

**Hamilton County Commissioner's Court**

Regular Session

Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

9:00 A.M.



Hamilton County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: Judge Mark Tynes, Commissioners Keith Allen Curry, Lloyd Huggins and Dickie Clary. Commissioner Johnny Wagner was absent.

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was established.

Huggins led the invocation and Tynes followed with the pledges.

Judge Tynes recited a quote from the Founding Father Alexander Hamilton.

Richard Layne stood up for public comments and stated that he knows the court will be beginning the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget proceedings. He would like the court to take heed of the spending out of the General Fund as has been done just in the first six months of the 2016-2017 fiscal year filed budget. He thanked the court for the opportunity to speak.

There were no budget amendments submitted to the court.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the line item transfers in the amount of \$2,882.00. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 1)

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

- A. Minutes of 4/11/2017 Commissioner's Court Meeting with the correction on the motion made to rescind the budget amendment approved on March 28, 2017. The motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary.
- B. Approve Department Reports (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 5)
- C. Approve Bills Submitted for payment in the amount of \$101,887.93 (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 8)
- D. Approve Monthly Treasurer's Report – Not Submitted

The motion carried unanimously.

Hamilton County Auditor Kent Reeves said that he really didn't have a report to give. He said that we were 5 days away from the end of the month and would submit it at the next meeting.

Jeremy Shell from Boucher, Morgan & Young presented us with the Hamilton, County, Texas, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended September 30, 2015 (Our outside Audit). He went over pages 10, 25, 27, 32 & 51 during his presentation. He said that the County was in good financial standing. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 20)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the 2016 Audit engagement letter from Boucher, Morgan & Young. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 93)

There were no certificates of continuing education submitted for acceptance.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Curry to approve the bond and deputation on Deputy Sheriff Jay E. Stubbs. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 97)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Clary to approve the request for the use of Precinct 3 yard for Texas Steak Cook-off for handicapped parking. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 101)

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Curry to ratify the use of County personnel and equipment to dig test holes for Hamilton FFA land judging contest. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Huggins and seconded by Curry to approve the request from the Hamilton Lions club to use the Southwest Corner of the courthouse parking lot on May 10, 2017 for a Hamburger Luncheon. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 102)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the request from Hamilton Minister Alliance to use the East side outside steps of the courthouse on May 4, 2017 for the National Prayer Day. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 103)

A motion was made by Clary and seconded by Huggins to approve the appointment of Hamilton County Historical Commission member Dale Tucker. The motion carried unanimously. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 104)

Hamilton County Jail Administrator John Rathburn presented the court with a new telephone system proposal. He spoke to the court about the problems with the current phone system and why they were in a need of a new system. He began by saying that the software for their current system was no longer supported. He said that they currently have no voicemail, no caller I.D. and sometimes there is a glitch that causes hang ups on the administrative lines. This could be a problem because if the cell towers go down and they have to send their 9-1-1 system through the administrative system it could be a major problem. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 105)

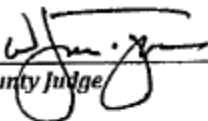
Rathburn also spoke to the court about a problem with 2 jail cell doors that were also in need of repair that will cost approximately \$5,000.00. (Recorded in Commissioners Court Papers Book 57 Page 110)

Tynes stated to the court that this was not something the court had originally discussed to be a part of the ninety-nine thousand dollars budgeted. The court agreed that it would be okay to use some of the originally budgeted money to remedy these problems.

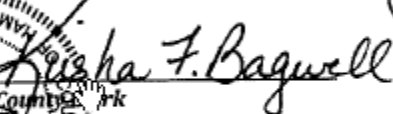
Future Agenda Items:

Approval of the bond for Hamilton County Sheriff Justin Caraway and the bond for Justice of the Peace Clerk Joy Stevens.

Judge Tynes adjourned the court.

  
County Judge



Attest  
  
County Clerk