

COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR SESSION
March 27, 2004

The Hunt County Commissioners Court met this day at 10:00A.M. with all Commissioners present with Judge Joe Bobbitt presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

9045 On the motion by Phillip Martin, second by Ralph Green, the Court authorized the County Auditor to seek RFP proposals for the financing of the Johnson Controls Project in the amount of \$1,416,000.00. The Court further stipulated anyone submitting proposals must have at least (1) energy finance management on their history. The Court agreed to combine the amounts, but leave the prior 7 year old amount on (1) payment schedule; the new amount would be a full 10 year payment, to allow the County a lesser interest rate. The Court noted the parking lot is not included at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

9046 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Kenneth Thornton, the Court approved the Racial Profiling Report for 2003 presented by Chief Robert White of the Sheriff's Department. Chief White stipulated the Motor Vehicle Department has no way to break down statistics on White and Hispanics. *See Attachment.*

9047 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Green, the Court approved the proclamation stating "National Agriculture Week" will be March 14th – 20th. 2004 in Hunt County. *See Attachment.*

9048 On the motion by Martin, second by Latham, the Court approved the new appointment of Mary Lou Holly to the Hunt County Child Protective Services Board at the request of Connie Bond.

9049 On the motion by Martin, second by Latham, the Court approved request of David Caldwell with the Hunt County Committee on Aging for donation of 2 retired Sheriff's vehicles for delivery of meals (approximately 250 home meals each day). The Court stipulated reimbursement must be made to the maintenance department for any repair fees on each vehicle. After the discussion, the Court amended their first motion –

9050 On the motion by Martin, second by Latham, the Court approved donation of 4 retired Sheriff's vehicles to the Committee on Aging, with the above listed stipulation.

9051 On the motion by Green, second by Thornton, the Court approved 800 ft of dirt to rock upgrade on CR2708 in Pct 2. Commissioner Green stated money has been deposited into Escrow Account.

9052 On the motion by Martin, second by Latham, the Court approved request of GEUS Electric to build electrical facilities down CR 3313 in Pct 3 with the usual stipulations.

9053 On the motion by Latham, second by Martin, the Court approved 300 ft of dirt to rock road upgrade on CR 4426 in Pct 4 with the usual stipulations. Commissioner Latham stated money has been deposited into Escrow Account.

9054 On the motion by Green, second by Martin, the Court approved option of payments of fines, court cost, and warrant fees for all Justice of the Peace Courts to be paid through a credit card payment program with Certified Payments, Inc. The cost for this service will be paid by the user, with no cost to Hunt County. JP – Erwin advised the Court no clerk will handle the credit card, process to be done by the user, additionally, no cash refunds to be made, credit to be applied to credit card only. This will be a big asset to these offices, as well as a time saver. Payments can be made on the internet or at a payment computer set up in these offices. Judge Erwin stated his employees will be required to have training to allow them to be able to download the tickets each morning, once this is completed, the disposition can be sent to Austin each day or to the Court of Administration. The Court stipulated this service is being approved for all JP's, but each elected official must decide when their office is ready to use this service.

9055 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Green, the Court approved an extension of a 30 day notice to all of our school districts to come up with a cooperative agreement to utilize this building. Agreement was made by the Court to request a Letter of Commitment with a Comprehensive Plan from all the School Districts on the intended use of this building. The Court also need to know how many school districts are going to actively participate in funding this endeavor. Judge Bobbitt stated we will schedule a meeting in 30 days. Several interested parties were present for this agenda item –

Graham Sweeney with Boles ISD, Charlie Patterson, Terry Driggers – Flying D Auctioneering, R.J. Smith, Mr. Manning-Higgenbotham Auctioneering and Frank Janda – Real Estate Agent. Commissioner Green ask if Charlie Patterson & Terry Driggers could give us an idea of what this building might be worth – agreement was made to do this to help make a decision on this building. Commissioner Green stated we need to justify what we do with this building, we need to give to all ISD's, not just one. We represent the County, we're talking about County monies, or probable money that would come to the County. We will have to justify not getting that money in. If we can give it back to all taxpayers, through some service, such as all the ISD's that would be best.

9056 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Martin, the Court approved appointment of Commissioner Jim Latham to the Citizens Advisory Panel for Public School Finance.

9057 On the motion by Green, second by Martin, the Court approved amendments to the County Budget for FY 2003-2004, with the exception of Commissioner Latham request to purchase a \$180,000.00 motor grader. Several Commissioners stated they were not in favor of approving this request due to a precedent already set in another Pct. The Court felt it would be best to wait until Budget time and not go above current budgetary authority. Therefore, the Court and Commissioner Latham agreed to drop request.

