

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court  
Special Session  
Friday, September 16, 2011  
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court held a Special Session on September 16, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. with the following member present: County Judge Randy Mills, Commissioners Jim Boatwright, Mark Tafel, Jon Bonner and Dickie Clary.

The meeting was called to order and stated that all members of the court were present.

Judge Mills opened the public hearing on the proposed budget for Hamilton County Fiscal 2012.

Damon Chumney thanked the court for allowing him to speak and continued to the following items of the proposed budget:

Page 2 Certificate of Obligations and Tax Notes-Public did not get to vote on any of these issues

Page 4 County Judge Supplement - \$15,000.00  
County Attorney Supplement - \$20,833.00  
They should be happy with this.

Page 5 County Judge 010-400-101 Elected Official 10% pay increase last year. Two Commissioners opted to take 6% and 10% increase.

Mr. Chumney thinks it irresponsible.

County Judge-Out of county travel-spent \$800 last year this next year it will be out of pocket expense and we will see if he spends \$200

Page 7 County Attorney-\$21,662-Adequate Salary

Page 9 Courthouse 010-510-400-Professional Services - \$2,500.00 spent nothing  
Courthouse 010-510-426 Out of County Travel \$250.00 spent nothing  
Electricity 010-510-440 Electricity \$45,000.

These are slush funds created.

Indigent Health \$37,000.00 to \$71,050.00 –Another slush fund Excessive.

Predator Control –budgeted one-half of last year. It is on record that this is an important program for rural community

Health insurance and retirement issues could be looked at so that we could fund important functions of this county

The extension service is another important function of this county.

Page 14 Difference in precinct budgets.

Page 15 FEMA \$129,852.00 repayment. The county received duplicate check and chose to cash it, shameless. The next time would be a better way to do business gets it in writing. You hoped that you would get by with it, but got caught.

County Auditor:

Supplement of \$3,000.00 for courthouse but then you gave her a supplement of \$7,000.00

The county spent \$375,000 to pay off courthouse annex last year.

Richard Layne told the court thank you for the hard work put in on the budget and bringing us to a balanced budget.

Bob Self then added his thanks to the court for working on the budget.

Mr. Self made the county aware that the county website is not well maintained, nor up to date. It should reflect transparency of the county, therefore accountability.

The meeting set during the day at 9:00 A.M. is for your convenience.

The agendas and minutes are not up to date.

Hamilton County Appraisal District website is also out of date and inaccurate.

Indigent health care item is another unfunded mandate.

Entitlement issues – retirees and employees – needs to be reviewed. It is too liberal. We can't do this.

Personnel Policy needs to be placed on the website for the public's availability.

Judge Mills offered the court opportunity to make public comments.

Commissioner Clary did respond to Mr. Self and stated that he was in agreement that the website needed to be up to date.

Judge Mills closed the public hearing on the budget at 9:37 A.M.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Boatwright to make changes by Commissioner's court in the Proposed Hamilton County Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 that it considers warranted by the facts and law and required by the interest of the taxpayers as follows:

- 010-409-420- Telephone System– Add \$17,230
- 010-409-207- Unemployment Compensation-Add \$6120
- 010-342-200 Sheriff's Office-Administrative Fee (Reflection of PSAP Changes) \$14,027
- 010-560-459- Sheriff Service Contract-CTCOG-Increase \$16,404

Because of the CTCOG Service Contract change it changed the amount that each of the cities will owe (Law Enforcement Contract):

010-342-000	City of Hamilton	\$323,459.00
010-342-100	City of Hico	\$144,119.00
010-409-409	Redistricting	\$1.00
010-540-499	Emergency Management	Increase -\$ 1,255.00
010-640-486	Indigent Health	Reduce - \$25,000.00
	Total Revenue	\$3,300,527.00
010-310-000	Current Taxes	\$1,904,185.00

These are all the proposed changes to the General Fund.

Commissioner Tafel presented these proposed changes to Precinct Two:

022-613-203	County Retirement	Increase	\$8,123.00
022-613-207	Unemployment Compensation Increase		\$3,032.00
022-613-450	Equipment Repair & Maintenance Increase		\$20,000.00
	Total Expenses – Precinct Two		\$422,965.00

Precinct Three      Description of 651      -FEMA Repayment

Page 45      Fund 062      Courthouse Restoration

Total Expenditures:      \$3,282.364.00

(Recorded in Commissioner’s Court Papers Book 41 Page 19)

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Tafel to approve the adoption of the Hamilton County Budget for Fiscal Year 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to approve the Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate for Hamilton County for the General Fund and the precincts as follows:

General Fund	.4065
Precinct One	.0294
Precinct Two	.0294
Precinct Three	.0294
<u>Precinct Four</u>	<u>.0294</u>
Total	.5241

The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner’s Court Papers Book 41 Page 70)

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Tafel to adopt the debt service tax rate of .0358 for Hamilton County 2012. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner’s Court Book 41 Page 71)

The total tax rate for Hamilton County 2012 is .5599.

A motion was made by Bonner and seconded by Boatwright to accept the contract from Centurylink for the purchase of the telephone system in the amount of \$39,986.72. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner’s Court Papers Book 40 Page 893)

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Bonner to approve the maintenance agreement for the telephone system. The motion carried unanimously. The maintenance agreement is a twenty four month period which begins at the end of the one-year warranty cycle at a cost of \$5,031.36 and there are no payments till 2013. (Recorded in Commissioner’s Court Papers Book 40 Page 893)

A motion was made by Boatwright and seconded by Clary to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

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County Judge

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

