

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session
Monday, September 28, 2015
9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, September 28, 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 Tynes established that a quorum was present.

Wagner led prayer and Tynes led pledges.

Damon Chumney spoke in public comments. He thanked the court for the support that has been given to Hamilton 4-H.

Chumney also thanked the court for denying the district attorney's request for additional funding and encouraged the district attorney to submit his request in accordance with the timing of the county's budget procedures.

Continuing Chumney stated that he was concerned with the upcoming appointments of the Hamilton County Appraisal District. He had gone to the hearing for the adoption of the appraisal district's budget and stated that the county's representative was not there. Chumney added that he was unhappy with the appraisal district's pay increases last year and this year.

Faith Massingill and Harley Rogers, Representatives of the Hamilton County 4-H presented a report on the clubs annual activities and accomplishments.

Huggins introduced Jill Campbell, Director of the Hico Senior Center Foundation. Ms. Campbell gave an overview of the center's activities for 2015. Huggins then summarized the history and establishment of the foundation followed by a budget review. At a recent meeting Huggins challenged Hill Country Community Action Association when he informed them of the activities of the center and asked HCCAA to partner with the center to allow them to qualify for additional funding.

Clary added that he would support a resolution requesting HCCAA to support the Hico Senior Center Foundation. Huggins will prepare a resolution for the court to consider. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 52 Page 892)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the line item transfers request as submitted. There were no budget amendments. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 52 Page 900)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the following consent agenda as submitted with the changes made to the minutes as stated.

- A. Minutes of 9-14-2015 Commissioner's Court Meeting Changes to the District Attorney's request should read additional funding after the county's budget was prepared and approved; Capital City Leasing for Precinct Two when stated that the rest be paid within four years not for years
- B. Approve Department Reports (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 53 Page 1)
- C. Approve bills submitted for payment -\$144,983.81 (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 52 Page 907)

The motion carried unanimously.

County Auditor Kent Reeves presented a financial report to the court. The taxes received to date were over \$2.8 million. Delinquent taxes received were \$83,600.00. The total cash in the bank and invested is \$3.26 million. The revenue to date was at \$4.4 million and the expenses to date were \$4.1 million with an excess of revenue over expenses of approximately \$288,000.00. The estimated amounts include transfers between funds and have not been adjusted for accounts payable. The information is for management purposes only. The balances and figures have not been audited as of the report date. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 53 Page 21)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the procedure for paying bills that are due prior to Commissioners' Court Meeting as outlined by Kent Reeves, County Auditor. The court discussed paying reoccurring bills such as utility bills between court meetings and the purchase order system. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Huggins to approve the request from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce for the use of the Hamilton County Courthouse parking lot, east porch and lawn for Dove Festival, October 24, 2015 from 5:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. County Clerk Debbie Rudolph stated to the court that they could not begin preparing for the Dove Festival until the close of business (4:30 P.M.) on Friday, October 23, 2015 due to early voting being conducted for the November 3, 2015 Election. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 52 Page 22)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the deputation and bond for Deputy District Clerk Jessica Ashmore. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 53 Page 26 and 29)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the bond renewal for Hamilton County Deputy Tax Assessor Collector Sandra Polk. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 14 Page 35)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Curry to approve the bonds for Hamilton County Deputy County Clerk Kiesha Bagwell and Hamilton County Deputy Tax Assessor Collector Kari' Drueckhammer. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers book 53 Page 30)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the date, time and location for fiscal year 2016 Commissioners Court Meetings as the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 9:00 A.M. in the District Courtroom, Second Floor of the Courthouse. The motion carried unanimously.

There was no action on the Hamilton County Burn Ban.

Century Link Project- Bandwidth fiber optic cable to Sheriff's Office: Clydell received an email from Extraco Banks Technology Specialist Willie Kocurek and projected completion date is October 5, 2015. Net Data has already updated the server at the Sheriff's Office.

The court took a brief recess until 10:25 A.M.

Reconvening the court discussed the Hamilton County Annex as Judge Tynes stated that all the teller windows had been removed and was ready to prepare for developing the area for moving the Agri-life department downstairs. There are issues with the electrical as most of it is located on the east wall although they did find conduit in the teller window walls when removed.

The court discussed the purchase order system at length. The process is required by statute and the process will be initiated October 1, 2015. The system should save time and be much more efficient than what is currently being done.

The court discussed paying bills prior to court approval in open court.

The court reviewed the county's retiree health insurance. More particularly they discussed those individuals who were late with their premiums and what the procedure and guidelines should be for County Treasurer Shawna Dyer to follow. After the discussion it was resolved that Dyer would issue notice to those retirees by both certified and regular mail upon them being ten days late with their payment and they would be terminated upon the 31st day. Texas Association of Counties had approved this time limitation.

Tynes also discussed the Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund and that it appeared that the fund should have had previous years end of the year balance rolled into that trust fund for future use.

Reeves stated that he would review and validate what had happened with those funds in the previous years.

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

County Judge

Attest: _____

County Clerk