

COMMISSIONER COURT MINUTES, NOVEMBER 10, 1975

The Hunt County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session, Monday, November 10, 1975 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom, Hunt County Courthouse, with Commissioners Henry L. Grimes, Roy L. Holder and James A. Speight present and Judge Ed Terrell presiding. Commissioner Johnnie H. Lyon was absent.

Invocation was given by Judge Terrell.

Minutes of the November 3 and November 4 Special Session were read and approved.

232 Motion was made by Henry L. Grimes and seconded by Roy L. Holder to approve for filing, plats of two tracts of Crazy Horse Rancho, owned by Tom Sawyers. These plats were previously approved by the Court but were damaged before they were filed with the County Clerk. Motion carried with the stipulation the plats meet the specifications required of the original plats. All members of the Court voted AYE.

233 Motion was made by Henry L. Grimes and seconded by Roy L. Holder to approve a corrected plat of High Hill Acres with the stipulation nothing be changed except the addition of field notes and roads will not be accepted by the County. Motion carried with all members of the Court voting AYE.

234 Motion was made by Roy L. Holder and seconded by James A. Speight to allow two employees of the Sheriff Department to attend a two and one half day Civil Process School at Texas A & M at a cost of \$20.00 per person. Motion carried with all members of the Court voting AYE.

235 On a motion by Roy L. Holder, seconded by James A. Speight, the Court unanimously approved the removal of C.T. Hunt from the payroll of Commissioner Precinct 3, effective November 1, 1975.

236 Motion was made by James A. Speight and seconded by Roy L. Holder to approve the addition of Miss Judy Gainer to the payroll of the District Attorney's Office at a salary of \$401.50 per month, effective November 10, 1975. Motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

Clyde (Rusty) Dickerson and Acree B. Carlisle for Page Southerland Page of Houston presented a plan to the Court which proposed to bring county jail facilities in line with state laws and projected future requirements. No action was taken by the Court.

237 Jack Hart and Allen Stevenson of Mays and Company, Tax Attorneys, reported to the Court on the Status of delinquent tax contracts with the county. As yet no approved form has been received from the Comptroller in Austin. The contract which was terminated on October 1, 1975, contains a provision for Mays and Co. to continue work for the county for a reasonable period of time to complete work on delinquent tax accounts. Motion was made by Roy L. Holder and seconded by James A. Speight to allow Mays and Company to continue work for the county,

as provided under the provisions of the terminated contract, for the length of time they can legally do so. Motion carried with all members of the Court voting AYE.

238 Judge Ed Terrell presented the following resolution to the Court concerning a county road located below the floodwater retarding structure Site 65 of Pilot Grove Creek, a subwatershed of the Trinity River.

Whereas, engineering plans for the construction of Site 65 are being developed and the unsurfaced county road located about 1000 feet below the Site 65 has a road crossing at the creek of an existing grade stabilization structure to help stop a serious streambank erosion problem below the road; which, in the event that this structure failed, could affect the functioning of Site 65, Pilot Grove Creek Watershed; and

Whereas, County Commissioner Johnnie H. Lyon has recently expended county funds to raise the roadbed which crosses over the corrugated metal grade stabilization structure so as to permit this structure to function as designed; and

Whereas, the County plans to maintain this county road and the accompanying grade stabilization structure in satisfactory operating condition in the future,

Commissioner Henry L. Grimes, thereupon made a motion which was duly seconded by Commissioner James A. Speight, that the Hunt County Commissioner Court will maintain the county road and the grade stabilization structure at the road crossing in satisfactory operating condition for the expected life of the flood water retarding structure Site 65.

All members present voted AYE with no opposition to the Court order; and it was so ordered.

239 After a correction of 100 votes was made on the total number of votes tallied in voting Box 35 & 35A on proposition 4 of the November 4th, special election, a motion was made by James A. Speight and seconded by Henry L. Grimes to declare the results of the November 4th special state constitutional election official. Motion carried with all members present voting AYE.

240 Motion was made by James A. Speight and seconded by Roy L. Holder to authorize the purchase of a magnetic sign to be placed on the County Tax Appraiser's car for identification purposes. Motion carried with all members of the Court voting AYE.

241 On a motion by James A. Speight, seconded by Roy L. Holder, the Court voted unanimously to pass on consideration of a right of way request by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in Commissioner Precinct 1 until Commissioner Lyon could be present.

County Tax Assessor-Collector, Harold Armstrong spoke to the Court concerning laws affecting the Hunt County Tax Office. Mr. Armstrong told the court he received notification to delay the mailing of applications for the purging of voter registration rolls until a decision is reached on a case before the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Also Mr. Armstrong informed the Court that according to state law, servicemen are not exempt from the payment of taxes and that Mr. Armstrong had instructed his personnel to no longer treat serviceman as exempt. Mr. Armstrong also instructed his deputies to grant over 65 tax exemptions on demand as required by state law whether or not the exemption had been claimed during the period of registration. Mr. Armstrong told the Court of a tax exemption for disabled veterans and the families of deceased disabled veterans that will allow exemptions based on the percentage of disability. Also, non-profit water corporation are to be exempt from the payment of taxes.

The Court was in agreement to authorize Judge Terrell to select some appropriate floor tile for the jail elevator. Authorization to redo the floor had already been approved by the Court.

242 Motion was made by James A. Speight and seconded by Roy L. Holder to approve accounts for the month of October, 1975. Motion carried with all members of the Court voting AYE. Balance of accounts is as follows:

General Fund	9,999.47
Officers Salary Fund	45,497.27-CR
Jury Fund	1,139.20
Courthouse and Jail	3,796.51-CR
County Law Library	278.94-CR
Road and Bridge No 1	7,650.82
Road and Bridge No2	19,678.79
Road and Bridge No 3	20,176.89
Road and Bridge No 4	9,872.80-CR
Hunt County Tex Road Bond 1949	14,799.67
Hunt Co Tex Rd Bd Invest. 1949	.00
Social Security	1.00
Hunt Co Row Hwy I and S	5,875.88-CR

Hunt Co ROW Hwy I and S Invest.	.00
Permanent School Fund	39,733.49
Hunt Co Perm. Imp Fair	2,285.96-CR
Hunt Co Perm. Fair Invest.	.00
Hunt County Insurance Commission	2,067.71
Revenue Sharing	46,859.27
Hunt Co-Payroll Acct	.00

243 On a motion by Roy L. Holder, seconded by James A. Speight, the Court voted unanimously to allow two members of the Commissioner's Court to attend a rally in Washington D.C. on November 18 for the purpose of making an appeal to Congress to renew Revenue Sharing.

244 There being no further business, Court voted to adjourn on a motion by Henry L. Grimes, seconded by Roy L. Holder with all members of the Court voting AYE.

Minutes read and approved this the 14th day of November, 1975.

Attest: Mrs. Bloom Johnson
County Clerk, Hunt County, Texas

Ed Jewell
County Judge, Hunt County, Texas

By Carolyn Patterson Deputy
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