

Hamilton County Commissioner's Court

Special Called Meeting
Friday, September 2, 2016
9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met for a Special Called Meeting on Friday, September 02, 2016 at 1:30 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 asked if anyone had objections to moving the meeting from the District Courtroom to the Commissioner's Courtroom. No objections stated; the court remained in the Commissioner's Courtroom for the meeting.

The court was not ready to discuss the vacancy in Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 as they were awaiting more information from Texas Association of Counties. Judge Tynes had contacted Jim Allison for information. Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 James Lively has begun making the necessary changes to accommodate the citizens of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3.

The court moved to the budget. Tynes announced that the county had received the check in the amount of \$56,647.00 TAC surplus credit from Texas Association of Counties Employee's Health Insurance Pool. The language had changed (from the original letter that the county had received previously) stating that the county would receive 2/3 reimbursement; therefore the court reduced the General Fund Revenue line item 010-370-100 from \$55,000.00 to \$25,000.00. Tynes added that there were a lot of options the court could consider doing with \$56,647.00 but thought that he had come to the conclusion that putting it in the bank would probably be the best.

Tynes also wanted to reduce the revenue in JP1 from \$150,000.00 to \$140,000.00 due to a lack of historical data.

Clary asked the court to consider moving the \$99,000.00 for jail repairs into another department. This is taking nothing away from the current department head. It opens up the possibilities of that money being spent for other capital expenditures.

Tynes added that this money is not in jail repairs but is in capital equipment and that it would take the court's approval for a line item transfer. Additionally, he stated that it is the intent of the court to use the \$99,000.00 for jail repairs only.

The judge will revisit this issue with the county auditor and noted Clary's concern regarding the placement of these funds.

Tynes asked for a straw poll on the budget. All members of the court gave it an affirmative except for Clary who stated that he would make a decision and be prepared to vote on Tuesday.

The court adjourned.

County Judge

Attest: _____
County Clerk