— 'Discuss & possibly take action on approval of continuing education hours for Commissioners Pct 1 thru 4:' The Court agreed to place this item on OLD BUSINESS next Court.

9058 On the motion by Martin, second by Latham, the Court approved sale of Jail Equipment (double stacked beds from the temporary jail facility, urinals purchase 10-12 years age for Juvenile Detention when located on the 6th floor and spare lights left off the Jail Project) to Van Zandt County for the amount of \$2,240.00. Agreement was made by the Court for Van Zandt County to pick up this equipment.

HEAR AND DISCUSS REPORTS:

Mr. And Mrs. Abundiz of 444 CR 2146 were present in Court. Judge Bobbitt advised this family that Explorer Pipeline has donated \$5,000 as a gift to allow this road to have

repairs. The Court advised Mr. Abundiz this property shouldn't have been sold to them before this road had been fixed.

Roy McGee – Maintenance Department was present discussing the possibility of using the old Esco Building near Ardis Hights as a storage space for the County, due to running out of space at our storage area on Pickett Street.

Steve Ramsay – Hartford Insurance was present to clarify to the Court coverage for the Tax Office would be \$2.5 million / \$25,000.00 deductible for renewal of Crime Policy.

Commissioner Green advised the Court he has contacted Mr. Hamberger concerning drainage plans for interior roads for our Subdivision Rules and Regulations, stating his requirements are so extreme to cover whatever might happen. Judge Bobbitt stated Commissioner Court can grant a variance to regulate. Commissioner Green to contact Kaufman County on work done on similar situation.

9059 On the motion by Martin, second by Latham, the Court approved accounts payable. Judge Bobbitt abstained from the vote.

9060 On the motion by Martin, second by Green, the Court approved line-item budget transfers, with the modification to strike \$25,000 to Sheriff's Department on telephone.

PAYROLL & PERSONNEL:

County Auditor:	Change Debbie Thomas from full time to part time at \$13.20 per hour. Her schedule will be Tuesday thru Thursdays 8AM to 5P.M., effective 3-18-04.
County Attorney:	Remove Nancy Kennedy as Assistant County Attorney, due to resignation and move to Collin County, effective 3-19-04.
District Clerk:	Add Ashleigh Clark as part time hourly Clerk at \$6.00 per hour, effective 3-17-04.
JP Pct 3 – Jimmy Sumrow:	Terminate Connie Sue Shortes as Clerk, effective 2-12-04.
Juvenile Detention:	Remove Derrick Mapps, effective 2-20-04.
Maintenance:	Change Anthony Gunwall from part time to full time Maintenance Tech/G4 at \$22,000.00, effective 3-22-04.
Sheriff's Department:	Remove Sgt Robert Blackmon, due to his resignation, effective 3-19-04. Promote Deborah Carter Jailer 2/G5 to shift Sgt, effective 3-21-04. Salary of \$26,749.00 per annum. Promote Gail Hite to Corporal, effective

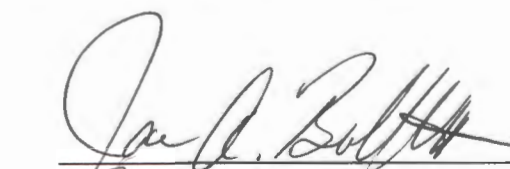
	<p>3-21-04. To assume duties of Programs Officer, with adjusted pay to be \$26,203.00.</p> <p>Add John Gray as Detention Officer G/4 at \$22,273.00 annual, effective 3-12-04.</p> <p>Remove Cheryl Ellenburg as Jailer, due to resignation (hostile working conditions and unfair policies by Management), effective 3-12-04.</p> <p>Add Darin Jobe as Detention Officer G/4 at \$22,273.00, effective 3-17-04.</p>
911 Coordinator	<p>Remove Shannon Hestand, effective 3-19-04.</p> <p>Add Jackie Cornish as part time hourly Secretary at \$7.00 per hour, effective 3-22-04. 90 day probation period.</p>

9061 On the motion by Martin, second by Latham, the Court approved personnel and payroll changes.

_____ Court Adjourned at 12:15P.M. Minutes approved this 12 day of March, 2004.

Attest:


