

HUNT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 23, 2010

[Attachments](#)

The Hunt Commissioners Court met this day at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom with all Commissioners' present, with Judge John Horn presiding. County Clerk-Linda Brooks and County Auditor-Jimmy Hamilton were present. Mickey Mixson gave the invocation.

11,634 On the motion by Ralph Green, second by Kenneth Thornton, the Court re-approved minutes from the May 24, 2010 meeting, correcting a clerical error on # 11,536.

11,635 On the motion by Thornton, second by Green, the Court approved the minutes from the meeting held August 9, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS:

11,636 On the motion by Thornton, second by Green, the Court approved award for administrative and professional services for the 2010 TXCDBG Step Grant for Hickory Creek S.U.D., presented by Charles Edwards-Resource Management.

11,637 On the motion by Thornton, second by Green, the Court approved award for engineering services for the 2010 TXCDBG Step Grant for the Hickory Creek S.U.D. to Daniel Brown, Inc., per by Mike Hogue, with the Utility District, stating all proper procedures were followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

\_\_\_\_\_ On the motion by Green, second by Jim Latham, the Court agreed to place Agreement by and between Hunt County and Paris Junior College for the Hunt County Sheriff's Office Law Academy on OLD BUSINESS or wait 2 weeks for next Court, if we move forward today with

coverage by PJC Insurance. Lana Adams with the Sheriff's Office, John Spradling with Paris Junior College and Daniel Ray-County Civil Attorney were present for this discussion. Mr. Ray advised the Court, the purpose for this Memorandum of Understanding, which is basically a Contract between PJC, Hunt County and Hunt County Sheriff's Office is to organize a Police Academy here that will include people who already work for Hunt County, people looking to be Deputy's here; but, it will also include about 75% of the people outside wanting to go through the Academy to get college credits and go to other places. The main issue of this project is liability insurance. Rex Hall at TAC Insurance Pool stated under our current plan we have -0- coverage for any of this. In the future we can obtain coverage, but school is scheduled to begin tonight. Therefore, we cannot rely on TAC Insurance to cover anything that happens. In Sec 5 of the General Provisions-PJC has agreed to provide Hunt County as an additional named insurer in the amount of (1) Million per occurrence, with (2) Million per aggregate. So, it could cover up to (2) Million a year. If there was a single accident, it would cover (1) Million per year. Basically, this would cover classroom instruction only. The major issue is outside the classroom, specifically, the firing range and the vehicle maneuvering activities. The Sheriff's Office understands this need to be done at no cost to Hunt County. Obviously, PJC doesn't have its own firing range or the vehicle driving course. The plan we have now is once the City Council appoints the new Chief of Police, we won't have a problem getting a M.O.U. with the City; also, I have another alternative Agreement the City has Majors Gun Club. This will be the same exact Agreement that the City is going to require with Hunt County for use of its firing range and vehicle course. It will require indemnification of the City from Hunt County, and addition of the City as an additional insurer up to (1) Million; basically, the same type of policy that PJC is adding the County on to. The reason their adding the County, is due to the Sheriff's Office is part of the County; thereby, insuring that the County and the Sheriff's Office are both covered. If there was an accident on the firing range, and someone was shot, due to the short time limit because of the Texas Court Claims Act, they will name everybody in a lawsuit. This can't happen on the TAC Insurance Policy that we have now, the County's coverage is no where near this amount, plus there is no available rider for this type of coverage; whenever the Board meets, the earliest possible date for that rider to be written and attached (which would be an additional cost), earliest possible date would be in November when the Board meets. I have contacted Glen Steed with Galyean Insurance Agency, his approximate cost for all of the coverage we need

would be \$2,000.00 to \$5,000.00. It is possible these costs could be paid from the seizure fund.

Carl Nicholl stated he had serious considerations that knowing what all is on this plate, that we may have to drag risk management into this issue. I don't know if this can be done in 2 weeks.

You're talking about embarking on something these other counties have done, are they doing this through another outside source, or are they training people, or are they doing this for the public off of the street. After much discussion the Court agreed to approve:

**11,638** On the motion by Green, second by Latham, the Court approved this Agreement by and between Hunt County and PJC for the Hunt County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Academy, contingent upon getting the needed insurance at a reasonable price, or contracting out the two parts of this that we have discussed here. Mr. Ray wanted to make the Court sure of that may not be the only two considerations that we have, this motion needs to be based on two future events happening: (1) that Insurance is bought at no cost to the County to cover the holes discussed and (2) to have an insurance review completed by TAC Board, to make sure PJC Policy does cover everything it says it covers, per the TCLOSE rules. Item approved on unanimous vote of the Court.

