

**Hamilton County Commissioner's Court**

Regular Session  
Monday, November 9, 2015  
9:00 A.M.

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Monday, November 09, 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 established that a quorum was present.

Huggins opened with prayer and Tynes led the pledges.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Curry to approve the one line item transfer. There were no budget amendments. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Paper Book 53 Page 207)

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

- A. Minutes of 10-23-2015 Commissioner's Court Meeting
- B. Minutes of 10-26-2015 Commissioner's Court Meeting
- C. Approve Department Reports (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 53 Page 220)
- D. Approve Bills Submitted for Payment -\$72,407.28 (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 53 Page 209)

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary to approve the request from Pinnacle Financial for the use of the East Courthouse Parking Lot on November 12, 2015 from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. for the grand opening and barbeque. The motion carried unanimously. This action was to correct the date from November 4, 2015 to November 12, 2015 as stated on the previous agenda. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 53 Page 259)

Preston DeJong and Braden Armstrong were present from Troop 311 Boy Scouts of America requesting the use of the District Courtroom and downstairs common area for the Eagle Scout ceremony on Sunday, January 3, 2016 from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. They stated that there would not be a better facility than the courthouse to conduct this ceremony because of its historical significance.

The court deliberated on this issue for quite a while as this would change the existing policy previously established for the use of the courthouse interior and the courthouse grounds. It is no reflection of your particular request but it is the matter of where does the court draw the line for the public requests to use the facility. The past actions of others leaving the courthouse misused and abused is a factor that the court has to consider when making this determination.

In the discussion Tynes stated that the request is for a Sunday afternoon which requires Carl Taylor to open up the courthouse on a day that the courthouse is not open. Tynes said that he should be given some consideration for this.

Nancy Yates a parent to one of the scouts involved in this ceremony stated that if there were any monetary needs that they would be seen to. She also stated that if the court wanted a cash deposit of some type they would be happy to see that it was also provided.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to grant the request from Nancy Anglin Yates for the use of the District Courtroom and the downstairs common area for Troop 311 Boy Scouts of America, Sunday, January 3, 2016 from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. with the exception that any other condition or financial requirement be left to the county judge's discretion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Wagner left at this time for a family emergency.

The court passed on Agenda Item 11-Approve Appointment of County Judge W. Mark Tynes as Hamilton County Public Information Officer

There was no action needed on Agenda Item 12-Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) Statewide Truss Bridge Planning Project

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve a Resolution approving the votes for the election of Hamilton County Appraisal District directors for 2016 and 2017. The court allocated 835 votes for James "Butch" Caldwell and 599 votes for Mark Tynes. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 53 Page 260)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to ratify the Resolution to meet the Constitutional requirements of Section 694.002, Duties of Commissioner's Court Concerning the Disposition of Deceased Paupers, Texas Health and Safety Code. This action identifies how the county handles the deceased paupers and brings the county current. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 53 Page 272)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Curry to establish juror pay for the 220<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court and County Court to \$40.00 per day for a partial day or full day for the second day of service. The first day of juror service remains at \$6.00. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 53 Page 263)

Tynes stated that there had been vandalism at the communication tower where someone tore up the air conditioning. There had been previous discussion for installing security fencing around the area. Huggins stated let's see about installing chain length fencing with barb wire around the top. Tynes will find someone to install the security fencing around the communication tower.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to reconsider the schedule for the Hamilton County Commissioner's Court to the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:00 A.M. The change will allow for our county auditor to be present at the county's meetings as currently Bosque County has them on the first and third Mondays as we do. The motion carried unanimously.

The court recessed at 9:55 A.M. until 10:10 A.M. The court reconvened at 10:10 A.M.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting, Friday, November 6, 2015 (10:10 A.M.). The motion carried unanimously.

Future Agenda Items: Canvass of the November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election will be held on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 9:00 A.M.

County Treasurer Shawna Dyer also stated that when traveling for business that all meal receipts needed to be itemized.

There being no further business court adjourned.

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County Judge

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

County Clerk