

**HAMILTON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 12, 2020
County Annex Meeting Room**

The Hamilton County Board of Directors met on August 12, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Keith Gatewood, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order and announced that a quorum was present. Other members present included James McInnis, Jeff Serratt and Judge Mark Tynes.

Minutes of the June 3, 2020, meeting were approved with a motion for approval offered by Judge Tynes, seconded by Mr. McInnis, and passed without dissent. Mr. Medlock arrived and took over the meeting.

A public hearing on the budget was opened by Chairman Medlock. Damon Chumney asked several questions about the budget which were answered by Mr. Petree. After the questions were answered and no other persons expressed a desire to speak, the public hearing was closed by Chairman Medlock.

A public hearing was opened on the 2021-2022 Reappraisal Plan. No one indicated a desire to speak on the plan and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Petree addressed a few changes on the budget from 2019 and particularly noted the cost of the appraisal contract going down. The additional cost for the past two years has been significant due to the requirements to catch up on the values, and the new budget is down for the 2021 year. After additional discussion, Judge Tynes moved approval of the 2021 budget, Mr. Serratt seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Petree then addressed the 2021-2022 Reappraisal Plan. In that plan, the area around Hico will be re-inspected in 2021 as well as any new construction or additions throughout the county and a few properties that were not inspected due to mapping issues. The motion to approve the plan was made by Judge Tynes, seconded by Mr. Serratt, and passed unanimously.

The Board then moved to a discussion on changing the name of the appraisal district to Hamilton Central Appraisal District due to some confusion expressed that the appraisal district was a part of county government. After discussion, the item was tabled to get additional feedback. Mr. Petree was instructed to contact each taxing unit for their input on the name change.

The resolution for approval of financing of mobile devices for data gathering was presented. The company proposed was Government Capital, a company specializing in financing items for various government entities. Approximately \$45,000 will be borrowed from Government Capital to finance the hardware and software for mobile data entry of information and photos of improvements in the county. It will be paid over a three-year period at approximately 3.9% interest. The motion to approve was offered by Judge Tynes, seconded by Mr. Medlock, and passed without dissent.

Mr. Petree presented the financial report through the end of July and noted that in spite of large appraisal costs and not budgeting hospital insurance cost, we were still on target to have a balanced budget for the year.

Mr. Petree presented the collections report indicating that 96.36% of the 2019 taxes have been paid. He also presented an updated list of the top 100 delinquent accounts. The Perdue law firm representatives were present to give the board a report on the progress of collections since they took over the process at the first of the year. A copy of their presentation is attached to these minutes.

As there was no executive session needed, Judge Tynes moved adjournment. It was seconded by Mr. Serratt, and passed without dissent. The adjournment occurred at 11:52 AM. The next meeting of the Board will be in October at the call of Mr. Petree and Mr. Medlock.

Board Vice Chairman, Keith Gatewood