

**COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR SESSION**
March 12, 2001

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:

7918 On the motion by Phillip Martin, second by Ralph Green, the Court approved the following high bids received on judgment bid property sales transactions:

Property #	Address/Location	Bidder	Amount of Bid
R 38095	CR 3231 off Hwy 69	Rick Nelson	\$ 1,444.00
R41840	4120 Lee St. Greenville	EKM Properties	\$14,408.15

7919 On the motion by Allen Martin, second by Kenneth Thornton, the Court approved proclamation making March 18-24, 2001 as "National Agriculture Week".

7920 On the motion by Green, second by Allen Martin, the Court approved order adopting criteria for redistricting of county political boundaries.

7921 On the motion by Thornton, second by Phillip Martin, the court approved request to close existing CR 1011, due to this road being used as dump area. The Court further noted county maintenance on this road will cease.

7922 On the motion by Green, second by Thornton, the Court approved purchase of a bar coding system from Net Data to assist in the jury summons selection process, which will provide a faster, more efficient process for our citizens serving on jury duty. Cost for computer system will be \$17,869 and will be funded through a line-item transfer to Information Systems.

7923 On the motion by Allen Martin, second by Thornton, the Court approved proposal to finance new communication equipment for the new criminal justice center through a lease purchase agreement with Bank One at a 3 year lease rate of 4.74%, monthly payments of \$3,542.52, total finance charge of \$8,854.88 with administrative fees and expenses waived. All bids on file in Personnel Office.

7924 On the motion by Thornton, second by Allen Martin, the Court approved the preliminary plat for Blue Devil Estates in Pct. 1 presented by Jerry Wisdom.

7925 On the motion by Phillip Martin, second by Green, the Court approved waiver of the preliminary plat and approved the final plat for Windy Ridge Acres in Pct. 3 presented by Frank Owens.

7926 On the motion by Phillip Martin, second by Allen Martin, the Court approved road upgrade of dirt to gravel for CR 3217 in Pct. 3. Money has been deposited into escrow.

7927 On the motion by Green, second by Thornton, the Court approved the final plat for Adams Acres Phase III in Pct. 2 presented by Jerry Wisdom.

7928 On the motion by Phillip Martin, second by Allen Martin, the Court approved reimbursement to Kitsee Vista property owner of \$900 for an escrow agreement concerning road maintenance in Pct. 3-per opinion received from County Attorney to refund these funds.

7929 On the motion by Green, second by Allen Martin, the Court approved bid from ISI Detention Contracting Group for furnishings (bedding, tables, and office furniture) for the new criminal justice center for \$237,000.00 as listed/installed. Personnel Office will validate order. Court noted this approval is subject to order being in compliance of bid.

— There were no items pertaining to the New County jail.

HEAR AND DISCUSS REPORTS:

— Judge Bobbitt advised the Court of 2 new fuel spills in the county, one in Kingston of unleaded gasoline; one north of Commerce of an oil base product.

7930 On the motion by Allen Martin, second by Phillip Martin, the Court approved accounts payable. Judge Bobbitt abstained from the vote.

— There were no line item budget transfers.

PERSONNEL AND PAYROLL:

Auditor	Raise Jennifer Burk-part time Assistant Auditor from \$5.15 to \$6.00 per hour effective 3-5-01.
	Raise Stacy Sehl part time Assistant Auditor from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per hour, effective 3-5-01.
County Clerk	Raise Staci Compton part time records clerk to \$7.00 per hour, effective 3-12-01.
	Raise Michael Swanson part time records clerk to \$6.50 per hour effective 3-12-01.
Commissioner Pct. 2	Remove Charles Jett, due to his resignation effective 3-2-01.
Commissioner Pct. 4	Add Ronald White as part time hourly Truck Driver at \$8.15 per hour, effective 2-26-01.
Personnel	Add Melissa Bode as part time hourly assistant at \$6.00 per hour, effective 2-23-01.
Maintenance	Add Edna Harper as part time hourly Janitor at \$7.00 per hour, effective 2-8-01.
Sheriff	Add Jason Kilgore as Deputy at \$26,500 effective 3-6-01.

