

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court



Regular Session
Monday, March 23, 2015
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, March 23, 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.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Tynes.

Huggins led the invocation and Tynes led the pledges.

Damon Chumney spoke in public comments stating that although he supported agenda item nine (9. Report on or confirm finalized funding for the National Motto Monuments) but wanted to know that this was not a budgeted item how were we paying for it?

Ricoh's Account Executive Janice Hayslip made a presentation for the upgrade of the Ricoh copy machines for Hamilton County Judge and Hamilton County Clerk. The fees are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Current and Proposed. Rows include County Judge, County Clerk, Total, 60 months, and Copies allowed 7320.

Any additional copies above allowance .0062 cents

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the upgrade of the Ricoh copy machines for the Hamilton County Judge and the Hamilton County Clerk as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 51 Page 1)

Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Representative Donald Kelm presented Cassie Fleming as the new Hamilton County Family Consumer Service Agent with a start date of April 1, 2015.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the following budget amendments: Precinct Three from Capital Equipment to Non-Capital Equipment, Precinct Three from Fuel to Equipment Repairs and Maintenance and Contract Work, County Jail from Dispatcher/Jailer #9 to Overtime and Sheriff TCOLE Training creating an addition to the existing budget showing revenue and expense. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 51 Page 17)

Tynes reported that it was an effort by the county officials to contribute to the funding of the National Motto Monuments. Tynes thanked each one who had participated in the funding. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 51 Page 62)

The following consent agenda was presented:

A. Minutes of 3-9-2015 Commissioner's Court Meeting

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Wagner to approve the minutes of 3-9-2015 Commissioners Court Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Approve Department Reports (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 51 Page 27)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Huggins to approve the departmental reports. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Approve bills submitted for payment \$104,883.85 (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 51 Page 41)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve bills submitted for payment in the amount of \$104,883.85. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to accept terms for Harvest Hills Funeral Home, Hico, Texas for disposition of pauper direct cremation in the amount of \$896.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Curry to accept the terms for Lacy Funeral Home, Stephenville, Texas for the disposition of pauper direct cremation in the amount of \$875.00. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Wagner to approve the Hamilton County Treasurer's proposed change in procedure for submitting bills for payment. The deadline for submitting bills is the Tuesday before each Monday Commissioner's Court meeting at noon. The bills will be for review on Wednesday at noon and thereafter. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Curry to approve the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management pool Interlocal Participation Agreement. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 51 Page 47-48;51)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to appoint Hamilton County Treasurer Shawna Dyer as Hamilton County Wellness Coordinator and Hamilton County Tax assessor/Collector Terry Short as Hamilton County Wellness Sponsor. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 51 Page 49)

There was no action on Agenda Item 17. Discuss, accept or reject settlement offer from BridgeTex Pipeline Company, L.L.C. County Attorney said no action on this item; that he had only one communication about this and he would like the court to pass and go on to Agenda Item 18.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Curry to authorize the Hamilton County Attorney and the Commissioner Court Representative, Johnny Wagner to enter into discussions with an outside law firm for the District Court related to the damage to Hamilton County roads perpetrated by BridgeTex Pipeline Company, L.L.C., or its contractors. The motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Mark Henkes wants to discuss this with Texas Association of Counties Legal Department for possible recommendations for legal counsel for Hamilton County. The damages were to the county roads in Precincts One and Two but mostly in Mr. Wagner's precinct. This damage was caused in December 2013 when we experienced a freeze on the roads and Wyatt Construction drug heavy equipment down the road leaving deep ruts. Some of the heavy equipment that was

drug over the road was equipment which needed special permits to travel the highways much less the small county roads.

Future agenda items:

- Amendment to the Non-Financial Texas Family Protective Services;
- Personnel Policy
- Mutual Aid Agreement for the Emergency Management

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

County Judge

Attest: _____

County Clerk