

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court*

*Regular Session*

*Tuesday, May 12, 2026*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry and Dicky Clary. 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.*

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

- *\$20,000.00 from 022-613-3500 to 022-613-4500 – Shortage*

*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 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*The Court considered the following Consent Agenda:*

- Approve the Minutes from April 28, 2026*
- Approve Departmental Reports*
- Payroll in the amount of \$78,407.55*
- Expense Register in the amount of \$124,610.10*
- In-Between Bills in the amount of \$7,824.38*
- No Culvert Applications to consider*
- No Building and Use Request to consider*
- Bonds – Michael Cook, Deputy Sheriff; Adrian Jones, Financial Director and Kylie Bradburn, Deputy Tax Assessor Collector*

*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 – Kylie Bradburn, Deputy Tax Assessor Collector*

*Position Changes – Teodoro Pineda to Reserve Deputy*

**Hamilton County Treasurer's Report:**

*Tonya Cox submitted the reports for December 2025 and January 2026 for review.*

*No Hamilton County Investment Report at this time.*

*No Hamilton County Infrastructure Update at this time.*

**Communications Update:**

*Lacy Alexander provided the Communications update stating they received 2,000 calls for service in the month of April which is over 300 more calls for service than April 2025. They received 311 911 calls which were answered within the four seconds. The interview board will open tomorrow and the Sheriff's Department, the Hospital EMS and the Hico police department will be in attendance.*

**Law Enforcement Update:**

- *63 reports written in April*
- *Arrests – 10 males, 1 female; 8 felony charges and 5 misdemeanors*
- *303 traffic stops resulting in 104 violations cited for fines and 254 violations resulting in warnings*
- *8 days of bailiff totaling 21 hours*
- *Served 15 Civil citations which took 27 attempts*
- *Responded to 1,376 calls for service*
- *Seized under 1 ounce of marijuana, 2 grams of THC and 27 grams of illegal prescriptions*
- *Completed 13 inmate transports*
- *Handled 24 records requests resulting in \$27.30 in revenue*

**Financial Directors Report:**

*Adrian Jones provided his first Financial Directors Report. Mr. Jones reviewed the overall current financial standings of the county with the Court and stated he will be providing each department head their individual budget standings at each Commissioners Court. The Commissioners will be receiving the budget report for all departments moving forward.*

*No discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.*

*ICE agent, Bud Ratliff, provided a presentation to the Commissioners Court. Mr. Ratliff provided information about the 287G task force grant program. Warrant service, Jail*

*enforcement and task force are the three main elements to the grant. The grant provides for \$100,000.00 stipend funding for transportation, \$7,500.00 per certified Officer for equipment and technology. The County has already created the revenue and expense lines in order to receive and disburse the funds to the Sheriff's Department. Currently the Sheriff's Department has seven certified officers.*

*Commissioner Clary made a motion to ratify the Proclamation for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) awareness month. Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Court ratified the ALS Proclamation with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*The Court opened the three bids received for the request for qualifications for the SB 3 Siren grant program. The bids received are from Warwick Engineering, Atkins Realis and Metric. After a bit of discussion, the Court decided more time was needed to review the bids received. The Court will accept or reject the received bids at the next Commissioners Court.*

*Texas New Mexico Power Company is requesting an easement and right of way to erect a power pole on CR 209 in Precinct Three. Currently the power lines run directly over the top of the Precinct Three barn and the new power pole will run the power under the ground. There is a meter on the pole so that the billing can be kept separate for the County barn electricity. Commissioner Clary made the motion followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion. The Commissioner's Court approved the easement and right of way for TNMP with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*The Commissioner's Court opened the Salary Grievance letters received. The three public members of the Salary grievance Committee are; Curtis Coble, Cheryl Lasater and Stanley Sellers. Commissioner Wagner made the motion followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion. The Commissioner's Court accepted the three public members for the Salary Grievance Committee with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*The Commissioner's Court took action on the Cloud Gavel Software Program for the Justice of the Peace. Commissioner Wagner made the motion followed by Commissioner Curry seconding the motion. The program is \$6,800.00 for the initial set-up, \$155.00 a month fee with a 5% annual increase and will be paid for out of the Justice Courts budget. The Court approved the Cloud Gravel Software Program with a 3-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.*

*No discussion or action on the SB 3 Outdoor Warning Siren Grant program at this time.*

*No discussion or action on the SB 5 Ambulance Grant funding at this time.*

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

**Phase II Communications Tower:**

- **Lacy had a meeting with Motorola and Bearcom on May 6, 2026**
- **Week of May 18<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> the microwave will be installed**
- **County needs to check for any nests on the towers and have them removed before installation**
- **Week of June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup> – the tower crew will be here to place the antennas and equipment installation**
- **FCC – currently at 450 ERP and will need to be at 410 ERP for compliance**
- **DPS, Pathway and HAM operators will stay on the old tower**
- **If DPS wants to move to the new tower at a later date DPS would be responsible for the financial burden of moving to the new tower**
- **Lacy's next meeting will be on May 17, 2026; after the microwave installation**

**Recess at 9:53 am**

**Reconvene at 10:03 am**

**FEMA Workshop:**

**Commissioner Clary suggested doing an emergency budget adjustment in order to take \$500,00.00 out of the General Fund Reserves and put into Road and Bridge in each precinct. The County has not received majority of the disaster funds and have run out of money within their precincts to continue disaster recovery and general road maintenance. Judge Yates' concern is the potential for another disaster and not having the funds to operate. The Court will be reaching out to Kevin Epley with Cohn Resnick to discuss options on amending the current contracts for material and trucking since the fuel prices and material prices have changed so drastically since the time of the disaster two years ago. More discussion on this topic at the next Commissioner's Court meeting.**

**Adjourned at 10:40 am.**

  
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Judge James Yates

Attest:   
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County Clerk

