

COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR SESSION
October 24, 2005

The Hunt County Commissioners Court met this day at 10:00A.M. with Commissioners Green, Martin, and Latham present; Commissioner Thornton was absent due to special assignment in South Texas today, with Judge Joe Bobbitt presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

9603 On the motion by Ralph Green, second by Jim Latham, the Court approved bids received on rock from WW Rock and Smith Buster Crushed Stone. Court noted bid from WW Rock received on time prior to deadline. All bids on file in Personnel Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

9604 On the motion by Latham, second by Phillip Martin, the Court approved Quarterly Report from Northeast Texas Children's Museum, presented by Toni Felts.

9605 On the motion by Martin, second by Green, the Court approved Quarterly Report from the Audie Murphy – American Cotton Museum, presented by Adrian Witkofsky.

9606 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Latham, the Court approved the reappointment of John Clark to the Hunt County Appraisal Board.

9607 On the motion by Green, second by Martin, the Court approved the 2006 Plan Rates for Texas County and District Retirement System with no changes; 7% employee deposit rate and 8.49 % employer contribution rate. *See Attachment.*

9608 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Green, the Court approved adjustment of county mileage reimbursement to the state approved rate of reimbursement of 40.5 ¢ for Hunt County, effective this date, County to adjust as needed.

9609 On the motion by Green, second by Latham, the Court approved the 2006 – 2007 Holiday Schedule. *See Attachment.*

— ‘ Discuss and possibly approve the Final Plat for Vista Meadows Addition in Pct 1:’
Agreement was made by the Court to place on OLD BUSINESS next Court, due to incorrect listing as Hunt Collin Electric, which should be Caprock Electric.

9610 On the motion by Green, second by Martin, the Court approved request of FEC Electric to construct electrical power distribution facilities along and across CR2250 in Pct 2, with the usual stipulations.

9611 On the motion by Green, second by Martin, the Court approved the request of FEC Electric to construct electrical power distribution facilities along and across CR2440 in Pct 2, with the usual stipulations.

9612 On the motion by Green, second by Martin, the Court approved the request of FEC Electric to construct electrical power distribution facilities along and across CR2646 in Pct 2, with the usual stipulations.

9613 On the motion by Martin, second by Green, the Court approved the preliminary plat for Cedar Oaks Phase Two in Pct 3, presented by Mike Heine.

9614 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Latham, the Court approved the 2006 Hunt County Resolution on Indigent Defense Discretionary Grant Program. *See Attachment.*

9615 On the motion by Latham, second by Martin, the Court approved report regarding the progress of the City of Commerce Animal Shelter and approved Invoice # 002573 from the City of Commerce in the amount of \$30,000.00.

9616 On the motion by Judge Bobbitt, second by Martin, the Court approved the Quarterly Investment Report from County Treasurer – Delores Shelton.

9617 On the motion by Martin, second by Latham, the Court approved changes made for Judges and Alternate Judges in some of the voting precincts to complete the term of appointment (appointments expire July 31, 2006) on the request of Mina Cook – Elections Administrator. *See Attachment.*

ADDENDUM:

9618 On the motion by Martin, second by Green, the Court approved .532 mile road upgrade of dirt to gravel on CR3131, under Section 11 – E of the Hunt County Road Policies.

9619 On the motion by Martin, second by Latham, the Court approved accounts payable. Judge Bobbitt abstained from the vote.

— There were no line-item budget transfers.

PERSONNEL AND PAYROLL:

<u>COUNTY ATTORNEY:</u>	Add Cameron Cowan as Assistant County Attorney at \$53,919.00, effective 10-17-05.
<u>354TH DISTRICT COURT:</u>	Add Ross Powell as hourly Bailiff at \$14.27, effective 10-10-05.
<u>911:</u>	Remove Tina Pierce as 911 Coordinator, due to her resignation, effective 12-1-05.
<u>JUVENILE DETENTION:</u>	Remove the following inactive detention officers Charles Boyd, Leesa Cook, Cynthia Mauldin, Samantha Krambeer and Shahnez Turner, effective 10-12-05.
<u>SHERIFF DEPARTMENT:</u>	<p>Add Kevin Stroud as Detention Officer at \$23,941.00 annually, effective 10-19-05.</p> <p>Add Conroy Johnson as Detention Officer at \$23,941.00 annually, effective 10-19-05.</p> <p>Add Regina Fvrstenworth as part time Librarian at \$7.50 per hour, effective 10-12-05.</p> <p>Add Claudia Mathis as hourly Clerk/Receptionist at \$8.50 per hour, effective 10-17-05.</p>

9620 On the motion by Green, second by Martin, the Court approved personnel and payroll changes.

— Court Adjourned at 11:10. Minutes approved this 14 day of November, 2005.


 Hunt County Judge

Attest:



Hunt County Clerk



No Plan Change Notice and Rate Acknowledgment

Variable-Rate Plan

Please submit this form if your county or district is not making plan revisions for 2006. Keep in mind that even if your county or district elects no benefit changes, your required employer contribution rate may change for 2006. An order or resolution must be submitted to TCDRS if your county or district is authorizing any new option, right or benefit. Please contact TCDRS if you have questions.

Hunt County

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Employer Name

Employer Number

2006 Plan Rates

My county or district chooses to make no plan changes for 2006. I understand that our employee deposit and employer contribution rates will be:

Employee Deposit Rate: 7.00%

Employer Contribution Rate: 8.49%

Employer Certification

Only the chair of the governing board or the official TCDRS correspondent may sign this form.

Joe A. Bobbitt

Name of Authorized Signer

JOE A. BOBBITT

HUNT COUNTY JUDGE

Title

Authorized Signature

10-24-2005

Date

Texas County and District Retirement System Subdivision Plan Data for Hunt County

Plan Data as of 01/01/2005

Type of Plan:	Annually Determined Contribution Rate (ADCR) Plan
Employee Deposit Rate:	7.00% of gross compensation
Employer Deposit Rate:	8.64% of gross compensation
Maximum Contribution Waiver:	Authorized by this subdivision.
Optional Group Term Life Deposit Rate:	
Current Matching Rate:	200% of employee deposits and interest. Matched at retirement.
Prior Service Credit Allocation Rate:	155% of accumulated prior service credit.
Employer Participation Date:	November 01, 1970

Special Purchase Eligibility:

Premembership Credit: Not Authorized by this subdivision
Military Service Credit: Authorized by this subdivision. - Service Requirement: 8 years.

Special Enrollment Eligibility:

Prosecuting Attorney Participation: Not Authorized by this subdivision
District Judge Participation: Not Authorized by this subdivision

Service Retirement Eligibility:

30 years of service at any age.
 Age 60 and 8 years of service.
 Rule of 75

Disability Retirement Eligibility:

Must be incapacitated for any gainful employment
 Incapacity is likely to be permanent
 If the person has less than 8 years of service, the incapacity must be the direct result of injuries sustained during membership by external and violent means as a direct and proximate result of the performance of duty.

Survivor Annuity Death Benefit Eligibility:

4 years of service.

Optional Group Term Life Eligibility:

Not Authorized by this subdivision.

CPI-Based Benefit Increase:

Not Authorized by this subdivision.

Flat Rate Benefit Increase:

Not Authorized by this subdivision.

Buyback:

Not Authorized for this plan year.

Partial Lump Sum Distribution:

Not Authorized by this subdivision.

TCDRS EmployerNumber: 215

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 FILED FOR RECORD
 at 10:15 o'clock A.M.
 DECEMBER 15, 2006
 L. J. BROWN
 County Clerk, Hunt County, Tex.
 By: J. Davis

Holiday Schedule for 2006

January 2	New Year's Day	Monday
January 16	Martin Luther King Day	Monday
April 14	Good Friday	Friday
May 29	Memorial Day	Monday
July 4	Independence Day	Tuesday
September 4	Labor Day	Monday
November 13	Veterans Day	Monday
November 23 & 24	Thanksgiving	Thur. & Fri.
December 22	Christmas	Friday
December 25	Christmas Day	Monday

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at 10:30 o'clock A M

OCT 24 2005

**2006 Hunt County Resolution
Indigent Defense Discretionary Grant Program**

LINDA BROOKS
County Clerk, Hunt County, Tex.By: G. Lewis

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Texas Government Code Section 71.062 and Texas Administrative Code Chapter 173, counties are eligible to receive grants from the Task Force on Indigent Defense to provide improvements in indigent defense services in the county; and

WHEREAS, this grant program will assist the county in the implementation and the improvement of the indigent criminal defense services in this county; and

WHEREAS, Hunt County Commissioners Court has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the funds, Hunt County Commissioners assures that the funds will be returned in full to the Task Force on Indigent Defense.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and ordered that the County Judge of this county is designated as the Authorized Official to apply for, accept, decline, modify, or cancel the grant application for the Indigent Defense Discretionary Grant Program and all other necessary documents to accept said grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Diane McNair is designated as the Program Director and contact person for this grant and the County Auditor is designated as the Financial Officer for this grant.

