

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session
Monday, August 11, 2014
9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, August 11, 2014 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 Clary opened with prayer.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the following budget amendments: Precinct Two from Road Materials and Equipment Repair, County Jail from Inmate Medical to Food, County Jail from Health Insurance to Employee Medical, Sheriff's Office from Professional Services to Fuel and Oil, Precinct One from Fuel to Uniform, Precinct Four from Road Materials and Supplies to Uniforms and Non-Departmental from Equipment Repair and Maintenance to Telephone. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 49 Page 378)

A motion was made by Huggins to hold the bill presented to Precinct Two from Billy Eller regarding repair to Precinct Two equipment (pickup). There was a question as to how the bill should be paid as Eller is a county temporary employee. There is a question of a conflict of interest. The motion carried by a majority vote. Mills, Wagner, Huggins and Clary voted for and Tafel voted against.

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

- A. Minutes of 7-28-2014 Commissioner's Court Meeting
- B. Approve the Department Reports (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 49 Page 403)
- C. Approve bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$77,806.68 (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 49 Page 393)

The motion carried by a majority vote. Wagner, Tafel, Huggins and Clary voted for and Mills abstained.

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Mills to approve the Order for the Hamilton County Clerk to conduct the November 4, 2014 General Election. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 49 Page 448)

County Treasurer Debbie Eoff reported that the bank reconciliations were up to March 2014 and all other were done. Eoff reported that her deputy was working on the reconciliation while she was entering the new budget data into the computer.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the tax rate of .5724 per \$100.00 evaluation. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Mills to establish the time, date and location for the two required public hearings on the proposed tax rate if the proposed rate exceeds the effective tax rate as follows:

August 25, 2014 9:00 A.M. Commissioner's Courtroom

September 8, 2014 9:00 A.M. Commissioner's Courtroom

The motion carried unanimously. (Tax Notices Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 49 Page 450)

The budget hearing will be on August 18, 2014.

The time, date and location of the adoption of the 2014 tax rate will be September 8, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom.

Future Agenda Items: Wagner will give closing remarks on the CHAMPS Grant which ends in August.

The court took a ten minute recess. Reconvening the court took no action on Item 14. Discuss retaining council for legal issues involving the county.

Richard Layne stated that Tafel had no money due him if these legal issues were based on criminal activity.

Hamilton County Budget Workshop.

Clary asked about 2013 Road and Bridge Accounts \$19,000.00 should have went into their account; as well as 2014 Road and Bridge Account show that they are short.

Clark responded that she had Eoff researching and found error regarding the overweight money needs to come from the general fund to the road and bridge funds. Clark stated that she had a spreadsheet that she had prepared to show revenue in the precincts and that the overweights were deposited into the wrong place.

Clary also stated that the delinquent taxes currently are at \$52,965.00 – a projected \$10,000 overage

Those figures come from a report that Eoff receives from the HCAD and placed into a spreadsheet.

Clary asked about assessed value impact on the other numbers and Clark responded that there was no impact and to remember that the assessed value does not account for the frozen taxes.

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

County Judge

Attest: _____

County Clerk