

## Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Regular Session  
Tuesday, August 23, 2016  
9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 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.

Huggins opened with prayer followed by Tynes leading the pledges.

Lucy Lee opened public comments stating that she was concerned the with county's budget; more specifically law enforcement. Law enforcement is part of the service industry and as learned from business you must have competitive pay and competitive benefits to support those individuals employed.

Richard Layne voiced that there was not anyone sitting on the court that did not support law enforcement. He spoke of his budget concerns related to the expenditures, the four (4) cent tax increase and still having to fund part of the budget from the General Fund.

Damon Chumney stated that the county had published incorrect information in the newspapers related to the budget hearings for the last two weeks. Chumney stated that he wanted of record that he opposed the budget and the proposed tax increase.

There was a large group of concerned citizens present at the meeting voicing their opinion in support of law enforcement for our county. Bob Gardner spokesman for the group of Hamilton County Concerned Citizens for Better Law Enforcement read a letter which was addressed to Judge Tynes and the County Commissioners. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 55 Page 189)

The letter brought about a good exchange of verbal communication between the citizens and the court. The court welcomed and thanked the group for coming and exchanging their thoughts regarding law enforcement.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the line item transfer request. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 55 Page 191)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the following Consent Agenda with a change to 8/18/2016 Commissioner's Court Meeting stating Wagner presented reductions in the District Attorney's Investigator II should have read Sheriff.

- A. Minutes of 8/9/2016 Commissioners Court Meeting
- B. Minutes of 8/16/2016 Commissioners Court Meeting
- C. Minutes of 8/18/2016 Commissioners Court Meeting
- D. Approve Department Reports (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 55 Page 205)
- E. Approve Bills Submitted for Payment - \$68,418.57 (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 55 Page 195)

F. Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report-None

The motion carried unanimously.

Hamilton County Auditor Kent Reeves had no report today; awaiting budget numbers.

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to ratify the Order Establishing the Budget for the Office of the County Auditor for Hamilton County. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 55 Page 250)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to ratify the Order of Reappointing the Court Reporter. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 55 Page 252)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Curry to approve the bonds and deputations for Deputy Sheriffs Wayne Nowell, Jr. and Ray Dale Miller. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 55 Page 269; 275)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the bond for Deputy Sheriff Kenneth Lovell. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 55 Page 272)

A motion was made by Wagner and seconded by Huggins to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Funding the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services for the purpose of funding additional department staff to benefit the children of Texas. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 55 Page 257 and 395)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve Rio Steel and Tower, LTD to change the lamps on the tower at Fair Park. The cost for this is \$1501.00. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioner's Court Papers Book 55 Page 263)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve Hamilton County Precinct 3 to haul rap from downtown City of Hico to Hico FFA Ag Barn. The haul would be an approximate one (1) mile haul. The motion carried unanimously.

Future Agenda Items: None

Future meeting dates:

Friday, August 26, 2016 @ 9:00 A.M. –Tax Hearing

Tuesday, August 30, 2016 @ 9:00 A.M. – Tax Hearing and Budget Hearing

Tuesday, September 6, 2016 @ 9:00 A.M. Adopt Budget and Set Tax Rate

The court reconvened for a short break and reconvened in a budget workshop.

Huggins proposed some changes for consideration for a 0.5605 tax rate. (Recorded in Commissioners' Court Papers Book 55 Page 266)

The court discussed the proposal and changes to be made to allow the auditor to prepare the changes before the budget hearing on Friday, August 26, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting adjourned.

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County Judge

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk