

COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR SESSION
September 24, 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:

8117 On the motion by Allen Martin, second by Kenneth Thornton, the Court approved Proclamation declaring the week of September 16-22, 2001, as "Farm and Ranch Safety Week" in Hunt County. *See Attachment.*

8118 On the motion by Allen Martin, second by Ralph Green, the Court approved Interlocal Cooperation Contract, as provided by HB468 Section 3(I), between Hunt County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser - Mildred Compton and Hunt County Tax Assessor Collector - Joyce Barrow. This contract would allow Tax Assessor/Collector to act in the place of Chief Appraiser in providing tax certificates or delinquent tax information on manufactured homes as required by HB468. Ben Kinder was present in Court, stating this contract has been approved by the County Attorney and County Appraisal Board. This new contract will require a tax certificate before mobile home is moved to prove no unpaid taxes are due. *See Attachment.*

8119 On the motion by Kenneth Thornton, second by Phillip Martin, the Court approved out of state travel to Louisiana for the District Courts for training on computerized transcription machine.

8120 On the motion by Phillip Martin, second by Kenneth Thornton, the Court approved sick bonus pay for certain employees for Budget Year 2000/2001, which will be on the last check for this year. Agreement was made to waive requirements to take out of part time due to all departments not having funding in these line items. *See Attachment.*

8121 On the motion by Phillip Martin, second by Allen Martin, the Court approved comp time buy back for Budget Year 2000/2001. Funding out of individual budgets, to be paid with no longevity. Court agreed to have a work session to study future of this policy. *See Attachment.*

8122 On the motion by Phillip Martin, second by Ralph Green, the Court approved local law enforcement block grants program in the amount of \$25,651.00 for the purchase of approximately eight computers and lap top computers for sheriffs vehicles, requiring a 10% matching funds (amount of \$2,850.00) in association with block grant. Board members David Gish and Susan Roberts were also present. *See Attachment.*

8123 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Allen Martin, the Court approved implementation plan for valuation of infrastructure in accordance with GASB #34 after presentation by Tommy Nelson, CPA, Singleton and Fincher. The Court appointed County Auditor – Jimmy Hamilton to serve as Chairman for the Implementation Committee once it is formed. GASB #34 will make changes in future bond issues and grants, requiring a listing of all assets and placing value on each asset, which affects our value on roads, ROW's and accrual of fines and court costs beginning September 30, 2003. *See Attachment.*

8124 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Green, the Court approved tax abatement for the Tabani Group on the old Henson building. Judge Bobbitt stated this agreement has been approved by the City of Greenville and other entities in accordance with the tax abatement agreement.

8125 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Allen Martin, the Court approved tax abatement for Cytec Fiberite due to an expansion, which has been completed. *See Attachment.*

— “Discuss CR 4901 in PCT 4.” Jason Cheshier who lives on this road addressed the court concerning removal of rock on their road by the County. Judge Bobbitt advised Mr. Cheshier this is a Commissioner issue and ask him to speak to his Commissioner after Court. Mr. Cheshier ask for a transcript of the meeting, Judge advised him a copy of the minutes can be obtained next week once prepared by the County Clerk.

8126 On the motion by Thornton, second by Phillip Martin, the Court approved application for road upgrade of dirt to rock on CR 1064 and CR 1051 in PCT 1. Commissioner Thornton stated money has been deposited into escrow.

8127 On the motion by Green, second by Thornton, the Court approved application for road upgrade of rock to asphalt on CR 2546 in PCT 2. Commissioner Green stated homeowners donated fees, money in escrow.

8128 On the motion by Green, second by Allen Martin, the Court approved the final plat (the Court noted restrictive covenants added to plat) for Cedar Estates in PCT 2.

8129 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Phillip Martin, the Court authorized all necessary adjustments in Hunt County Election Precincts, Justice of the Peace/Constable Precincts to confirm redistricting of County Commissioners Court Precincts and to authorize Allison, Bass and Associates, LLP, redistricting council, to prepare and submit to the United States Department of Justice a submission seeking pre-clearance of all Hunt County election boundaries, voting places and procedures related to the redistricting of Hunt County. *See Attachment.*

8130 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Allen Martin, the Court approved Order of Constitutional Amendment Election to be held November 6, 2001 to adopt or reject Constitutional Amendments proposed by joint resolutions, as submitted by the 77th Legislature, Regular Session of the State of Texas. Voting locations will be at the same locations as in the past amendment elections. Judges and alternates appointed last year for 2-year term. *See Attachments.*

— “Discuss and possibly take any action pertaining to the New Justice Center.” Judge Bobbitt stated all furniture has been painted, bolted down and have repaired fittings on concrete. The hallways have also been painted. Also, a preliminary smoke test has been done. The Open House will be in approximately one month.

HEAR AND DISCUSS REPORTS:

— Adrian Witofsky – Director of the American Cotton Museum was present to give the September report, stating the board agreed to add “Audie Murphy American Cotton Museum” to the name. The Cotton Jubilee is scheduled for October 20-21, 2001.

Judge Bobbitt also advised the court once retirees turn 65 years old, TAC Retirees Insurance premiums went down, TAC notified the County they would no longer allow age 65 retirees to be on BC/BS – they must apply for Blue Choice. Judge gave Commissioner Phillip Martin permission to investigate this issue.

8131 On the motion by Allen Martin, second by Phillip Martin, the Court approved accounts payable. Judge Bobbitt abstained from the vote.

8132 On the motion by Green, second by Thornton, the Court approved line item budget transfers.

PERSONNEL AND PAYROLL:

Commissioner PCT 3:	Remove Michael Kyle due to his resignation, effective 9-14-01. Remove David Lynch due to his resignation, effective 7-27-01.
County Clerk:	Remove Delores Green, she passed away, effective date 8-31-01.
District Clerk:	Raise Phillip Huffines part time hourly from \$7.00 per hour to \$7.50 per hour, effective date 10-01-01.
Sheriffs:	Add Michael R. Vaughn as Jailer 1 G4/P46 at \$20,400.00 per year, effective date 9-18-01. Add J.R. Estrada as Jailer 1 G4/P46 at \$20,400.00 per year, effective 9-17-01. Add Pamela Waldrep as Jailer 1 G4/P46 at \$20,400.00 effective 9-14-01. Add Randi Bryant as Jailer 1 G4/P46 at \$20,400.00 effective 9-14-01.

8133 Approved on the motion by Allen Martin, second by Phillip Martin.

————— There was no Executive Session. The Court Adjourned at 11:35A.M.

Minutes approved this 8 day of October, 2001.


Hunt County Judge

Attest:


Hunt County Clerk