

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court*

*Regular Session*

*Tuesday, May 26, 2026*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry, David Ogle 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.*

*Open Comments:*

*Richard Layne stated he would like to speak on agenda item #24 once the Court reached that agenda item.*

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

- \$50,000.00 - 024-615-5720 Contingency to 024-615-3300 Fuel & Oil*
- \$25,000.00 - 024-615-5720 Contingency to 024-615-4500 R&M Equipment*
- \$1,819.20 – 024-615-5720 Contingency to 024-615-1090 Temp. Employee  
Over budget in Precinct Four*

*Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) as presented and Commissioner Ogle 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 the Minutes from May 12, 2026*
- b. Approve Departmental Reports*
- c. Payroll in the amount of \$77,867.83*
- d. Expenses in the amount of \$23,957.10*
- e. In-Between Bills in the amount of \$13,871.86*
- f. Culvert Application – Pct. 4; CR 505 for Grand Prix Pipeline for a permanent driveway*
- g. Building and Use Requests – Young Life to use the Courthouse parking lot for a carwash fundraiser on May 30, 2026 from 9am-12pm*
- h. Bonds – Tuwana Quigg, Deputy Court Clerk for JP; Kenneth Pollard, Deputy Sheriff; Alejandra Moncada, Chief Deputy County Clerk and Kristen Reid, Deputy County Clerk*

***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 – James Thompson, Full Time – Communications***

***Skyler Lord, Part Time, Communications***

***Resignations/Terminations – Kendall Scott, Part Time, Communications***

***Hamilton County Treasurer's Report:***

***Tonya Cox provided the financial reports to the Court and stated that money will need to be moved into the Overtime line. Currently the Overtime line is in the negative \$7,308.46 and Overtime paid out year to date is \$19,308.46.***

***No Hamilton County Investment Report at this time.***

***Hamilton County Infrastructure Update:***

***The grass around the tower site is very over grown due to the recent rains. The fairgrounds tower site will be shred this week and the grounds cleaned up around the tower in preparation of the microwave installations this week and next.***

***Communications Update:***

***Lacy Alexander introduced two of her new employees. James Thompson is full time and Skylar Lord will be part time. Mrs. Alexander also stated they are having issues with the 911 mapping system and they are using google earth to assist them at this time. The COG is aware of the issue and is working to correct the mapping issue. The generator notification system is working as expected.***

***Law Enforcement Update:***

***Deputy Goodman has completed the Commercial Motor Vehicle training and will be able to utilize the scales once they've been calibrated for commercial vehicle traffic stops.***

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

***Commissioner Curry requested the Court to declare 770B Motor Grader surplus property in Precinct Two. Commissioner Wagner made the motion followed by Commissioner***

**Curry seconding the motion. The Court declared the 770B Motor grader surplus property with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.**

**The Commissioners Court accepted the request for qualifications for the SB3 Siren grant program from Waterway Engineering, PLLC with a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Clary made the motion followed by Commissioner Ogle seconding the motion and Judge Yates abstained.**

**Adrain Jones, Chief Financial Officer, stated he has found multiple resources to assist him during his transition to office therefore he will not need to utilize any consultation from Timany McCarn.**

**The Court discussed the need to ratify the appointment of James Lively for a two-year term of service on the Board of Trustees for Central Counties Services. The term runs from September 1, 2026 and end August 31, 2028. Commissioner Clary made the motion followed by Commissioner Wagner seconding the motion. The Court ratified the appointment with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.**

**Commissioner Clary made the motion to ratify contract amendment #2 FEMA/TDEM "not to exceed" documents for the purchase of gravel and transportation/hauling charges for gravel. Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the ratification of the contract language with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.**

**The Commissioner's Court approved the contract amendment #3 for Vista View Quarry, LLC with a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Clary made the motion followed by Commissioner Wagner seconding the motion, Judge Yates abstained. The language to be changed is from "ton" to "cubic yard".**

**Commissioner Clary made a motion to authorize the sale of July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks. Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The Court approved the sale of fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.**

**No discussion on the SB 3 outdoor Warning Sirens Grant at this time.**

**Hamilton County was not awarded the SB5 ambulance grant. Mills County was also denied the SB5 ambulance grant. The Court is currently waiting to see if San Saba County was awarded the SB5 ambulance grant.**

**FY 2025-2026-2027 Budget:**

- **Richard Layne addressed the Court in regards to the budget and is hoping the Court will be more conservative during the nest budget cycle.**

- **Commissioner Clary made a motion for an emergency amendment to the current budget and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The emergency amendment to the budget will move \$500,000.00 from the General Fund Reserves and disburse it equally to the precincts in the road materials and supplies line item. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.**
- **An estimated \$250,000.00 in FEMA funds have been received YTD**

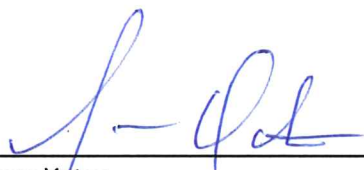
**Phase II Communications Towers:**

- **Microwave and antenna will be delivered and installed this week and next week**
- **DPS amended their statement in regards to moving to the new tower. DPS will be moving to the new tower after they receive their new equipment in September or October and DPS will be responsible for removing the old equipment from the old tower. DPS will be financially responsible for the removal of the old equipment.**

**FEMA Workshop:**

- **Judge Yates read a letter from FEMA to the Court. The letter discussed creating a committee with local officials and FEMA/TDEM in order to assist Counties in executing and receiving funds in a timely manner in future disaster declarations**
- **Commissioner Clary has agreed to serve on the committee even after his term has ended with Hamilton County.**

**Adjourned at 9:58 am**

  
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Judge James Yates

Attest:   
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County Clerk