Linda D. Green
Hunt County Clerk


Joe A. Bolter
Hunt County Judge



HUNT COUNTY SHERIFF

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DON ANDERSON, Sheriff
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LINDA BROOKS
County Clerk, Hunt County, Tex.
By *[Signature]*

HUNT COUNTY RACIAL PROFILING REPORT 2003

March 10, 2003					
	WHITE/HISPANIC	BLACKS	NATIVE AMERICAN	ASIAN	OTHER
TOTAL DRIVERS 51,097	45,298	4,607	94	581	517
% OF LICENSED DRIVERS	89%	9%	0.18%	1.14%	1.01%
TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS 355	338	16	0	1	0
% BY RACE	95%	5%	0.00%	0.30%	0%
TOTAL SEARCHES 99	88	2	0	0	0
CONSENTIAL % BY RACE 90	89%	2%	0%	0%	0%
PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCHES 9	9%	0	0	0	0
% BY RACE	98%	2%	0%	0%	0%
TOTAL ARRESTS 28	28	0	0	0	0
% BY RACE	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Robert White



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Proclamation

Whereas, The week of March 14 to 20th, 2004, is NATIONAL AGRICULTURE WEEK IN TEXAS, as proclaimed by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs

Whereas, agriculture starts with the growing and harvesting of food and fiber and ends with almost everything we eat, wear and use, and

Whereas, we all must appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing a sage, abundant and affordable food, horticulture and fiber supply now and for years to come, and

Whereas, increased knowledge of agriculture and nutrition allows us to make healthier food choices for ourselves and for our families, and

Whereas, Texas agriculture is not just producing abundant food, horticulture and fiber, but is producing higher quality items that continue to meet the ever-increasing needs of consumers throughout Texas and around the world, and

Whereas, Texas agriculture produces whole some nutritious foods that give us a multitude of healthy menu choices and access to fresh meat, grains and produce, and

Whereas, Texas agriculture builds upon centuries of progress by making constant advances in science, research, technology, production and marketing to meet changing consumer demands, 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 agricultural production – including livestock, crops, aquaculture, horticulture and forestry, and

Whereas, Texas agriculture produces large quantities of high quality food and fiber, and plays a major role in health and nutrition as well as in water conservation, rural economic development, global trade and the preservation of the environment, and

Whereas, an awareness of the impact that agriculture has on our daily lives helps us understand the vital stake that we all have in Texas' second largest industry, and

Whereas, agriculture plays a key role in the lives of everyone in this country. 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 22nd day of March 2004.

Joe A. Bobbitt
Hunt County Judge

stat # 9057

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Prepared By		
Approved By		

Budget Amendments

3-22-04

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MAR 22 2004

LINDA BROOKS
County Clerk, Hunt County, Tex.

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apt	Acct #	Description		ADD:
Comm. Pct 4:				
	24-038-6636	Equipment - CASH Purchase Mtr. Grader (EXP)	180,000 -	
	24-038-6216	Escrow Rd. Agmt EXP. (EXP)	4,500 -	
	24-5991	Capital Contrib. Road Impv. (Rev)	4,500 -	
Hunt Co. GRANTS:				
	27-040-5935	Fire Marshall (Rev)	41,536 -	
	27-040-6636	Equip. (EXP)	34,304 -	
	27-040-6633	Sirens, Lights, Equip (EXP)	7,232 -	
2004 Ct. House Renovation				
	49-018-6918	Construct. Mgr. Fee (EXP)	870,000 -	
	49-018-6919	Architect Fees (EXP)	66,000 -	
	49-5940	Proceeds - Lease Agmt. (Rev)	1,416,000 -	
Local Law Enf. Blk. Grant				
	93-020-6394	Non Capital Equip. (EXP)	25,834 -	
Dist. Clerk Records Mgmt. Fund				
	71-5916	Fees Collected (Rev)	2,000 -	
General Fund:				
	10-5761	Indigent Def. Task Grant (Rev)	36,000 -	
	10-5825	Housing Federal Inmates (Rev)	100,000 -	
	10-028-6485	Add. Jail Supplies / Food Products - New Acct (EXP)	100,000 -	

FUND	Add EXP.	Add Rev.
24 R+B #4	184,500 -	4,500 -
27 H.C. GRANTS	41,536 -	41,536 -
49 2004 Ct House Renov.	936,000 -	1,416,000 -
93 LLEBG	25,834 -	-0-
71 DCRMF	-0-	2,000 -
10 General Fund	100,000 -	136,000 -
Totals	\$1,287,870 -	\$1,600,036 -

\$2,887,906 -