

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Special Session
Wednesday, May 7, 2014
6:00 P.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Special Session with the following members present: County Judge Randy Mills, Commissioners Johnny Wagner and Lloyd Huggins. The members from the City of Hamilton as follows: City Administrator Bill Funderburk, City Mayor J. Patrick Kelly, III., Council men and women present Mike Collett, Todd Jordan, Beverly Gilstrap and Frank Craig. County Auditor Marliessa Clark and County Clerk Debbie Rudolph were also present. Sheriff Gregg Bewley, Commissioners Mark Tafel and Dickie Clary were not present.

The meeting was called to order by Mills for the county and by Kelly for the city both agencies making a determination that a quorum was present to conduct business.

Mills began stating that it was early in the budget cycle and that he was uneasy about releasing the Sheriff's budget numbers until such time that the sheriff could present them to the city. Mills continued stating that he always felt that the law enforcement contract was awkward because of the timing of the contract. You had a contract before you had a budget and that contract determined what the budget would need to be.

Collett stated that last year's decision of a fifty-fifty (50/50) contract had the potential to make it easier in the future. He continued to state that it might be well for the two entities to consider a mechanism for an exit plan to be implemented in the contract should there ever be a time when it came unraveled and that it would keep the plan in place for six months to allow for transition.

Mills also mentioned that it had been questioned about the usefulness of the law enforcement committee.

Collett responded that last year there was a feeling that the city was being dictated to.

Clark explained to the city the count's budget process and likewise the city gave the county some insight on their budgetary process.

Wagner asked for ideals and ways that we might improve the contract process.

Mills stated that he thought that when there was a problem that a group meeting was the way to air those problems, communicate.

Collett said the basic premises to talk to each other and to focus on that.

Gilstrap added that the 50/50 formula was a benefit to all; before that the formula was always changing and you couldn't plan on it to be the same the next year.

After discussion ended a motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Wagner to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

County Judge

Attest: _____

County Clerk