

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session
 Tuesday, December 8, 2015
 1:00 P.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 1:00 P.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.

Clary led the invocation and Tynes led the pledges.

Richard Layne spoke during the public comments regarding agenda Item No. 11-Approve Appointment of County Public Information Officer stating that he has ask for a lot of public information in the past and has had no problem obtaining from each office the information he has wanted.

There were no line item transfers and budget amendments to be presented to the court.

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

- A. Minutes of 11-24-2015 Commissioners Court Meeting
- B. Minutes of 11-30-2015 Commissioners Court Meeting
- C. Approve Department Reports
- D. Approve bills submitted for payment -\$82,909.27

Huggins asked for a correction in the 11-24-2015 Commissioner's Court Meeting on Page 2 Paragraph 5 remove his name from the discussion about the public information officer. The county clerk noted the change to make the correction. The motion carried unanimously.

County Auditor Kent Reeves presented to the court his report of the county's financial status:

I.	General:		
	A. Taxes received to date	\$	323,024.
	B. Total taxes budgeted	\$	2,765,170.
	C. Balance	\$	<u>2,442,146.</u>
	Percent of total received		11.68%
	D. Delinquent taxes received to date	\$	14,884.
	E. Total delinquent taxes budgeted	\$	82,194.
	F. Balance	\$	<u>67,310.</u>
	Percent of total received		18.11%
II.	Cash in Bank and invested		
	A. Cash in Bank – All Funds	\$	2,783,312.
	B. Investments		96
	Total Cash and Invested	\$	2,783,408.
	C. Funds – GF & Precincts Summary		
	1. General Fund	\$	1,513,669.
	2. Precinct – 1		101,270

3. Precinct - 2	94,228
4. Precinct - 3	67,138
5. Precinct - 4	106,799
6. All Other Funds	<u>900,303</u>

III. Revenue and Expenditures

A. Total revenue to date	\$ 559,697.
B. Total expenditures to date	<u>\$ 956,862.</u>
C. Excess expenditures over revenues	\$ (397,165.) Reserves spent

This information is for management purposes only. The balances reflected may not have been reconciled for audited as of the report date. Please direct any questions concerning these financials to the Office of County Auditor.

There was nothing to report regarding the security fencing around the communications tower.

County Attorney Mark Henkes provided the following motion for the court to consider for Agenda Item 11. - Approve Appointment of County Public Information Officer:

MOTION

A Motion is hereby made to (1) appoint each individual county officer holder as the public information officer concerning all records in their respective office's possession; (2) that the County website shall reflect same; and (3) that such website shall also direct the public to contact the Hamilton County Attorney's office at (254)-386-3217 with any questions.

The foregoing Motion was made by Lloyd Huggins, and seconded by Dickie Clary, and, after an opportunity for discussion was approved on this the 8th day of December, 2015, by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

The motion was signed by each member of the court and attested to by the county clerk.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Curry to ratify the approval of May 24, 2016 Joint Primary Run-Off Elections. The motion carried unanimously.

Tynes replied to Layne's public comment regarding the Public Information Officer stating that some citizens don't know which office to go to request their information; there are emails received by the county that he was trying to see that they are routed to the proper office in a more expedient manner. He was trying to provide a better customer service to those individuals.

There were no future agenda items.

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

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk