

Regular Session  
Commissioners Court  
July 13, 1998

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 presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

\_\_\_\_\_'Possibly take action on hiring animal control officer:' Commissioner Walker stated to the Court at first he was against the animal control center; it wasn't until he became aware of the severity of the problem that he did become infavor of it. At the present time there are no means of transporting these animals to the shelter & he wanted to bring this issue before Commissioners Court. Several residents from the Quinlan & West Tawakoni area were present in court as well as Mayor Tanoos of West Tawakoni, Harold Sager, Charles Watson & Patty Smith who voiced numerous complaints about the dogs in the south part of the county, concerning the destruction, expense & danger they have caused. After much discussion, the Court agreed for Commissioner Walker, City of Quinlan, City of West Tawakoni & the City of East Tawakoni to form a task force to work out a plan for an interlocal cost sharing agreement concerning this problem. The Court agreed to table action item to allow this group time to get organized.

Court recessed for five minute break; Court reconvened at 10:25am.

**6929** On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Jim Walker, the Court authorized issuance and sale of Hunt County Texas Limited Tax Notes, Series 1998 in the amount of \$250,000; prescribing terms & provisions of said notes; awarding the sale thereof, approving the official statement, levying a tax & providing for the security for and payment of said notes; and enacting the provisions relating to the subject. Frank & David Medanich--1st Southwest Company were present in court to answer any questions concerning the interest rate & maturity schedule from purchaser Morgan Keegan & Co., Inc. allowing an effective rate of 4.68%.

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Phillip Killgore-Chief Deputy from the Sheriff's Department presented the quarterly activity report for May-June, 1998. The Jail Commission Inspection was done last week with Hunt County's Jail passing inspection and receiving certification.

**6930** On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Green, the Court approved proclamation sponsored by National Association of Town Watch (NATW) dealing with nationwide crime, drug & violence prevention program on August 4, 1998 called "National Night Out" allowing Hunt County to join forces with thousands of other communities across the country in promoting cooperative police-community crime prevention efforts.

**6931** On the motion by Allen Martin, second by Green, the Court approved renting office from Stacy Smith for Quinlan Sub-Station--Motor Vehicle & Tax Collection in the amount of \$350 a month, with the \$4000 needed for renovation to come from within the current budget and by utilizing our in-house maintenance department to do all the work if possible. All securities will be moved to the new location.

**6932** On the motion by Kenneth Thornton, second by Martin, the Court approved quitclaim deed of old Celeste Country School properties R75462 located in Lot 2, Block 7 of the Perrin Addition to the Mt. Olive Baptist Church with all entities City of Celeste, Celeste ISD, Hospital District & GISD acting for the Hunt County Educational District signed off in agreement.

**6933** On the motion by Green, second by Thornton, the Court approved purchase of a new copier with sorter in the amount of \$7,814, with \$1,565 trade-in allowance for Sarge Erwin JP Pct 1, Place 2 with the old copier to be transferred to the Hunt County Jail. Funds available through defensive driving fund line-item budget transfer.

**6934** On the motion by Green, second by Thornton, the Court approved agricultural extension travel variance for Sara Lindley to attend the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Conference in Louisville, Ky. on November 1-5, 1998. This is the only conference available for extension officers to attend.

**6935** On the motion by Green, second by Walker, the Court approved the final plat for Adam's Acres in Pct.2 located in the Williams O'dell Survey & the John J. Hart Survey.

**6936** On the motion by Martin, second by Walker, the Court approved Election Judges for the November 3, 1998 General Election.

\_\_\_\_\_'Possibly take action on the Hunt County Fire Alarm Permit:' Judge Bobbitt advised the Court no action is necessary on this item; we now have the burgulary and fire alarm permit that will allow us to go on line with the City of Greenville once the alarm system is in place, which should be in about a week.

**6937** On the motion by Thornton, second by Green, the Court approved request to advertise for box culverts for all precincts.

**6938** On the motion by Thornton, second by Martin, the Court approved application for road upgrade for Tom Keeton on CR1173 & 1179 in Pct.1 in the Kellogg Community, which will require R-O-W widening.

\_\_\_\_\_'Possibly take action on adding of new CR's 2733, 2731, 2419 and 2507 to the county roads inventory in Pct.2:' Commissioner Green advised the Court these are subdivision roads built in the last 1 to 2 years according to county specifications which need to be added to the county inventory and accepted for county maintenance. The Court agreed to place item on OLD BUSINESS next court meeting to allow Commissioners time to inspect road. These mileages will need to be added into Pct.2.

**6939** On the motion by Green, second by Thornton, the Court approved request to bury telephone cable along CR2182 for GTE Southwest Inc. in Pct.2 with usual stipulations.

**6940** On the motion by Walker, second by Martin, the Court approved request to bury water line along CR 3704 by Able Springs Water Supply Corporation in Pct.3 with usual stipulations.

**6941** On the motion by Walker, second by Martin, the Court approved request to bury telephone cable along R-O-W of CR 3410 for GTE Southwest Inc. for Pct.3 with usual stipulations.

**6942** On the motion by Walker, second by Martin, the Court approved request to bury telephone cable along R-O-W of CR 3200 for Pct.3 with usual stipulations.

6943 On the motion by Martin, second by Walker, the Court approved request from United Telephone of Texas to bury telephone cable along R-O-W of CR 4598 & 4608 in Pct.4 with usual stipulations.

6944 On the motion by Martin, second by Walker, the Court approved request from SWB to bury Telephone cable along CR 4902 in Pct.4 with usual stipulations.

6945 On the motion by Thornton, second by Walker, the Court extended the outdoor burning ban for an additional 14 days-until next regular scheduled Commissioners Court.

HEAR & DISCUSS:

Jimmy Hamilton-County Auditor advised the Court of monies that come in semi-annually from TxDot on the county's gross weight & axle late fees which is credited to the road and bridge fund; the normal amount received is approximately \$2500, recently we received a check for \$10,920.59 which is quite an increase. At the present time, Hunt County has 11 DPS officers with 2 weights & measures officers, which should account for this increase. Judge Bobbitt also stated we would have an additional 4 new officers next year.

6946 On the motion by Martin, second by Walker, the Court approved accounts payable.

6947 On the motion by Walker, second by Martin, the Court approved line-item budget transfers.

PERSONNEL & PAYROLL:

County Auditor: Change Debbie Thomas from parttime/hourly to full time/salaried as Asst. Auditor at \$1,703 per month effective 7-1-98.  
Remove Jonathan Thatcher-he has resigned, effective 6-2-98.

County Comm.Pct.2: Change Gary Allen from R-5 to R-6 effective 7-1-98.  
Remove Richard Conn from Pct.2 payroll, effective 7-10-98.

County Clerk: Remove Toni Douthit due to her resignation, effective 6-26-98.  
Add Daniel Clark as parttime records clerk at \$5.15 per hour, effective 6-29-98.

County Judge: Remove Pam Simpson due to her resignation, effective 7-17-98.  
Add Willene Schaefer as Secretary at \$6 per hour, effective 7-6-98.

JP Pct.1 Pl.2: Add Tricia Cooper as parttime file clerk at \$5.50 per hour, effective 6-22-98.

Sheriff: Remove Tracy Miller due to her resignation, effective 6-12-98.  
Remove Vicky Grubbs due to her resignation, effective 6-30-98.  
Remove Heather Tresemer due to her resignation, effective 7-12-98.  
Add Ashley Simpson as office help at \$5.50 per hour, effective 7-6-98.  
Add Juddson Knight as detention officer at (\$18,581 annually R-2), effective 7-6-98.

Constable Pct.4: Add Amanda Pruitt as secretary at \$5.15 per hour, effective 6-27-98.  
Cullen Smith

Tax Office: Remove Midge Pope, effective 7-16-98.

6948 Approved on the motion by Green, second by Martin.

The Court recessed for a five minute break; Court reconvened at 11:25am and went into executive session with no action taken. Court Adjourned. Minutes approved this 27 day of July, 1998.

Attest:

Debra D. Green  
Hunt County Clerk

Jan A. Bobbitt  
Hunt County Judge