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REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 25, 1993

The Hunt County Commissioners Court met this day at 10:00 am in the Commissioners Courtroom with all members present and Judge Mike Farris presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

———— 'Discuss and consider invoice from Bickerstaff, Heath and Smiley for representation in jail lawsuit—Mike Farris, County Judge': OLD BUSINESS NEXT MEETING.

5085 On the motion by Henry Hensley, second by Jim Hart, the Court approved the request from JP Dan Robertson for additional computer equipment. Total cost of the project (including wiring & labor) \$5,835.00. The JP will pay for the project through his Fee Fund.

———— Regarding the item 'Discuss & consider request from City of Greenville to join Cities for Extended Area Service--Diana Fleming, Chairman of CEAS': the Court heard from Diana Fleming and Greenville City Manager Ed Thatcher. Judge Farris reviewed an opinion of the County Attorney which says that the County cannot spend funds for a lobbyist. Mrs. Fleming said that the funds were to be used to hire an attorney to draft the legislation. Mr. Thatcher said that the lobbying would come from the people in the state who would put the pressure on their legislators.

Judge Farris suggested that Mrs. Fleming contact our County Attorney and explain this point.

It was agreed that the item be put under OLD BUSINESS for the next meeting for possible action.

5086 The Court then heard from Jim Putman, Hunt County Family Services Executive Director, and Paul Zelhart, HCFS Board chairman. Dr. Zelhart explained to the Court the changes affecting the agency through Senate Bill 112—selection and status of Board members. Dr. Zelhart told the Court that five current board members terms expired in December of 1992, and that three members did not want to serve another term. He stated that Ralph Fortner and Ernest Duran had served only one term, and both wished to be re-appointed to another 2 yr. term. On the motion by Allen Martin, second by Judge Farris, Mr. Fortner & Mr. Duran were re-appointed. Unanimous Vote.

Mr. Putman told the Court that the HCFS would like to have a workshop on the operations of the agency before the Court appoints the three new members to the board. The workshop will be set up in the near future.

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NEW BUSINESS:

5087 On the motion by Hensley, second by Johnnie Lyon, the Court voted to vacate the plat known as Cedar Grove Ranchettes (filed April 13, 1987/Volume 400, Page 1107). The land is in Commissioner Precinct #2. The Request was made by Art Burns. Approved on unanimous vote.

— The Court heard from Tax Assessor-Collector Joyce Barrow and Rev. James Ralson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Celeste. Rev. Ralson's request, on behalf of the church, was that the County forgive the 1992 taxes, totalling \$96.83, on the parsonage which is located at 202 North Third Street (Block 4, Lots 10 & 11, Original Townsite of Celeste). Mrs. Barrow explained that the property was not in the church's name on January 1, 1992. Therefore, the Court had no legal grounds to take such action. Judge Farris called for a motion three times. Hearing none, the item was dropped.

5088 On the motion by Martin, second by Lyon, the Court voted to convert the travel allowance to straight mileage for the Emergency Management Coordinator, making the change retroactive to January 11, 1993. The motion allows the Coordinator to be reimbursed for up to 500 miles a month.

— Berneice Carr, with the Hunt County United Way, presented a plaque to Barbara Wiggins of the Hunt County Tax Office for her work as chairman of the employees United Way fund drive.

5089 On the motion by Hensley, second by Martin, the Court established a "Loss Control Committee" as recommended by the Texas Association of Counties workers compensation representative during a meeting which was held in the Commissioners Courtroom on January 19, 1993. The committee will consist of: Commissioner Jim Hart, the Sheriff (or his designee), Dixon Latham, Betty Pruitt, the Foremen from Precincts 1, 2, & 4, the County Judge (or his designee), Ass't. County Auditor Carolyn Wood, and Tax Assessor-Collector Joyce Barrow (or her designee).

5090 On the motion by Hart, second by Hensley, the Court approved (with liability disclaimer) the notification from Cash Water Supply Corp. and Sabine River Authority for utility construction in County right-of-way on Hunt County Road 3407 in Precinct 3.

5091 On the motion by Lyon, second by Martin, the Court agreed to write a letter to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. in support of stocking deer in the north section of Hunt County.

5092 Judge Farris announced that one person selected to serve on the Grievance Committee for 1993 elected not to serve. The name of Mr. Earnest Duran was then selected. Mr. Bobby Maples and Mr. Russell Armstrong were alternate names selected. On the motion by Lyon, second by Martin, the names were approved.

— There were no line-item budget transfers.

PERSONNEL & PAYROLL CHANGES

District Clerk--remove Olive Ende, effective 2-1-93. Change: Stacey Landrum to R-8; Debbie Smith to R-6; Shirley Summers to R-4; Wanda Loudon to R-3--all effective 1-16-93.
Add Donna Meeks, R-2; Deborah Huffines, hourly help; and Kimberly Wyatt, hourly help--all effective 1-16-93.
Precinct #4--Change Pilar Larios & David Ketner to R-6, effective 2-1-93.
Sheriff's Department--add Christopher Brian Vaughn, deputy, effective 2-1-93.
Tax Office--add Maria Gomez, part-time, \$5 per hr. effective 1-23-93 and Glenodine Pitts, \$6 per hour, effective 2-1-93.

5093 Approved on the motion by Martin, second by Hart.

5094 On the motion by Hart, second by Martin, the Court approved (with liability disclaimer) the notification from FEC Electric of utility construction in County right-of-way on Hunt County Road 3504 in Precinct #3.

5095 On the motion by Lyon, second by Martin, the Court approved the contract for juvenile detention services with Lamar County.

Court Adjourned.