Adopted this 24 day of October, 2005.

Joe A. Bobbitt
Joe A. Bobbitt
County Judge

Attest:

Linda Brooks

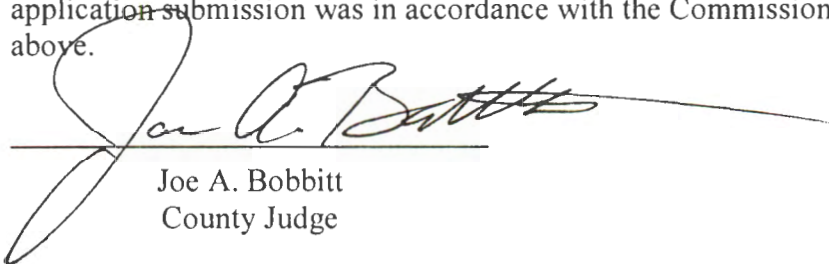
County Clerk

By: Jan Lewis, Deputy

Note: This Required Resolution is to obtain grant funds. Please do not alter it other than to fill in the optional spaces. Please direct request to alter to the Task Force's Special Counsel.

Internet Submission Form

After submitting the discretionary grant application on-line, the following Internet submission confirmation number was received #D200611620051014. This grant application submission was in accordance with the Commissioners Court Resolution above.



Joe A. Bobbitt
County Judge

**2006 Hunt County Discretionary Grant Application Narrative
(Single-Year Grant)**

a. Application Form

Counties Represented: **Hunt**

Fiscal Year: **2006**

State Payee Identification Number: **75-6001017**

Division To Administer Grant: **Auditor's Office**

Program Title: **Video Teleconferencing for Hunt County, Texas**

Requested Grant Amount: **\$94,875.00**

Financial Officer: **Jim P. Hamilton**

Program Director: **Diane McNair**

Mailing Address: **PO Box 1097; Greenville, TX 75403**

RECEIVED
at 10:30 AM

County Clerk
J. Lewis
Hunt County, Tex.

b. Introduction (Executive Summary)

Hunt County is requesting funding to purchase a Video Teleconferencing System for the purpose of assisting the County with assignments of court appointed attorneys, arraignments, mental health hearings, probable cause hearings-mental, pre-trial hearings, juvenile detention hearings and bond hearings for indigent detainees. We propose to install video teleconferencing in three justice courtrooms, two district courtrooms, and one county court at law courtroom with the end users located in 3 different secured areas of the Hunt County jail and one in the Hunt County Juvenile detention center. Hunt County has worked to set high standards for our Indigent Defense Program. The proposed system will allow our courts to operate more efficiently as well as provide Hunt County indigent defendants a timelier defense assuring our compliance with the Fair Defense Act.

c. Problem Statement

Hunt County has a population of approximately 80,000 and is growing. We have experienced a large increase in our crime rate from prior years; therefore, we have more indigent inmates requesting court appointed attorneys and more court hearings. Mental evaluation hearings, pre-trial hearings, juvenile hearings and bond hearings must be transported to the courts leaving our courtrooms over-crowded not to mention the additional jailers or bailiffs being utilized to provide the transports to and from the courts. Once the jailer/bailiff has transported the defendant to the court, he/she may spend several hours securing the defendant until the court is able to address and complete their needs. Due to the increase in indigent defendants in custody crowding our courts and the time it takes to return the defendant to the jail, we are concerned with being put at a greater security risk.

Distance traveled roundtrip from the jail to the courts:

JP 2 Commerce = 34 miles

JP 3 Wolfe City = 38 miles

JP 4 Quinlan = 34 miles

District Courts and County Court at Law Court = 0.25 miles.

By having the Video Teleconferencing System in place, it would eliminate crowded courts, provide better security, have eligible indigent detainees remain in the facility without the need of transport, eliminate unnecessary transport costs, impact number of jailers/personnel needed for transports freeing them to provide a service to the county by performing other much needed duties and allow courts to operate more efficiently and in a more timely manner.

d. Objectives

Video Teleconferencing:

1. Expedite attorney/client appointments and court hearings
2. Expedite mental health hearings
3. Eliminate crowded courts
4. Reduce time indigent defendants are incarcerated

5. Provide better security
6. Reduce transport needs and costs
7. Impact number of jailers needed for transports freeing them to meet other needs of the detention facilities
8. Allow courts and detention centers to operate more efficiently in a more timely manner assuring our compliance with the Fair Act Bill

e. Methodology or Project Design

The Video Teleconferencing System will be installed by Hunt County's Information Technology Department.

