Commissioner Wagner made the motion followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Order authorizing Memorial Day fireworks sales with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Commissioner Clary led the meeting from this point forward due to Judge Yates being ill.

The Court discussed the quote from Civic Plus for the new county website. Civic Plus has agreed to receive a partial payment of \$1,250.00 at this time and then pay the remaining balance of \$14,134.00 at he beginning of the new fiscal year. Commissioner Wagner made the motion followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the payment plan for Civic Plus with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Michael with Water Way Engineering spoke to the Court in regards to the Sb 3 Outdoor warning sirens grant. The SB 3 grant is a reimbursement grant. All thirty counties that filed a disaster declaration due to the July 4th & 5th, 2025 flooding are required to install new warning sirens. The state is allocating \$1.25 million dollars to each county to comply with the grant. The grant funding expires August of 2027. The first step in the process would be to hire an engineer to review Hamilton County and help decipher where the sirens would need to be placed and the second step would be the actual construction and placement of the sirens. Once the County has a "planning plan" and have a prepared RFQ (request for quote) we should receive 25% of the funding upfront and then receive reimbursement as the project progresses.

No discussion on the SB 5 grant funding Interlocal agreement between Hamilton County and Hamilton General Hospital at this time.

FY 2025-2026-2027 Budget:

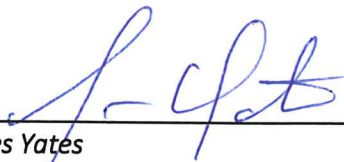
- **Indigent account is over budget about \$15,000. Lana is negotiating the hospital costs and then a line-item adjustment will need to be made at a future date**

Phase II Communications Tower:


- **May 25, 2026 the microwave and antenna will be installed**
- **After the installation testing will occur**
- **The system should be running by the end of June or beginning of July 2026**
- **FCC licensing was resubmitted on February 1, 2026 due to issues with the previous submission**
- **Hunter Generator services are installing the monitoring system on all the generators. The service will notify specific members of Hamilton County in order to take immediate action when needed.**

FEMA (TDEM) DR4781 and DR4879 – no discussion at this time.

Adjourned at 9:50 am



Judge James Yates

Attest: 

County Clerk