Sheriff	Add Kelli Brooke Burns as part time clerk at \$6.00 per hour, effective 2-22-01.
	Remove Scott Crowther as jailer due to his resignation, effective 3-8-01.
Tax Office	Raise Sharon Briscoe Deputy Clerk G4, P41 from \$17,143 to \$18,115 effective 3-12-01.
	Raise Angela Brignon Deputy Clerk Motor Vehicle G4, P41 from \$19,150 to \$21,000 effective 3-12-01.
	Raise Almina Cook Deputy Clerk G5, P53 from \$20,909.00 to \$21,737.00 effective 3-12-01.
	Raise Diana Hatfield Deputy Clerk G5, P53 from \$19,844 to \$21,737 effective 3-12-01.

7931 Approved on the motion by Green, second by Thornton.

Please pay the following 2 % merit raises:

<u>2% Merit Raises</u> <u>Effective March 12,2000</u>	
Daren Dawson	\$452.00
Roy Dawson	500.00
Earnest Henry	350.00
Grady Jones	350.00
David Ketner	551.00
Pilar Larios	551.00
Jose Ramirez	551.00
Phillip Staton	350.00
Jeffrey White	350.00

7932 Approved on the motion by Thornton, second by Allen Martin.

ADDENDUM:


7933 On the motion by Green, second by Phillip Martin, the Court approved the final plat for Fox Creek Phase II upon receipt of the required road bond.

—————There was no Executive Session; Court Adjourned at 10:55PM. Minutes approved this

26 day of March, 2001


Hunt County Judge

Attest:


Hunt County Clerk



HUNT COUNTY

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Proclamation

Whereas, The week of march 18 to 24th, 2001, is NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN TEXAS, as proclaimed by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, and

Whereas, throughout our history people have confirmed the vast resources of our land, and

Whereas, the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the houses in which we live in, the flowers and plants we enjoy are all rooted in one industry, and

Whereas, Texas farmers and ranchers have made agriculture the second largest industry, generating \$80 billion for the state's economy, and

Whereas, Texas is the nation's leading producer of cattle, sheep, goats, horses, wool, mohair and cotton. The state is also one of the top producers of vegetables, citrus, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, rice, sugarcane and wheat, and

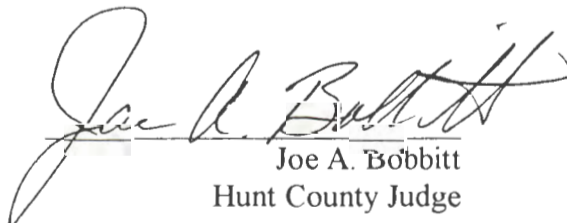
Whereas, The Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches, with almost 80 percent of the land involved in some form of agriculture production—including livestock, crops, aquaculture, horticulture and forestry, and

Whereas, Texas Farmers and ranchers exemplify a rich tradition of producing food and fiber to meet growing global demands, Now Therefore

Be It Resolved, that the Commissioner's Court of Hunt County declares this National Agriculture Week in Hunt County, and

Be it Furthermore Resolved, that Hunt County Commissioners Court urges everyone in our area to learn more about the role of agriculture here, share that knowledge with the young people in our area, and recognize the farmers, ranchers and their families who contribute so much to this country, this state, this nation and the world.

Therefore, In Official Recognition Whereof, I, the undersigned do hereby affix my signature this 12th day of March 2001.


Joe A. Bobbitt
Hunt County Judge

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ORDER 7920

AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR
REDISTRICTING OF COUNTY POLITICAL BOUNDARIES

The Commissioners Court of Hunt County, Texas, meeting in a duly scheduled and posted meeting, does hereby adopt the following criteria for use in the redistricting of all county political boundaries. Any plan for the redistricting of County Commissioners, Justice of the Peace, or election precincts should, to the maximum extent possible, conform to the following criteria:

