

The Hunt County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session, Monday, September 13, 1976 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom, Hunt County Courthouse, Greenville, Texas with all members present and Judge Ed Terrell presiding.

Invocation was given by Commissioner Henry L. Grimes.

Minutes of the August 16, 17, and 18th Equalization Board Meetings were read and approved with the correction being made to add the word "minimum" to the statement "...1976 taxes will be computed on a \$50.00 per acre taxable value...". This is hereby corrected to read "...1976 taxes will be computed on a minimum of \$50.00 per acre taxable value...". Also approved as read were the minutes of the August 16th Emergency Session, the August 19th Equalization Board Meeting and the August 23, 1976 Regular Session.

414 Mrs. Joe Herlocker spoke to the Court in support of the CODE, Inc. program. Mrs. Herlocker presented a Resolution of Support for the program from the Caddo Mills Jaycees and told the Court of the support of the Redeemer Lutheran Church of Greenville and the St. Paul Episcopal Church of Greenville. At the request of Mrs. Herlocker, Bobby Young, Democratic candidate for Sheriff and Benny Richards, Republican candidate for Sheriff told the Court of their views of the program. County Attorney Richard Carter briefed the Court on matters of the law as they applied to the CODE proposed program. Following a discussion of the program, a motion was made by Henry L. Grimes to ask the school boards and superintendents of the County to make known to the Court whether they want the program before the Court would approve the program. After further discussion, Commissioner Grimes withdrew his motion.

415 Commissioner Roy L. Holder made a motion to table consideration of approval of the CODE program at this time.

416 Commissioner James A. Speight made a motion the Court not implement the CODE program. Motion died for lack of second.

Commissioner Henry L. Grimes seconded Commissioner Roy L. Holder's motion to table consideration of the CODE program. This motion was defeated with Commissioners Henry L. Grimes and Roy L. Holder voting AYE and Commissioners Johnnie H. Lyon and James A. Speight and Judge Ed Terrell voting NO.

417 Commissioner James A. Speight made a motion the Court not endorse the CODE program at this time. Motion was seconded by Johnnie H. Lyon and carried with Commissioners Johnnie H. Lyon and James A. Speight and Judge Ed Terrell voting AYE and Commissioners Henry L. Grimes and Roy L. Holder voting NO.

418 As a matter of "Old Business" the Court reconsidered the taxable value of the St. Louis & Southwestern Railway. Motion was made by Roy L. Holder to adjust the tax a value placed on rural right of way land for the St. Louis & Southwestern Railway. Commissioner Henry L. Grimes seconded the motion provided the motion be amended to include all railroads. Following discussion, Commissioner Grimes withdrew his second. Commissioner James A. Speight seconded the motion of Commissioner Holder to adjust the taxable value of St. Louis Southwestern Railway. Motion carried with Commissioners Johnnie H. Lyon, Roy L. Holder and James A. Speight voting AYE and Commissioner Henry L. Grimes voting NO.

Joel Albrecht of the City of Greenville invited the Court to the City Council meeting of September 13 to hear the consideration of forming a Joint Airport Zoning Board for the City of Greenville and Hunt County.

419 On a motion by James A. Speight, seconded by Roy L. Holder, the Court approved the following payroll changes in the Sheriff's Department: Lee Duncan was removed from the payroll effective August 22, 1976; Clinton Pirtle was moved from dispatcher at \$436.00 per month to deputy sheriff at \$555.00 per month; Tom Lynch was added as deputy sheriff at \$605.00 per month and Edward Dixon was added to the position of dispatcher at \$436.00 per month, all being effective August 23, 1976. Effective September 1, 1976, Tom Lynch is removed from the payroll and David Brooks is added to the payroll effective September 4, 1976 at \$605.00 per month as a certified deputy sheriff. Motion to approve these changes carried with all members of the Court voting AYE.

420 A motion was made by James A. Speight and seconded by Henry L. Grimes to allow the Sheriff's Department to apply for a Selective Traffic Safety Program grant through the Texas Traffic Safety Program. This grant would provide three deputies to be used exclusively for the purpose of serving as traffic safety officers and would be renewable annually for a period of three years. Motion to allow this application carried with all members of the Court voting AYE.

421 A motion was made by James A. Speight and seconded by Roy L. Holder to approve the following payroll changes in the County Tax Office: Kay Turner was removed from the payroll and replaced by Linda Kiser at

the county's minimum starting salary effective September 7, 1976 and Connie Woods was removed from the payroll and replaced by Louise Stephens at the County's minimum starting salary effective September 7, 1976. Motion to approve carried with all members of the Court voting AYE.

Harold Armstrong, Tax Assessor-Collector, asked the Court to consider an adjustment in the salaries of the two Chief Deputies in the Tax Office. Judge Terrell recommended the Court defer consideration until 1:30 P.M.

The Court reconvened at 1:30 P.M. with all members present and Judge Ed Terrell presiding.

Judge Terrell recommended the Court study previous Court action to try to determine if the Tax Office was designated to have two Chief Deputies and will consider the matter at the next meeting of the Court.

**422** On a motion by Roy L. Holder, seconded by Johnnie H. Lyon, the Court voted to add Roy Smith to the payroll of Commissioner Precinct 3 effective August 30, 1976 at \$486.00 per month and to remove Randy Barrow from the payroll of Commissioner Precinct 3 effective September 7, 1976. Motion carried with all members of the Court voting AYE.

**423** On a motion by James A. Speight, seconded by Johnnie H. Lyon, the Court voted to replace the flags and flagpole chains for the Courthouse, with all members of the Court voting AYE.

The Court authorized Judge Terrell to contact possible bidders for fire extinguishers for each floor of the Courthouse and possibly a hood and duct system for the jail.

**424** A motion was made by Judge Ed Terrell and seconded by Roy L. Holder to advertise for bids to replace the Courthouse roof. On the suggestion of Commissioner James A. Speight that the county also take bids to patch the roof as possible remodeling of the jail might take in some of the roof area, Judge Terrell amended his motion to take bids to replace the Courthouse roof and to consider alternate bids for patching of certain areas of the roof. Motion carried with all members of the Court voting AYE.

The City Commission of Wolfe City requested by letter that the County provide financial support for an ambulance based in Wolfe City. The Court authorized Judge Terrell to inform the Wolfe City City Commission the County could offer no more than the ambulance service now being provided by the County.

**425** On a motion by Johnnie H. Lyon, seconded by James A. Speight, the Court voted that should a vacancy occur in the position of District Attorney's Special Investigator no person be hired without further authorization of the Commissioners Court. Motion carried with Commissioners Johnnie H. Lyon, Henry L. Grimes, Roy L. Holder, and James A. Speight voting AYE and Judge Ed Terrell voting NO.


**426** On a motion by James A. Speight, seconded by Johnnie H. Lyon, the Court unanimously approved accounts for the month of August, 1976.

Court adjourned to allow the Commissioners to make a final inspection of a road in Lancer Estates and a first inspection of a road in the Wayland Walker Development. Consideration of approval of these two roads will be made at a later meeting of the Court.

Minutes read and approved this the 27th day of September 1976.

Attest: Mrs. Bloom Johnson

County Clerk, Hunt County, Texas

  
County Judge, Hunt County, Texas