

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge James Yates, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, David Ogle, Keith Curry and Dickie 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 Adjustments (L.I.T.)

- *\$10,000.00 from 024-615-5720, Contingency to 024-615-4500, Road & Bridge for Precinct Four*
- *\$12,745.01 from 010-409-4730, IT Software to 010-409-2040, Workers Comp for the Workers Compensation estimated contribution*
- *\$1412.00 from 010-409-4730, IT Software to 010-510-4827, Insurance Property Annex in the amount of \$1392.00 and 010-510-4821, Insurance Property Museum in the amount of \$20.00 for Courthouse Property Tax shortage (budget)*

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.) as presented, and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The court approved the budget Adjustments (L.I.T) with a 4-0 vote.

The Court considered the following Agenda:

- *Approved Minutes from May 27, 2025*
- *Approve Departmental Reports*
- *Expense Register for \$123,493.86*
- *In- Between Bills in the amount of \$30,575.23*
- *Payroll for \$88,594.89*
- *There were no applications for Culvert Installation.*
- *Building and use request for The Chamber of Commerce on July 4, 2025 to use the West side of the Courthouse for the annual reading of the Declaration of Independence at 9:00 am.*

- **Bonds – Ona Elizabeth Lingle – 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 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

New Hire: Case Flippen, Precinct Four Part Time Road Hand

No Hamilton County Treasurer's Report.

No Hamilton County Investment Report.

Hamilton County Facilities Update:

The exterior drainage pipe installed to divert the water from the County Clerks basement is helping to keep the interior basement wall dry. The secure container for the Sheriff's Department has been ordered but the delivery date is still unknown.

No Hamilton County Communications Update.

Hamilton County Law Enforcement Update:

133 Reports Written

20 Arrests – 7 Felony, 13 Misdemeanor

209 Traffic Stops – 86 cited violations, 157 warnings

Bailiff – 8 days totaling 13 hours

Civil Process – Served 23 Civil Process

Answered 123 Calls for Service

Drug Seizure – 2 oz. of Marijuana and approximately 124 grams of Methamphetamines

No discussion on the Burn Ban at this time.

The Hazardous Waste Disposal reports for precincts One, Two and Four were acknowledged by the Court. The reports will be submitted to TCEQ as required.

Nancy Diaz with the Hamilton Public Library presented the financial reports for 2024. The Hamilton County Public Library has 3,675 household accounts which is an increase of 152 accounts in 2024. Mrs. Diaz also updated the Court on the various summer camps and

activities planned and provided a calendar of events for 2025. The Hamilton Public Library requests that the County and Commissioners Court continues to provide the financial support for the Hamilton Public Library during the 2025-2026 budget process.

The Commissioners Court received two sealed bank depository bids. One bid was received from Mills County Bank (MC Bank) and the other was received from ExtraCo Bank. MC Bank offered no minimum balance and a 2% fixed rate. ExtraCo Bank has a one-million-dollar minimum balance and variable rates. Commissioner Clary made a motion to accept the depository bid from MC Bank and Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court accepted the depository bid from MC Bank with a 4-0 vote; Judge Yates abstained.

The Commissioners Court reviewed the bid received from BizProtech for the Commissioners Court Auxiliary Courtroom. The original bid received was \$33,283.97. The Commissioners discussed the actual needs and revised the bid to total less than \$20,000.00. The updates to the Auxiliary Courtroom include; three TV screens, 2 laptops, a locking cabinet to secure the laptops and new chairs. Commissioner Clary made a motion to accept the modified bid and Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court accepted the modified bid from Biz Protech to upgrade the Commissioners Court Auxiliary Courtroom with a 4-0 vote; Judge Yates abstained.

The Court received a quote from NTLVL Roof Co. LLC to repair damages to the Courthouse roof. NTLVL roofing will be able to make the repairs with similar materials as what is currently on the roof. The Court accepted the quote in the amount of \$24,950.00.

The Court discussed the possibility of providing Dental and Vision Insurance to Hamilton County Employees. The topic died due to lack of a motion.

Several wording changes had to be made to the Hamilton County Employee Policy per TAC. There were no major policy changes. Commissioner Wagner made the motion followed by Commissioner Curry. The Commissioner Court approved the wording revisions to the Hamilton County Employee policy with a 4-0 vote; Judge Yates abstained.

The Commissioners Court discussed whether to accept or reject the engagement letter for Boucher, Morgan & Young, PC for Audit Services ending September 30, 2024. Commissioner Clary voiced concerns over previous business practices of BMY and their inability to adhere to the timelines that best suit the County. Commissioner Clary suggested modifying the agreement by changing the timelines to the Counties needs as well as modifying the billing practices, as in not paying per invoice but rather make a payment when services begin and then the final payment once the Audit has been completed. Commissioner Clary requested the above changes to be made to the Engagement letter and Hamilton

County Attorney, Mark Henkes, can review the revisions before sending the engagement letter back to BMY for approval. Commissioner Clary made a motion to accept the modified engagement letter from BMY and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court accepted the modified engagement letter from BMY for Audit services ending September 30, 2024 with a 4-0 vote; Judge Yates abstained.

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the Motorola change order. Commissioner Ogle seconded the motion. The Motorola change order was approved by the Court with a 4-0 vote; Judge Yates abstained. The approval of the Motorola change order will reflect all of the Court previously requested.

FEMA –

Tex McBride will no longer be the project manager for Hamilton County. Tex was the fifth project manager FEMA has assigned to Hamilton County. The regularly scheduled Wednesday FEMA workshop will be cancelled for this week.

Adjourned at 10:34 am



County Judge





Rachel Gustin