

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session
Monday, July 13, 2015
9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, July 13, 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 and a quorum was present.

Huggins opened with prayer and Robert Jackson led the pledges.

Quotes from our founding fathers were read. (Thomas Jefferson)

There were no public comments.

Central Texas Council of Governments, Executive Director, Jim Reed addressed the court regarding the creation of the 9-1-1 District. On May 24, 2015 legislation passed which allowed for the creation of a Regional Emergency Communications District. The fee which funds this program has been collected on each 9-1-1 telephone call received by the county and is remitted directly to the state comptroller and then disbursed to each county. The court must approve the Resolution which will be filed with the County Clerk to allow for Hamilton County to participate in the Regional Emergency Communications District.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the Resolution of Hamilton County, Texas to Participate in a Regional Emergency Communications District. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 52 Page 166)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Wagner to approve the following budget amendments: Sheriff's Office from Investigations to Uniform; Sheriff's Office/Jail from Fuel and Oil to Schools and Conferences, Non-Capital, Equipment Repair and Maintenance, and Non-Capital Equipment; Sheriff's Office/Jail from Unemployment Compensation to Equipment Repair; Sheriff's Trust to Donations-Vehicle and Capital Equipment (To budget donated funds specified for new purchase of vehicle); County Jail from Dispatcher/Jailer to Overtime; County Jail from Worker's Compensation to Cable; County Judge from Service Contracts to Non-Capital; and Justice of the Peace, Precinct Three from Partial Per Diem to Schools and Conferences. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 52 Page 170)

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

- A. Minutes of 6-22-2015 Commissioner's Court Meeting
- B. Approve Department Reports (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 52 Page 201)
- C. Approve bills submitted for payment \$97,536.15 (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 52 Page 187)

The motion carried unanimously.

A presentation from Rutledge Crain and Company, PC was made concerning the Hamilton County Audit and Financial Statement. Chris Rutledge explained that there was a typing error made on Page 6 and Page 7 and that would be sent overnight for correction.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the Hamilton County Audit and Financial Statement as presented with the corrections on Page 6 and Page 7 overnighted. The motion carried unanimously.

Hamilton County Historical Commission Jim Eidson made a request from the county for the establishment of a cost center within the county budget to receive and dispense those funds. County Auditor Marliessa Clark stated that there was already a fund in place for this.

The court reviewed contract number 530-08-0192-00001 from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in the amount of \$18,359.00. The previous contract contribution was \$16,628.00. Sabrina Wagley is the current support staff. The court requested that this item be placed on the July 27th agenda allowing time for possible contact with this agency. Judge Tynes had attempted to contact the agency three times but had not heard from anyone to answer what the county was buying for this amount in the contract.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to accept the agreement between Hamilton County and Pathway Com-Tel, Inc. to place wireless equipment on the tower which is located at the Hamilton County Fairground. The agreement is binding for two years, \$200.00 monthly payment. If Pathway Com-Tel, Inc. does not pay after sixty (60) days the county may unplug their equipment. Tynes also stated that the county needed to install security fencing around the tower. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 52 Page 267)

The court took no action to approve the Wave System Proposal for Hamilton County, Texas Courthouse. The Wave System is the security –silent 9-11 system (panic buttons) that are installed in each office in case of an emergency. The company stated that the current system is obsolete; although the company came and put in new batteries and that they would no longer be able to work on them. Currently the system is working just fine. The upgrade would cost \$9,225.00.

The bonded debt discussion will occur in budget workshop.

Tynes presented to the court the issue of appointing a salary grievance committee of nine members composed of six elected officials and three public members as stated in the Texas Local Government Code. He clarified that this was the option that the court wanted to use. The court acknowledged that this was the procedure that was being chosen. The three members and the three alternate members drawn from the list of the grand jurors from the previous calendar year were as follows:

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| 1. | Marvin Schrank | 1010 East Boynton | Hamilton | 76531 |
| 2. | Bruce Boyd | 101 CR 401 | Hamilton | 76531 |
| 3. | Vernon Gromatzky | 5610 FM 221 | Hamilton | 76531 |
| A-1. | Glenda Black | 3240 CR 121 | Hico | 76457 |
| A-2. | Irma Sue Weeks | 3446 W. Hwy. 84 | Evant | 76525 |
| A-3. | Steven Gividen | 1379 CR 221 | Hamilton | 76531 |

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary to approve the appointment of the Hamilton Salary Grievance Committee. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers book 52 Page 199)

Future Agenda Items:

Review and/or Accept Contract # 530-08-0192-00001 from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

The court took a brief recess and then began reviewing the 2015-2016 proposed budgets.

District Attorney B. J. Shepherd made this presentation regarding his budget requesting an additional clerk for his office. Tynes asked Shepherd why his software maintenance cost went up and Shepherd replied NET DATA. The court will review and make their decision.

Tynes reviewed the following items in the budget workshops:

- 1.) Revenues
 - a. Review individual line items
 - b. 390-000 Contingency (establishment of this line item and the procedures and concepts of this line item)
- 2.) Expenses
 - a. Contingency explanation
 - b. Individual Department Review
 - c. Health and Welfare Department -#630-458 Contract Services – CPS
- 3.) Bonded debt
 - a. Review Schedule
- 4.) Precinct Budgets
 - a. All changes submitted to Clydell 7-20-2015
- 5.) Health Insurance
 - a. Premium comparison
 - b. HRA consideration
- 6.) Appraisal District Update
- 7.) D.A. Budget Review
- 8.) Confirm all dates for postings, etc.
 - August 6th Publication on the Budget
 - August 13th Publication on the Budget
 - August 17th Public Hearing on the Budget and Adopt the budget
 - August 24th Adopt the Tax Rate

(Recorded in Commissioner’s Court Papers Book 52 Page 273)

The court recessed for lunch at 12:35 P.M. and reconvened at 1:38 P.M. continuing on the above items.

The court recessed briefly at 2:45 P.M. and reconvened at 2:55 P.M.

Finishing the budget workshop the court adjourned.

County Judge

Attest: _____

County Clerk