

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session
Tuesday, April 12, 2016
9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: County Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Johnny Wagner, Keith Curry, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary.

Tynes called the meeting to order
Clary led the invocation and Tynes led the pledges
Quote for the day from Benjamin Franklin -1774.

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve a Proclamation designating April 2016 as Child Abuse Awareness Month. Hamilton County Child Welfare Board President was present to give the court statistical information regarding child abuse. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 1)

Presentation was made by Hamilton Historical Commission Chairman Jim Eidson for interpretive signage for businesses around the square. Eidson stated that the commission had been working with Ramsey Gallery to create the photo type presented to the court. The signage will begin around the square and then extend to local historical buildings in an effort to promote historical tourism.

The court presented a proclamation to Ima Flippen Hughes to honor her 100th birthday. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 2)

Texas AgriLife Extension Representative Dr. Donald Kelm gave his annual presentation regarding the agency's activities throughout the county for the year. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 3)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the line item transfers and budget amendment request. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 5)

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

- A. Minutes of 3/22/2016 Commissioner's Court Meeting
- B. Approve Department Reports (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 21-A)
- C. Approve the Bills Submitted for Payment
 - In Between Bills- \$4,701.95 (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 7)
 - Regular Bills - \$82,335.07 (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 12)

The motion carried unanimously.

Hamilton County Auditor Kent Reeves gave his financial status report. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 50)

Tynes asked the court to take a look at these two items in the personnel policy. The court will address agenda item No. 14-Consider/approve changes/ additions to Hamilton County Personnel Policy

1. Pay upon termination issue
2. Policy on inter-departmental employee transfer

at the next meeting on April 26, 2016.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to ratify the Interlocal Agreement between Erath County, Texas and Hamilton County, Texas for the housing and care of certain inmates incarcerated or to be incarcerated. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 122)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Curry to approve the request from the Hamilton Lion's Club for the use of Hamilton County southwest corner parking lot May 4, 2016 for their hamburger luncheon. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 110)

The court passed on Item 17- Adopt Hamilton County Precinct Mapping for 9-1-1 with Central Texas Council of Governments.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Curry to approve the request from Central Texas Council of Governments to add newly named Private Drive for 9-1-1 Addressing:

- a. County Road 202 to Private Road 2020 in Precinct 2
- b. County Road 202 to Private Road 2022 in Precinct 2
- c. County Road 303 to Private Road 30314 in Precinct 2
- d. County Road 421 to Private Road 4218 in Precinct 4

The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 102)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the county maintained road mileage certification presented by the Texas Department of Transportation of 565 miles. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 120)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Clary to approve the appointment of Carole Derden, Election Judge, Precinct 1. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Wagner to approve the deputation for Hamilton County District Chief Deputy Clerk Isaac Partain. The motion carried. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 93)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Huggins to approve the bond for Hamilton County Deputy Treasurer Jessica Barron and Hamilton County District Clerk Isaac Partain. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 94)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Curry to approve the revised rules of Procedure, Conduct and Decorum at the meetings of the Commissioner's Court. The revisions were made to the day of the week that Commissioner's Court conducts their meeting from Monday to Tuesday. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Book 54 Page 114)

The court accepted the resignation of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Secretary Deb Sparks effective April 22, 2016 by acclamation. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 101)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve Hamilton County Precinct 4 to use equipment and labor to dig a test hole for Hamilton FFA Land Judging. The motion carried unanimously.

A presentation was given by Steve Valo and McKayla Wimes, Representatives of Liberty National Life Insurance Company. The court will give consideration to this and will get back with this company. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 51)

Clary asked that it be noted in the minutes that the upgrade to County Road 555 was successfully completed and he would be working on the changes to the map with Central Texas Council of Governments to reflect the recent changes to that county road.

There was a brief recess at approximately 10:25 A.M. and then the court began a budget/scheduling workshop. Briefly, Tynes gave an overview of the scheduling for the workshops stating that beginning with the May 10th, 2016 Commissioner's Court meeting there will be a budget workshop included for each of those meetings.

Then the court listened to a presentation from Sheriff Elect Justin Caraway about the pending issues at the sheriff's office. The discussion addressed exploring housing inmates at an out of county facility, invoicing for dispatching services provided to other taxing entities and employee's morale and salaries more specifically jailers/dispatchers. They also discussed the state of the jail facility itself and the things that needed to be addressed before the next jail inspection in January 2017. Sheriff Gregg Bewley also participated in the discussion. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 54 Page 78)

After a lengthy discussion the court adjourned.

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk