

## Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session  
Monday, May 12, 2014  
9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on May 12, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: County Judge Randy Mills, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary. Mark Tafel was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Randy Mills and opened with prayer by Lloyd Huggins.

Richard Layne first wanted to thank the court for the opportunity to speak. Then he wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming runoff election. He wanted to remind everyone that Mike Bosse ran on the democratic ticket on the last election and this time thought he would have a better chance running on the republican ticket. He also wanted to remind everybody what a fine job that Dickie Clary has done as commissioner. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Damon Chumney also wanted to thank the court for the opportunity to speak. He stated that he thought that the burn ban was unnecessary at this time in light of the recent rain. He stated that on item #9 of the agenda that he was not sure what that was all about and not sure if we needed to approve this agreement at this time. On item #13 concerning the guard rail, he thought that this was also unnecessary. He thought that we should let the City of Hamilton handle it. On item #14 concerning the Texas Department of Agriculture Regional Review Committee he said that he really didn't know what that committee was and would like to know more.

Mills also wanted to let the court know that they have been battling with the phone company about the DPD office. He also stated that the cost of an autopsy has gone up. They did cost \$1100.00 and now they are \$1975.00.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the following budget amendments:

Non-Departmental from Appraisal District to Autopsy, County Jail from Inmate Supply to Law Enforcement Liability, County Jail from Dispatch/Jailer to Uniforms, Sheriff's Office from Auto/Equipment Liability to Law Enforcement Liability, Sheriff's Office from Janitor Supply to Investigation, Department of Public Safety from Non-Capital Equipment & from Supplies to Telephone, Commissioner Precinct 3 from Electricity to Uniforms. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 48 Page 575)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary to approve the following consent agenda:

- A. Minutes of the April 28, 2014 Commissioner's Court Meeting
- B. Approval of all Departmental Reports Submitted-(Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 48 Page 589)
- C. Approval of bills submitted for payment. \$84,119.44(Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers book 48 Page 565)

The motion carried unanimously.

The Court passed on the Hamilton County Burn Ban in light of the recent rains.

Mills explained to the court about the Interlocal Agreement with Hamilton and/or Hico E.D.C. for use of unclaimed capital credits received from electric cooperatives in cooperatives services area to promote or advertise the county and its vicinity under Texas Local Government Code 381.004 (a)(1)(b) and 381.004 (a)(1)(c). He stated that it was not tax money and explained where the money came from. He said that if we don't use it this money that somebody else will get it. They discussed splitting this between the Hamilton EDC and Hico EDC. Dickie Clary also mentioned that Evant had just started and he would like for them to receive some of the benefits, also. Mills stated that we could split the money three ways, but we have to vote on it. Richard Layne mentioned that they would like to see the court take the time to see if there may be some kind of literacy fund for schools that would better help the community. Henkes stated that if were to go through the schools it would be split 4 ways (for each district in Hamilton County) the amount is only \$800.00 and it would make that much of a difference. Henkes also stated that in the agreement he would like court to specify that the funds would be used specifically for Hamilton County Entities. For those EDC's that would want to participate. A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Mills. The motion was carried unanimously.

There was a little discussion by Clary on the Amendment No. 3 for CWA#319(h) Agreement No. 10-10A entitled "Implementation of the Leon River Watershed Protection Plan through Technical and Financial Assistance to repair and replace On-Site Sewage Facilities in Hamilton County. He said that because of the success of the program that the money is exhausted. He said right now there is more need than money. He stated that it wouldn't cost the county any more money. He said that it would kind of make money for the county. A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 48 Page 641)

County Treasurer Debbie Eoff stated that all bank accounts were reconciled through April, but they were still working on the General Fund.

A motion was made by Clary and approved by Mills to approve the request from the American Legion for the use of the Hamilton County Courthouse Annex rear parking lot on Memorial Day. The motion carried unanimously.

There was some discussion by Wager about the consideration and approval of Hamilton County Precinct One acquisition of 520 feet of surplus guardrail from Texas Department of Transportation to be used within the confines of Hamilton County Precinct 1 by the City of Hamilton. Wagner stated that he had spoken to Mark Blackwell from the City of Hamilton. He said that all this surplus equipment comes from the state comes from the state to the county earlier than the city. There is quite a bit now. Blackwell approached me so there was no shortage of guardrails before the City of Hamilton gets a chance. Henkes stated that it must be used specifically in Precinct 1. A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Wagner for Commissioner Precinct 3 to serve on the Texas Department of Agriculture Regional Review Committee. Mills stated that this could be really beneficial for county. It helps the County to stay on top of grants that are available. Huggins said that he would be willing to serve. The motion carried unanimously.

It was also announced in court that the next Hamilton County Commissioner's Court would be held Friday, May 23, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m.

#### Future Agenda Items:

- A. Huggins announced that Hico EDC will be coming concerning a Tax Abatement for the Midland Hotel. They would also be coming with forms.

The court recessed for about 15 minutes and then went back in for the Hamilton County Budget Workshop FYI 2015. There was little discussion but there was really no numbers to work with as of yet.

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

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County Judge

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

County Clerk