

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met on Tuesday, June 24, 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. Commissioner Clary led the invocation and all followed with the pledges.

Open Comments:

Richard Layne expressed his opinions on contracting with a new Outside Auditing firm. Mr. Layne feels this is a step in the right direction for the County. Mr. Layne said its time Hamilton County is treated like a customer and not an option in regards to Outside Auditing Services.

No Budget Adjustments (L.I.T.).

The Court considered the following Agenda:

- *Approved Minutes from June 10, 2025 and June 16, 2025*
- *No Departmental Reports to approve*
- *Expense Register for \$342,323.25*
- *Payroll for \$87,177.05*
- *There were no applications for Culvert Installation.*
- *There were no Building and Use Requests*
- *There were no Bonds to consider.*

Commissioner Clary made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. The Court approved the Consent Agenda with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Hamilton County Personnel Update:

Resignation/Terminations:

Sixto Rocha III, Sheriff's Department

Melissa Erexson, Communications Department

Position Changes:

Madison Hailey moved to Reserve Officer

Hamilton County Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Tonya Cox, reported the total Cash on Hand for May 2025 is \$219,976.18 and Investments in the amount of \$5,639,044.88.

No Hamilton County Investment Report provided.

No Hamilton County Facilities update to consider.

Communications Update:

Lacy Alexander provided the Communications Department update stating last Wednesday when there was a power outage the generator kicked on as it should but the phones and internet had issues. Lacy has contacted the Central Texas Council of Government and they identified that the router was stationed in the wrong location and they will be here this week to relocate the router. Mrs. Alexander also received a change order in regards to the Tower projects. The change order reflects the delivery location of the large spools of wire be delivered to Bearcom for storage until the project is ready for the materials instead of being delivered to the Communications Department.

Law Enforcement Update:

Sheriff Boulton provided the Law Enforcement Update for Hamilton County. Sheriff Boulton opened by publicly thanking and giving great appreciation for all the donations the Sheriff's Department has received. The total reported donations raised through community partnerships, charitable contributions and strong local support is \$61,292.00. Boulton also stated the Sheriff's Department have recovered more than \$400,000.00 in stolen or missing property within the first two months of operation.

No discussion on the Burn ban at this time.

Mr. Phil Vaughn with Armstrong, Vaugh Associates approached the court and opened the floor for any questions in regards to the outside auditing services. Commissioner Clary asked Mr. Vaughn when will a bill for payment be due for the services, Mr. Vaughn stated there can possibly be an invoice during the Audit process but typically they submit the bill for payment once the draft of the Audit is provided to the County. Commissioner Clary also requested a detailed, facts and findings type report along with recommendations from Armstrong, Vaughn and Associates at the conclusion of the Outside Audit. Mr. Vaughn confirmed that the Commissioners may call throughout the auditing process for status updates. Commissioner Clary made the motion, followed by a second from Commissioner Ogle to accept the Engagement letter from Armstrong, Vaughn and Associates for Outside Auditing services. The Commissioners Court approved the engagement letter with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The Hamilton County employee insurance rates have increased by \$43.72 per employee per month. Commissioner Clary made a motion to accept the health insurance increase and Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the health insurance increase with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to accept the Resolution Depository account. Commissioner Curry seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the Resolution Depository Account with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

The insurance payments for the Tower located in Precinct three has been mistakenly taken out of Commissioner Ogle's precinct budget for the past two years. The first payment was in the amount of \$2,110.00 and the second payment was in the amount of \$2,369.00. Commissioner Ogle is requesting the funds be transferred back into his precinct budget account. Commissioner Wagner made the motion followed by Commissioner Clary that seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court approved the funds to be transferred back into Precinct threes' budget with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained.

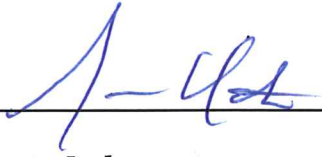
Commissioner Wagner made a motion to Ratify the District Judge's Order setting a public hearing for the County Auditor and Assistant Auditor's budget. Commissioner Clary seconded the motion. The Commissioners Court ratified the District Judge's Order with a 4-0 vote, Judge Yates abstained. The Public Hearing will be July 9, 2025 at 11:00 am.

9:32 am – FEMA


There will be a FEMA workshop tomorrow, Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 9:00 am in the Commissioners Court room. Commissioner Clary stated all Commissioners have received their DDD and should review it for discrepancies and then decide if the discrepancies are major enough to discuss during the FEMA workshop. Commissioner Wagner is currently

waiting on a return phone call from the Core of Engineers in regards to any permits needed to move forward on the repairs of the Leon River Bridge on County Road 101.

Adjourned at 9:41 am



County Judge

Attest: 
County Clerk