1. The plan should insure that all applicable provisions of the U.S. and Texas Constitutions, the Voting Rights Act, the Texas Election Code are honored.
2. The plan should address minority representation, and if at all possible in conformity with constitutional standards, avoid retrogression in the percentage of population and voting age demographics consistent with existing minority representation.
3. The plan should preserve minority communities of interest. These communities of interest should be recognized and retained intact where possible. Only when the overall minority population of the county is sufficiently large to require more than one minority district should minority populations be divided, and only then to the least degree possible.
4. The plan should not, however, attempt to unreasonably join geographically remote minority populations into a single precinct unless there are strong and genuine connections between these communities as reflected by common schools, churches, or cultural ties. For example, minority populations in two separate towns, located miles apart, may not have sufficient links or common political cohesion to justify joining these two minority population centers into a single electoral group. Particularly when dealing with distinct minority groups, such as Black and Hispanic populations, a general assumption that separate minority populations will vote in a "block" may be unsupportable in fact.
5. The plan should seek compact and contiguous political boundaries. Physical boundaries such as rivers, which tend to divide populations in fundamental ways, should be recognized and communities of interest should be retained intact where possible. To the maximum extent possible, clearly recognized boundaries should be used to facilitate ease of voter identification of boundaries, as well as election administration.
6. Where possible, well-recognized and long used election precinct boundaries should be retained intact (within the limitations imposed by state and federal law) or with as little alteration as possible.
7. Election precincts in the plan should be sized in conformity with state law. For example, in counties that use traditional, hand counted paper ballots, no election precinct may contain more than 2000 voters. In counties with voting systems that allow for automated ballot counting, this number may be increased to as many as 5000 voters.

8. The plan should afford incumbent office holders with the assurance that they will continue to represent the majority of individuals who elected these incumbents, and all incumbents' residential locations should be retained in their reformed precincts to insure continuity in leadership during the remaining term of incumbents.
9. The plan should address fundamental and necessary governmental functions, and to the extent possible, insure that these functions are enhanced rather than impaired. For example, county road mileage should be balanced to the extent possible between the resulting commissioner's precincts. Election administration should not be unduly complex as a result of election boundaries.
10. The plan should insure that election voting precincts under that plan do not contain territory from more than one commissioners precinct, justice precinct, congressional district, state representative district, state senatorial district, or city ward, if the city has a population of 10,000 or more (this is a strict legal requirement, but city election wards should be honored in virtually all circumstances, with city and rural county voters being kept in separate voting precincts to the extent possible), State Board of Education districts, and where they exist, other special election districts, such as water, hospital, or navigation districts to provide to the greatest extent possible harmonious administration of various election jurisdictions.
11. The plan should attempt to locate polling places in convenient, well-known locations that are accessible to disabled voters to the maximum extent possible. Public buildings should be utilized to the maximum extent possible as polling places. Where necessary, buildings routinely open to the public, such as churches, retail businesses, or private buildings dedicated to public activities, should be used as polling places.

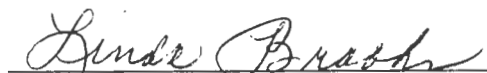
The foregoing criteria are deemed to be illustrative, but not exclusive, examples of fundamentally important issues, which should be considered in any redistricting plan. Therefore, the Commissioners Court expresses its intention to measure any plan submitted for consideration by this set of criteria, and to base any eventual exercise of discretion upon the foregoing criteria.

The criteria approved this date were considered in open Court, following posting not less than 72 hours before any action taken on the same. Upon motion by Commissioner Ralph Green, second by Commissioner Allen Martin, the Court adopted the criteria set forth herein by a vote of ___ to ___. unanimous vote

Signed this 12 day of March, 2001.


Hon. Joe Bobbitt
Hunt County Judge

Attest:


County Clerk, De Facto Clerk of the
Hunt County Commissioners Court

7921

To The Honorable Commissioners Court of Hunt County, Texas

We, the undersigned property owners of commissioners precinct No. 1 of Hunt County, Texas, do hereby petition the honorable commissioners court of said county TO CLOSE AN EXISTING COUNTY ROAD. The road being CR 1011 is only servicing the public by being a dumping area. Please see attached map for further description.

Signed:

Bethel Henslee
Land Owner (printed)

B Henslee 2/2/01
(signature & date)

Edie L. Henry
Land Owner (printed)

Edie L. Henry 2-2-01
(signature & date)

HAL JOSE
Land Owner (printed)

Hal Jose - 2-1-2001
(signature & date)

Virginia Woodruff
Land Owner (printed)

Virginia Woodruff 2-1-01
(signature & date)

Richard C. Owens
Land Owner (printed)

Richard C. Owens 2-01-01
(signature & date)

LOVETA R. ADAMS
Land Owner (printed)

Loveta R. Adams 2-1-01
(signature & date)

HARRY WOOD
Land Owner (printed)

Harry Wood 2/1/01
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KENNETH TUCKER
Land Owner (printed)

Kenneth Tucker 2/1/01
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