

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court



Regular Session
Monday, July 18, 2013
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, July 08, 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.

Mills called the meeting to order and Huggins opened with prayer.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Clary to approve the following budget amendments: Environmental Inspector from OSSF Cost Share to OSSF Financial Assistance and OSSF Grant, DPS/Juvenile Court from Detention to Telephone, Sheriff's Office from Overtime to Supplies and Stationery, Non-Departmental from Appraisal District to Service Contracts, County Jail from Dispatcher/Jailer to Schools and Conference, Sheriff's Office from Building Liability to Vehicle Repair, District Clerk from Supplies and Stationery to Schools and Conferences, Treasurer's Office from Schools and Conferences to Overtime, County Jail from Dispatcher/Jailer to Uniforms, Texas A&M AgriLife from Non Capital Equipment, Equipment Repair and Maintenance, Travel-FCS to Travel Ag, Road and Bridge 1 from Road Hand Two to Unemployment Compensation, Precinct Two from Road Materials and Supplies to Auto Equipment Liability, Non-Departmental from Courthouse Building and Liability to Agri-Life Building Liability and Multi-Purpose Building and Liability Insurance, Precinct Four from Road Material and Supplies to Unemployment Compensation. 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 297)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the minutes of June 24, 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 Mills to approve \$915.52 Fleet Safety Equipment for Precinct Two billing. The motion failed for lack of a majority vote. Tafel and Mills voted for. Wagner, Clary and Huggins voted against.

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary to approve the departmental reports. 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 344)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Tafel to approve bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$139,239.27. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 46 Page 332)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary to approve the bond for Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff Justin Caraway. 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 421)

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Wagner to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Lubbock County, Texas a Political Subdivision of the State of Texas Acting through the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases, and Hamilton County, Texas. The motion carried by a majority vote. Wagner, Tafel, Huggins and Clary voted for and Mills abstained. (Copy Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 46 Page 412)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Mills to accept the resignation of Hamilton County Auditor Dicie Moyers. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mills and seconded by Tafel to approve the appointment of election judges and alternate election judges for a two-year term to conduct elections for Hamilton County. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 46 Page 426)

A motion was made by Tafel and seconded by Huggins to approve a resolution expressing sympathy to the family of Lance McLean, a slain Hood County Deputy. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 46 Page 425)

Future Agenda Items:

Burn Ban

Hico EDC-Tax Abatement

Report on the Hico Activity Center previously known as the Hico Senior Center

Precinct Three has a pick up for sale

County has a rubber tire loader which the county could sale

The court recessed for a ten minute break. The court reconvened and continued their meeting.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Wagner to approve the Hamilton County Staff Contribution Contract with Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 46 Page 417)

Assistant County Auditor Marliessa Clark arrived at the meeting for budget workshop.

Mills reminded the court of the letter he had received from the Court of Criminal Appeals requesting that Hamilton County considers contributing to the fund that helps pay this regional area.

Clary stated that the court would soon need to make some decisions about the sheriff's budget as August 1, 2013 contractual deadline was approaching.

The court discussed the possibility of putting money in the budget that would allow for additional training when the county hires another county auditor.

Clark stated that the court should have asked the City of Hamilton for their approval before amending the budget to include additional funds for the district attorney's budget.

Clary stated that we would need to correct the tax rate for debt service.

Clark advised that it would depend on how the numbers fall out; hopefully it would remain somewhat constant. Clark also stated that she was not quite sure how the county would handle the surplus funds from the 2010 taxing error and for the surplus funds from the restoration. The surplus for the restoration can be used for continued courthouse maintenance or to apply to the debt.

Clark also asked if the band width amount had been added to the service contracts.

There would need to be \$6000.00 added to the maintenance in the county clerk's department as we failed to put it in for this year. This is for Tyler's maintenance.

The salary adjustments which were requested at the sheriff's department for the deputies in the amount of \$32,428.00 are items to be addressed.

The law enforcement contract is a total of \$832,796.00 with \$378,000.00 being the City of Hamilton's portion and the remaining balance of \$454,000.00 is the county's portion. The net hit of the current law enforcement proposal is \$76,100.00.

The budget proposals to date leaves \$190,000.00 deficit. One penny increase generates approximately \$45,000.00.

Mills contributed to the conversation that there should be no salary increases for anyone until we can give it to all.

Clary asked where Clark was on the audit.

Clark responded that she was waiting on Net Data to tell her why Net Data failed to post the deputies checks to the general ledger. She said all bank statements had been reconciled, journal entries made and she was waiting to receive an engagement letter for the outside auditors.

Clark also added that when she was appointed assistant auditor that she at that point became an employee and that there would be taxes due.

The court briefly touched upon the pipeline and the trenching of the county roads.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Mills to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned.

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk