

Regular Session
Commissioners Court
March 8, 1999

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:

- 7144 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Allen Martin, the Court approved the resolution making March-Mental Retardation month.
- 7145 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Kenneth Thornton, the Court approved the resolution making April 9-11, 1999 Audie Murphy Days.
- 7146 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Jim Walker, the Court approved the proclamation making March 21-27, 1999 as Poison Prevention Week.
- 7147 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Martin, the Court approved resolution authorizing the submission of a 1999-2000 Texas Community Development Program Application on behalf of the Jacobia W.S.C., with the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs, for \$250,000 of grant funding to carry out water system improvements. Furthermore, the Jacobia W.S.C. will contribute \$25,000 toward the administrative activities of this water improvement project.
- _____ 'Discuss & possibly take action on the County Trapper's Quarterly report:' Ronnie Dickens reported to the court he had killed 384 coyotes and a few beavers. Mr. Dickens stated the City has requested his help. The Court agreed it had no problem with the County Trapper supplying help to the City as long as an interlocal agreement between the County and City was in place. Judge Bobbitt to prepare an agreement for the City to sign. Also present was Harry Record concerning the county trapper issue, stating the community supports the trapper and thanks the court for their help in this matter.
- 7148 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Ralph Green, the Court approved 3 changes to the County Employees Handbook: (1) FMLA-If at the end of 12 week FMLA period, if the employee cannot return to work, the county retains the right to pay all earned FLSA compensatory time. This can be done at the discretion of the Department Head, if it is determined that further absence by the employee would create a hardship on the department, subject to the approval of the Commissioner Court.
- (2) Termination- If an employee terminates employment, for any reason, prior to using all earned FLSA compensatory time, he/she shall be paid for all unused compensatory time in accordance with the requirements of the FLSA.
- (3) Buy Back of Compensatory Time- The county shall retain the right to "buy back" all or part of an employees unused compensatory time by paying the employee that time at the employees current regular rate.
- _____ 'Discuss and possibly take action on judgment bid on property R26379 purchase:' Kay Abbott from the Tax Office advised the court that the incorrect "R" number was posted--change noted--should have been R26397. To be re-posted, item on OLD BUSINESS next court meeting.
- _____ 'Discuss and possibly take action on resolution and interlocal agreement adopted by the Commerce City Council authorizing an interlocal agreement between the City of Commerce and the other taxing entities:' Item placed on OLD BUSINESS next court meeting to obtain clarification on costs, since Hunt County is to share part of the costs of demolition.
- 7149 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Martin, the Court approved appointment of Morris Moton to the Hunt County Family Services Board.
- 7150 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Martin, the Court approved a tax abatement agreement between Hunt County & Kal-Kan Foods. Robert Wingham & Duane Latham were present stating Kal-Kan will open this year, with production to start in November, requiring approximately 110 employees.
- 7151 On the motion by Walker, second by Martin, the Court approved the preliminary plat for Byrom Estates in Pct 3.
- _____ 'Hear request from the Hickory Grove Burial Ground Board:' Golde Locke & other interested residents were in court asking for 3/10's of a mile on CR 4901, which goes to the cemetery, be paved. Judge Bobbitt ask for 1 to 2 months to allow time for this to be done; and if it is not completed in that amount of time-item will be put back on the Agenda.
- 7152 On the motion by Martin, second by Walker, the Court approved & granted ROW on Cr 4106 to the City of Greenville, represented in court by Jimmy Dickey, with the usual stipulations.
- _____ The Court recessed at 11:05am. The Court reconvened at 11:15am.
- _____ 'Discuss and possibly take action on any items pertaining to the New Jail Facilities:' Terry Turner of J.T. Turner, Inc. was present in court to discuss possible efforts to save money on the building of the county jail, whether to hire a construction manager vs the locked in bid process.
- 7153 On the motion by Martin, second by Walker, the Court approved accounts payable.
- _____ There was no line-item budget transfers.

PERSONNEL & PAYROLL:

District Atty:

Pursuant to the Professional Prosecutors Act this office receives \$34,320 in State Funds which are used for salary supplements. This monthly allotment of \$2,860 is divided as follows:

Noble Walker Jr	\$850 (already being sent to County & is included in his pay.
Noble Walker Jr.	\$200
Keith Williford	60
G W Wofford	500
Teresa Chamberlin	400
Helen Johnson	400
Deborah Mason	300
Vanessa Sumrall	150

For auditing purposes these funds need to be taken to the County Treasurer to be included with regular pay checks.

Maintenance: Please increase Roy McGee's stipend \$50 per month, effective 3-15-99.
Please decrease Dixon Latham's stipend \$50 per month, effective 3-15-99.

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Approved on the motion by Walker, second by Green.

The Court went into Executive Session at 11:50am. The Court went back into regular session at 12:03pm. with no action being taken. Terry Turner was present submitting his proposal to the Court, which specifies this is to be a ^{personal} professional service agreement and does not include the payment for any items covered by the competitive bidding statute. After much discussion, the Court Adjourned at 12:30pm.. Placed on OLD BUSINESS for a Special Session, Friday, March 12, 1999 at 10:00am. Minutes approved this 22 day of March, 1999.

Attest:

Brenda Brooks
Hunt County Clerk

Joe A. Bell
Hunt County Judge