

Regular Session
May 11, 1998
Commissioners Court Meeting

The Hunt County Commissioners Court met this day with all Commissioners present and Judge Joe Bobbitt presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as changed.

OLD BUSINESS:

6868 On the motion by Allen Martin, second by Kenneth Thornton, the Court accepted bid from AT & T for long distance service. Bids on file in County Auditors Office.

6869 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Martin, the Court accepted elevator maintenance bid from AVL (American Vertical Lift) for 5 year contract for \$24,000. Bid on file in County Auditors Office.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Payne from Texas Association of Counties made presentation to Hunt County of the 1997 Gold Star Safety Award. This award is earned through a record of excellence in the involvement and commitment to safety in the workplace, as well as for controlling Workers Compensation claims. This puts Hunt Countys program in the top 3% of those counties participating in the self-insurance pool of over 200 counties in which Hunt County participates. This program has saved as estimated \$260,630 for county tax payers through the combined effort of the Commissioners Court and the other elected officials in connection with Loss-Control.

Joyce Barrow-Hunt County Tax Collector made her semi-annual fiscal report from October 1, 1997 thru March 3, 1998 for Tax Collections and Fee Fund: Budgeted \$7,620,871 > 96% of Budget Collected
Collected 7,372,040
Motor Vehicle Dept.: Budgeted 1,082,000 > 71% of Budget Collected
Collected 768,252
Total Budgeted Revenues for County: \$12,780,802 63% of Budget Collected

6870 On the motion by Ralph Green, second by Martin, the Court approved request for purchase of portable radio for Ben Kinder to provide protection and security for the tax office, as well as the courthouse. To be funded through Courthouse Security Fund.

6871 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Martin, the Court approved resolution approving a 5 year tax abatement agreement with Rubbermaid on the new addition recently completed--\$4,000,000 Ineligible Property and \$16,750,000 Eligible Property.

6872 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Martin, the Court accepted notification and approved authorization to demolish a dangerous and unsafe building located at 1303 Locust St., in Commerce, Tx. as requested by Fred Eaton-Director of Community Development.

6873 On the motion by Green, second by Thornton, the Court approved a interlocal agreement and resolution between Collin County & Hunt County to authorize participation in any contracts for all materials that Hunt County chooses and Collin County agrees with as allowed by the contracted vendor. Effective date of May 11, 1998 and shall continue in full force and effect until terminated by either party on 30 days written notice to the other.

6874 On the motion by Green, second by Jim Walker, the Court approved rock bid with Van Zandt Rock (new pit) originating from Wills Point, Tx. for

6875 On the motion by Walker, second by Green, the Court approved final plat for Kimberly Estates Subdivision in Pct.3. 'Request permission to advertise for sale of 3 dump trucks for Pct.3:' Commissioner Walker ask discussion on this item to be tables--Dropped from Agenda.

6876 On the motion by Green, second by Martin, the Court approved application for road upgrade for Allen Eaton on CR2706 for 600' (dirt to rock) from existing rock to new driveway--\$2,400 and for Russell Perkins on CR2200 for 500' (dirt to rock) to driveway--\$2,000 with no preparation work needed on either road.

6877 On the motion by Martin, second by Green, the Court approved application for road upgrades on:
(1) upgrade rock to oil sand on CR4719 at Hwy 512 for total of 1/10 of a mile.
(2) upgrade dirt to oil sand at road junction Cr4719/4720 for total of 2/10 of a mile.

6878 On the motion by Thornton, second by Green, the Court approved request for SWB to bury telephone cable along ROW of CR 1122 in Pct.1 with usual stipulations.

6879 On the motion by Green, second by Thornton, the Court approved request of United Telephone to bury telephone cable along ROW of CR2296 in Ptc.2 with usual stipulations.

6880 On the motion by Walker, second by Martin, the Court approved request for GTE Southwest to bury telephone cable along ROW of CR3223, 3216, 3211 and 3210 in Pct.3 with usual stipulations.

6881 On the motion by Martin, second by Walker, the Court approved request for United Telephone to bury telephone cable along ROW of CR4411 in Pct.4 with usual stipulations.

The Court went into a 5 minute recess at 10:50am.; Court reconvened at 10:55am.

'Discuss PR2743 in Pct.2:' Violet Chapman who lives at this residence was present in court to discuss problems she has encountered because of private road sign which is on her road. The Post Office will not deliver mail to her residence, the road has no drainage ditches, etc.. The Court advised Ms. Chapman if she would bring up her road to county specifications and maintain for 1 year, then it could be accepted by the county as a county road.

'Hear, discuss and possibly take any action necessary on matters relating to the new jail facility:' Passed until 1:00pm. Judge Bobbitt has ask the City of Greenville to be present for this discussion.

6882 On the motion by Martin, second by Walker, the Court approved accounts payable.
6883 On the motion by Green, second by Walker, the Court approved line-item budget transfers.

PERSONNEL & PAYROLL:

JP Pct.4 Karl Keck: Remove Charlotte Hopson-she has resigned, effective date 5-15-98.

6884 Approved on the motion by Green, second by Martin.

The Court recessed for lunch at 12:00 Noon-to reconvene at 1:00pm.

The Court reconvened at 1:00pm with representatives from BSA Architect Planners Kenneth Burns & Norris Fletcher present, as well as City Officials-Mayor Sue Ann Harting, Chief of Police-Barry Paris, Director of Public Works-Massoud Ebrahim, along with Hunt County Sheriff-Don Anderson and Chief Deputy-Phillip Killgore to discuss the construction of a new 92,000 sq. ft. jail facility which will house a 300 bed unit, which the County and the City of Greenville could share. The BSA representative told the group when work is in progress, the architects will be on site. The cost for each entity will be determined during the planning stage, only pre-qualified bidders will be allowed on bids. Judge Bobbitt stated he would like to see the County take the lead on this project, using anticipation notes to start the project. Pre-planning and schematic design is estimated to take 4-6 weeks. Once the schematic design is decided, the County could go ahead since the Sheriff's Department is in urgent need of a new jail facility. This facility could be designed to allow the City to add on when they are ready. Judge Bobbitt would like to see all entities involved in project-County, City, Sheriff, Constables, etc.. He would like this building to be built for the future of Hunt County. The Commissioners Court wants a structure that will not have a problem 18 years down the road. Mayor Sue Ann Harting and other City Officials stated they have a real interest in this new facility and would like to be included in the beginning stages of development.

The Court went into executive session with no action taken. Court Adjourned. Minutes approved this 26th day of May, 1998.


Joe A. Bobbitt
Hunt County Judge

Attest:


Linda Brooks
Hunt County Clerk