

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session
Tuesday, May 28, 2013
9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: County Judge Randy Mills, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Mark Tafel, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary.

The meeting was called to order and Judge Mills opened with prayer.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the following budget amendments: District Court/Auditor from Witness Fees, Jury, Judge's Travel, Schools and Conferences, Non-Capital to Other Indigent Defense and Court Appointed Attorney Indigent; Jail from Unemployment to Uniforms; Sheriff's Office from Overtime to Uniforms; Non-Departmental from Equipment Repair to Service Contract; Health and Welfare from Indigent Burials to Multi-Purpose Utilities; District Clerk from Schools and Conferences to Supplies and Stationery; Jail from Law Enforcement Liability to Janitor Supplies; and Precinct One from Road Hand 2 to Medical. The motion carried by a majority vote. Wagner, Tafel, Huggins and Clary voted for and Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 46 Page 120)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Huggins to approve the minutes of April 22, 2013 and May 13, 2013 Commissioner's Court Meeting. The motion carried by a majority vote. Wagner, Tafel, Huggins and Clary voted for and Mills abstained.

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Clary to approve the departmental reports submitted. The motion carried by a majority vote. Wagner, Tafel, Huggins and Clary voted for and Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 46 Page 148)

A motion was made by Tafel to approve \$915.52 Fleet Safety Equipment for Precinct Two billing. The motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Tafel to approve the bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$29,528.35. The motion carried by a majority vote. Wagner, Tafel, Huggins and Clary voted for and Mills abstained. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 46 Page 39)

Huggins requested that Item 8 –Approve Green Acres Equipment Rental Agreement for Hamilton County Precinct Three be pulled. No discussion; nor action taken.

The court requested that a meeting be scheduled with Texas Association of Counties regarding health insurance. The meeting is to be scheduled as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Mills to accept the bid of \$55,000.00 including the two trade-ins in the amount of \$5,500.00

RDO Equipment Co.	New 2011 John Deere 310 S J	\$55,000.00
Less Trade In	Miscellaneous 210 C	5,500.00-
	John Deere 750C	5,500.00-
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Total		\$44,000.00

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Huggins to approve the financing with Capital City Leasing for the purchase of a backhoe for Hamilton County Precinct One at 3.2 % interest for four (4) years. The motion carried unanimously.

Hico City Marshall Tom Williams was present to discuss the Hico Radio Repeater requesting that the Hico Police Department remain on the same frequency as the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Bewley replied that the City of Hico needed to talk with him not the Commissioner's Court. Bewley believes that the City of Hico needs their own frequency. It is a situation that Hico needs to solve on their own. The court can't answer these questions.

Future Agenda Items: Texas Association of Counties Insurance Meeting

The court took a brief break and went into a budget workshop to review the Sheriff's budget.

Bewley began by saying that at the law enforcement meeting last week the contract itself was talked about and that there was a difference of opinion on the funding formula.

Clary continued stating that currently the formula is the total budget divided by (nine) law enforcement officers. The formula suggested to use is the total budget divided by law enforcement officers and the administrative assistant.

The court needs to make that determination because until they do the City of Hamilton is going to press the issue until a decision is made.

Bewley said as you review the sheriff department's budget that the administrative assistant salary is in the budget; take this budget and divide by the employees which will give you an average cost per employee. Bewley added it is clean number when you look at the total number at the bottom and include the administrative assistant in the count.

After a long decision the court giving direction to the committee members agreed to place the administrative assistant as well as the administrative fees in the formula. This will be presented at the next law enforcement committee meeting.

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Wagner to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

County Judge

Attest: _____

County Clerk