

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session
Monday, October 26, 2015
9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 9:00 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 established that a quorum was present. Clary led prayer and Tynes followed with the pledges.

Tynes thanked all those that helped Saturday morning during the difficulties sustained during the rains; specifically named the commissioners, law enforcement and the volunteer fire departments.

During public comments Damon Chumney stated he saw no need to continue the burn ban (Agenda Item 10 Hamilton County Burn Ban). Agenda Item 11 and 12 Request from Citizens requesting the use of the Courthouse grounds; Chumney encouraged allowing the public request of citizens who wanted to use the courthouse grounds for activities. Furthermore, Chumney also acknowledged the courts appointment of the nominees to serve as Hamilton County Appraisal District's Board of Directors. He added that the representative that was appointed last year had opposed the Hamilton County Appraisal District's budget and he thought that the court should have been there during that process to support the board members actions.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the line item transfer request as submitted. The motion carried unanimously. There were no budget amendments. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 53 Page 165)

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

- A. Minutes of 10-12-2015 Commissioners Court Meeting
- B. Approve Department Reports (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 53 Page 180)
- C. Approve Bills Submitted for Payment-\$82,245.67 (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 53 Page 169)

The motion carried unanimously.

Hamilton County Auditor Kent Reeves presented his report stating that the county had \$3,003,273.00 cash and investments on hand. Reeves stated that the most important issue currently was closing out the year (2015). (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 53 Page 199)

Tynes stated that Friday afternoon (10-23-2015) Hamilton County's burn ban was placed on a temporary hold until Monday afternoon (10-26-2015) at 5:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to lift the Hamilton County Burn Ban. The motion carried unanimously. Wagner added that everyone should proceed with caution.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Wagner to approve the request from Pinnacle Financial for the use of the East Courthouse Parking Lot on November 4, 2015 from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. for their grand opening and barbeque. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 53 Page 197)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary to approve the request from Lamkin United Methodist Church for the use of the southwest parking lot on November 24, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. for a bake sale. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 53 Page 198)

Huggins presented to the court an analysis of Hill Country Community Action Associations Nutrition Program. The Hamilton Senior Center Nutrition Program received \$47,752.00 in total revenue for fiscal year 2015; expenses of \$32,798.00 leaving a remaining surplus of \$14,954.00. He understands that excess funds are diverted to other counties to subsidize their nutrition programs, diverted to other HCCAA programs or held in reserve by HCCAA.

Hamilton County currently pays \$7500.00 per year to HCCAA for their management of the Hamilton Senior Center. Huggins stated that if he recalls correctly the City of Hamilton pays \$10,000.00 per year. It appears that program participants contributed approximately \$1400-\$1500, leaving as much as \$28,000.00 being received in grant funding based on the demographics of ALL of Hamilton County. It would appear that there is more than sufficient funding available for the north end of Hamilton County to receive support from HCCAA. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers book 53 Page 200)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve a Resolution Supporting Hico Activity Center and Hico Senior Center Foundation, Inc. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 53 Page 202)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the contract between the Sheriff's Office and Taser International for evidence storage. This is a five year contract for fiscal years 2016 – 2020. 2016 has already been approved. The annual payment is in the amount of \$2,958.00. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 53 Page 204)

Clary summarized the meeting that he attended regarding the Brazos River Watershed Study stating that Coryell County had gone to the expense of hiring a grant writer to make application for this study. The study covers the Brazos River Watershed which includes Hamilton County's primary water source, Lake Proctor. Coryell County is inviting other counties to participate. Today, Coryell County needs a verbal commitment from Hamilton County. Upon Coryell County receiving the county's verbal authorization then Coryell County will send a resolution for the county's approval which outlines the details and cost of the study. At that time Hamilton County can choose to proceed or not to participate in the study.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to authorize Judge Tynes to express to Coryell County, Hamilton County's desire to be a part of the Brazos River Watershed Study. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no future agenda items.

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

County Judge

Attest: _____

County Clerk