

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session
Monday, January 12, 2015
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 9:00 A.M with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Allen Curry, Lloyd Huggins, and Dickie Clary.

Tynes called the meeting to order and announced that there was a quorum present. The court took a moment to remember the first responders, law enforcement and our military. Tynes then led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Richard Layne spoke during public comments welcoming the newly elected officials.

Damon Chumney also spoke during public comments and addressed Item No. 9 Approve/ratify the fourth deputy position for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Chumney questioned if the court was adhering to the budget? Chumney stated that the random drug testing should be all inclusive of all employees of Hamilton County.

A motion was made Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the following budget amendment: County Judge from Non-Capital to Schools and Conferences to Out of County Travel. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 50 Page 501)

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

- A. Minutes of 12-22-2014 Commissioners Court Meeting
- B. Minutes of 1-2-2015 Commissioners Court Meeting
- C. Approve Departmental Reports (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 50 Page 512)
- D. Approve bills submitted for payment-\$86,727.19 (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 50 Page 503)

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement Between the Texas State Soil and water Conservation Board and Hamilton County. Clary explained that there were two contracts in place Contract No. 1010 which is basically closing out and Contract No. 1405 which began October 1, 2014 and is good for another three years. The two contracts actually overlap. The motion carried unanimously (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 50 Page 614-Amendment No. 1 Recorded in 50 Page 742)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve/ratify the fourth deputy position for the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Huggins wanted clarification that the funding was coming out of the sheriff's budget through a line item transfer. Bewley explained that he was closing out the administrative assistant position and moving those funds to pay for this position. Currently the deputy is being paid from the jailer's budget. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary to approve the deputation of Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff John Thomas Lake. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Book 50 Page 632)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve bonds for Hamilton County Judge Mark Tynes, Hamilton County Commissioner, Precinct Two Keith Curry and Hamilton County Deputy Sheriff John Thomas Lake. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 50 Page 633)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve posting the national motto "In God We Trust" in or on county facilities. There will be more discussion on where this will be posted and if it will be posted once or more. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 50 Page 775)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary to approve random drug and alcohol testing for any county employee who may operate a Hamilton County vehicle or equipment. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Wagner to approve the revision to Hamilton County Personnel Policy regarding county employees who will be subject to random drug and alcohol testing. This is found in the personnel policy under the section "Policy on Drugs and Alcohol" Section 7.01, Page 2 of 3. Number 11 will be entitled

TESTING 11. "All Hamilton County employees who may drive county vehicles and/or operate county equipment while performing their duties will be subject to random drug and alcohol testing, the cost of which will be borne by Hamilton County."

Number 12 will be the currently existing number 11.

The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 50 Page 642)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary to approve the contract between Hamilton County and Taser International concerning storage of digital evidence. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 50 Page 646)

Future Agenda Items: Review Personnel Policy.

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

County Judge

Attest: _____

County Clerk