

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session
Monday, July 14, 2014
9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: County Judge Randy Mills, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary. Commissioner Mark Tafel was absent.

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

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the request from CenturyLink Telephone Company to install buried communications cable upon and along the right-of-way of county roads in Hamilton County, Texas, Precinct Three. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 49 Page 301)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Wagner to approve the use of county equipment and labor to remove dead trees from a fence row along CR 534 in Precinct Four. Clary stated that the property owner had called to ask for help in removing the 50 – 100 hackberries along approximately 1500 feet of fence line. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to reverse the percentages on items that auctioned through GovDeals agreeing that Hamilton County pay five percent (5%) and the buyer pay seven and one half percent (7.5%). The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Mills to appoint James Lively for a two year term beginning September 1, 2014 to the MHMR Board of Trustees for Central Counties Center. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the contract agreement with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and the budget for FY 2015 in the amount of \$16,626.00. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 49 Page 297 and Original Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 49 Page 367)

There was no action take on item eight (8) Discuss/Approve analysis of Centurylink Upgrade Options for Hamilton County to resolve the slowness the county is experiencing with NetData.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Wagner to approve the following line item transfers: Courthouse from Non-Capital to Vehicle Repair, Hamilton County Precinct Three from Electricity to Gas and Unemployment Compensation, Precinct Four from Road Materials and Supplies to Unemployment Compensation, Precinct One from Fuel and Oil to Unemployment, Agrilife Extension from Professional Development to Travel Expense – Ag, Environmental Inspector from Partial per diem to Workers Compensation Insurance and Unemployment Compensation, County Jail from Health Insurance to Worker's Compensation, County Jail from Prisoner Transport and Housing to Janitorial Supplies, County Jail from Equipment Repair to Employee Medical, County Jail from Inmate Supplies to Equipment

Rental, County Court from Court Appointment Indigent to Other Indigent Defense, Hamilton County Fire Marshal from Indigent Health Care to Worker's Compensation, and Sheriff's Office from Deputy Six (6) to Supplies and Stationery. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 49 Page 179)

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

- A. Minutes of 6-23-2014 Commissioners Court Meeting (changing the order of Huggins name on a seconded by in the first action item)
- B. Minutes of 6-27-2014 Commissioners Court Meeting
- C. Approve Departmental Reports (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 49 Page 221)
- D. Approve bills submitted for payment-\$86,896.52 (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 49 Page 209)

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the leasing agreement with Texas Office System for Pitney Bowes Digital Mailing System with Intellink Technology DM400 Series. There was not a rate increase. The motion carried unanimously. (Copy Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 49 Page 221 and 305)

County Auditor Marliessa Clark reported to the court that Katie was still working on the reconciliation of the Treasurer's Account January 2014.

There were no future agenda items announced.

The court took a five minute break and then reconvened in budget workshop.

The court reviewed all the revenue figures and then reviewed the sheriff department and jail. The raises for the employees which had been penciled in were removed because of the deficit. There were some cuts made in the sheriff and jail departments.

The court then went back to the employees insurance and a motion was made by Mills and seconded by Clary to approve Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits poll renewal rate for FU2015 of 3.5% increase. The motion carried unanimously. The new rate for an employee has increased from \$549.52 to \$568.74 effective October 1, 2014.

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Mills to recess until Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried unanimously.

The court reconvened into a budget workshop on July 15, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: Judge Randy Mills, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary. Commissioner Mark Tafel was absent.

The court reviewed the budget and deleted the request for employees in the treasurer's and the tax assessor collector's department.

The court reduced the Hamilton Volunteer Fire Department's request back to \$7,000.00 from \$15,000.00.

Huggins reduced his Non-Capital line item from \$5,000.00 to \$1.00 in Precinct 3.

Clark asked the court to review their precincts and prepare projected expenses and revenue.

Rudolph asked Clark about the cost of e-filing through NetData and she said that it should not cost us anything as the district attorney's package has allowed the county the capabilities of doing so. There may be an increase in maintenance.

The court talked about longevity pay for the employees again this year.

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

County Judge

Attest: _____

County Clerk