The equipment will be purchased and installation will begin. A demonstration and training class be will held. A total of 10 Video Desktop Communication Systems will be installed as follows:

1. 196th District Court
2. 354th District Court
3. County Court at Law
4. JP 2 Court - Commerce, TX
5. JP 3 Court - Wolfe City, TX
6. JP 4 Court - Quinlan, TX
7. Juvenile Detention Center
8. Jail - Mental Health Screening Room
9. Jail - Arraignment Room 1
10. Jail - Arraignment Room 2

As shown above, we are requesting funding for three video teleconference systems in our jail so that courts do not find themselves waiting on another court in order to communicate with indigent detainees .

Our JP 1-1 and JP 1-2 courts are located in the same building as the jail. Because of the convenient proximity to the defendants, we are not requesting video setups for these two courtrooms.

f. Evaluation

Program success will be measured by the following criteria: The proposed Discretionary Grant Funding of a Two Way Teleconference System through the Task Force allows for a cost savings to Hunt County due to the county being able to operate its indigent judicial processes in a more efficiently and timely manner, reduce the number of jailer/bailiffs needed to transport inmates, reduce travel expenses, expedite court hearings thereby reducing jail population reducing the county's inmate per diem cost. It is a certainty that Hunt County will benefit from this funding and once the systems are operational Judges will be able to provide detailed feedback to the Task Force on how their courts have benefited.

g. Future Funding

This grant will reflect a one-time allotment of monies for the purpose of the purchasing and the installation of the Video Teleconferencing System. The grant will allow Hunt County to provide a valuable resource to the indigent defendants of Hunt County and ensure compliance with The Fair Defense Act.

h. Budget

Equipment costs will include all video conferencing units at all locations. Installation of data connections mounting hardware, testing, and initial training for system operators at each location. The following breaks down the equipment costs.

Equipment	\$80,797
10 -Video Conferencing Systems	
6 - Document Presenters	
1 - Monitor	
Supplies	\$6,850
System Installation	

5 – 5 Port Switch	
1 – Cable and wiring	
1 – Telephone charges for sites	
Contract Services	\$4,728
Maintenance Service for equipment	
Travel/Training	\$2,500
Our IT Director will do training for all courts and detention facilities.	
Total	\$94,875
Personnel Costs	\$0.00
FTE's	
Salary	
Fringe Benefits	
Travel and Training	\$2,500.00
Equipment	\$80,797.00
Supplies	\$6,850.00
Contract Services	\$4,728.00
Indirect	
Total	\$94,875.00

Done

- Precinct # 104. Previous Judge Wayne Shockley sent letter in stating his health is declining and is unable to work as Judge anymore. I recommend Dana Russell.
- Precinct #106: Previous Judge James Roberts moved to precinct 212. I recommend Bill Thomas.
- Precinct #108: Previous Judge Ruby Mobley called and said she has been in the hospital and is unable to work this election. I recommend Byron Smith.
- Precinct #213: Previous Judge Brenda Gore is stepping down because her life is too busy at this time. I recommend Carylton Ethridge.
- Precinct #218: Previous Judge Lorna Greenwood has moved to Hawaii for a job. I recommend Olive Chambers.
- Precinct #323: There were problems with the poll being opened on time with previous Judge Kelly Locke & Alternate Judge Jennifer Slocum. I recommend Jerry Forbes as Judge and Larry Kissell as Alternate.
- Precinct #324: Previous Alternate Judge Ann Dooley called and stated she would not be available to work anymore. I recommend Kay Munger.
- Precinct #325: Previous Judge Jan Norman does not want to be Judge anymore. I recommend Carla Narramore.
- Precinct #428: Previous Alternate Judge Gerri Titus does not want to work with the appointed Judge anymore. I recommend Mary Williams.
- Precinct #430: Previous Alternate Judge Ralph Stroope is unavailable to work at this time due to his job. At this time I am unable to fill this position, but I am still working on.

Per the reasons listed above, I am requesting the Commissioners Court to adopt the recommended persons to complete the term of appointment, which will expire on July 31st, 2006.

Saved as: Judge & Alternate Changes for 2005/mc

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 at 10:15 o'clock 11 M
 OCT 24 2005
 LINDA BROOKS
 County Clerk, Hunt County, Tex.
 By Jan Lewis