

COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR SESSION
October 8, 2001

The Hunt County Commissioners Court met this day with all Commissioners present and Judge Joe Bobbitt presiding.

8141 On the motion by Kenneth Thornton, second by Phillip Martin, the Court approved changes to the minutes on a discussion item on September 25, 2001 and the Court also approved change on #8135.

NEW BUSINESS:

8142 On the motion by Allen Martin, second by Ralph Green, the Court approved Resolution of Support for Fannin County concerning the City of Ladonia building a minimal security prison, making jobs available to Hunt County residents, improvement of economic conditions and higher living standards for our county.

8143 On the motion by Kenneth Thornton, second by Phillip Martin, the Court approved the Quarterly Report from Sonya Coker of the Hunt County Boys and Girls Club.

— ‘Hear and possibly discuss recognition of the Free Press – Willie Hobdy – Kuumba Heritage News:’ Mr. Hobdy was not present.

— Joyce Barrow – Tax Assessor/Collector was present to discuss “Recognition of Best Practices Award” presented to Hunt County by the Texas Association of Texas-Leadership Foundation, for innovative administration practices by the Tax Assessor/Collectors Office in its development of a consumer friendly property sales and information website and special collections.

— Joyce Barrow Tax Assessor/Collector made presentation of individual awards of recognition to special collections program developers and administrators to the following: Joyce Barrow – Tax Assessor/Collector

Martha Row – Chief Deputy

Ben Kinder – Program Director

Kay Abbott – Management

8144 On the motion by Ralph Green, second by Allen Martin, the Court approved the creation of a Justice Court technology fund for all JP Courts, Per H.B. 177, Art. 102.0173 – Code of Criminal procedures, requiring certain defendants convicted of misdemeanor offense in a Justice Court to pay a technology fee of \$4.00 as a cost of court

to be administered under direction of the Commissioners Court. The fund can only be used to finance the purchase of technological enhancements for the justice courts such as computer systems, computer networks, hardware, software, imaging systems, electronic kiosks, ticket writers and docket management systems. Effective September 1, 2001 on offenses committed on or after September 1, 2001.

8145 On the motion by Thornton, second by Phillip Martin, the Court approved the application for a one mile road upgrade of dirt to rock on CR 1089 in PCT 1.

Commissioner Thornton stated money has been deposited in Escrow.

8146 On the motion by Green, second by Allen Martin, the Court approved the preliminary plat for Union Hill Estates in PCT 2 presented by Howard Burton.

Commissioner Green noted 15 ft road easement needs to be corrected on the final plat before court approval.

8147 On the motion by Green, second by Thornton, the Court granted permission to advertise and sale for the FY 2001-2002, rock hauling, janitorial supplies, premil oil, sand, copies and computer paper, recycled asphalt, recycled concrete, metal sheets and steel culverts, road oil, box culverts, clear span bridges – 20', 30', 40', fuel and lubricants, and asphalt hot and cold.

8148 On the motion by Phillip Martin, second by Allen Martin, the Court granted permission to advertise and sale for the FY 2001-2002, sale of motor graders – all pcts. , permission to buy one or more motor graders – all pcts. , permission to purchase one or more truck tractors – all pcts. , permission to buy one or more pick-up work trucks – all pcts. , permission to buy one or more trailers (billy dumps, rock trailers) – all pcts. , permission to buy one or more backhoes – all pcts.

— Discuss and possibly take action on Space Management report for Hunt County:

District Judge Rick Beacom – Chairman of this committee, presented the Court with the final draft of recommendation, making the Hunt County Courthouse a “Courts Building”, giving priority of space to the Commissioners, Courts, Clerks and Prosecutors. The committee also explored alternative locations for departments not connected to the court. This survey and evaluation was completed to anticipate certain needs for a projected 5-year plan. Judge Bobbitt asked all members of the Court to study this draft, if necessary

meet with committee members if you have any questions, before being placed back on the Agenda for approval.

— ‘Discuss and possibly take action on any item pertaining to the New Jail: Judge Bobbitt stated another balance test to be done this Friday for certification, due to the facility failing to pass a smoke detention check last week. Furthermore, those administrating the tests felt that adjustments in the buildings ventilation system would bring the building into compliance.

HEAR AND DISCUSS REPORTS:

County Clerk – Linda Brooks asked the Court for permission to use the old DPS office as a work area to prepare for the Constitutional Amendment Election to be held November 6,2001, due to being unable to work at TSO due to water damage. Judge Bobbitt and the Court agreed to the request. Judge also stated the old CJC courtroom has been renovated and is now being used for by CPS, Attorney General and Visiting Judges. Judge also advised the Court if our County Court at Law dockets increases much more, we might have to bring in a visiting Judge for their Court.

8149 On the motion by Allen Martin, second by Thornton, the Court approved accounts payable. Judge abstained from the vote.

8150 On the motion by Green, second by Thornton, the Court approved line – item budget transfers.

PERSONNEL AND PAYROLL:

Maintenance:	Add Edwin “Ed” Totman as part time hourly, Maintenance Tech I at \$9.00 per hour, effective date 10-01-01.
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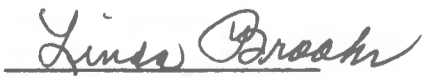
8151 Approved on the motion by Thornton, second by Allen Martin.

— The Court went into Executive Session at 11:00A.M. with no action taken.

Court Adjourned at 11:08 A.M. Minutes approved this 22 day of October, 2001.


Hunt County Judge

Attest:


Hunt County Clerk



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Resolution of Support

Whereas, Hunt County is adjacent to Fannin County, and

Whereas, The City of Ladonia sits in the southeast corner of Fannin County adjacent to Hunt County, and

Whereas, the City of Ladonia is about to build a prison in its town, and

Whereas, the prison will make jobs available to Hunt County residents and will contribute to improved economic conditions and higher living standards throughout Hunt County, **Now Therefore**,

Be it resolved by the Hunt County Commissioner's Court that:
The county hereby supports in mind and in spirit the City of Ladonia in its efforts to locate the prison there, and

Furthermore, the commission urges officials having sovereignty over Hunt County to likewise support the City of Ladonia in its efforts to locate the prison there.

Passed and approved this 8 day of October, 2001.

Approved:

Joe A. Bobbitt
County Judge

Attest:

Linda Brooks
County Clerk