**11,639** On the motion by Thornton, second by Green, the Court approved action on City-County Plat approval Agreement by and between the City of Farmersville and Hunt County. John Moran with the City of Farmersville was present to discuss issue of Farmersville's adoption of controlling their ETJ, which is ½ mile radius around Farmersville, with 2 areas of ETJ in Hunt County encompassing 1/3 of Merit. The City Council of Merit approved this agreement to bring to you today. Mr. Moran stated this Agreement allows us to enforce our subdivision rules and our ETJ's. *See Attachment.*

**11,640** On the motion by Latham, second by Thornton, the Court approved rejecting all bids received for North Hunt SUD for 2009 Texas Development Block Grant Program. Project to advertise for re-bids.

11,641 On the motion by Latham, second by Middlebrooks, the Court approved permission to enter into Interlocal Agreement by and between Hunt County and the North Texas Council of Government for Solid Waste Implementation Grant Program. Richard Hill-Fire Marshall stated out of 75 applicants for Homeland Security Grants we scored 17. We were awarded, at no cost to the County, a grant for \$46,925.00 to be utilized for environmental purposes, and for the purchase of a ¾ ton Pick-up completely rigged out, with a specialized trailer for cleanup projects and solid waste enforcement. Also, included in this grant there is \$1,500.00 we will use to print up fliers, and to do public service announcements, in order to educate people of the way society has changed, and the way environmental laws have changed over the years. County Auditor-Jimmy Hamilton questioned the insurance coverage, would this grant cover the insurance for the 1<sup>st</sup> year. Mr. Hill stated no, it would not be covered; but this truck is probably going to be a replacement vehicle. Mr. Hill stated he would clear this with TCEQ (since the funding was made possible by the TCEQ) at COG. Mr. Hamilton suggested we add in some monies to cover this expense as a precautionary measure. Judge Horn noted we need to contact the grant administrator at COG to see about funding differences from what the bid came in and what the actual allocations were. *See Attachment.*

11,642 On the motion by Latham, second by Green, the Court approved adding an additional mobile voting location, per request of Campbell ISD for the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 Election to be at the Campbell ISD Sports Park, located at 409 W. North Street, Campbell, Texas. *See Attachment.*

11,643 On the motion by Middlebrooks, second by Green, the Court approved acceptance of Petition, applicable only to the registered voters in the City Limits of Quinlan, Texas to request an election for—"The Legal Sale of Beer and Wine for Off-Premise Consumption Only:" Judge Horn noted the Petition has been validated and verified by the Election Administrator's Office. *See Attachment.*

11,644 On the motion by Green, second by Middlebrooks, the Court approved the Order of Election, applicable only to the registered voters in the City Limits of Quinlan, Texas, to be held

on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, for “The Legal Sale of Beer and Wine For Off-Premise Consumption Only.” *See Attachment.*

**11,645** On the motion by Latham, second by Green, the Court approved the 2010-2012 Election Judges, per Section 32.002 of the Texas Election Code. *See Attachment.*

**11,646** On the motion by Middlebrooks, second by Latham, the Court approved awarding formal ID #056-10, HVAC system upgrade for the Hunt County Courthouse. The Purchasing Department & Maintenance Department recommend award to the lowest & best bidder G T Mechanical in Irving, Texas for \$145,850.00, Carl Nicholl advised the Court, this would be the project award and bonding for both payment & performance bonds required when projects are in excess of \$100,000.00 amount. It will take approximately 6-8 weeks to get equipment, with kick off on project in late November. Bid on file in Purchasing Department.

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

**11,647** On the motion by Middlebrooks, second by Thornton, the Court approved consent to renew Interlocal Agreement by and between the North Central Texas Council of Governments and Hunt County for E911 Service, Equipment, addressing and database maintenance. *See Attachment.*

**11,648** On the motion by Green, second by Thornton, the Court approved consent to renew two year contract by and between the Texas Department State Health Services (DSHS) and the Hunt County Clerk’s Office for the issuance of Birth Certificates via the State Remote System, effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2012. County Clerk-Linda Brooks advised the Court, through this system from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010, the Clerk’s Office has taken in \$28,363.28 from customers requesting Birth Certificates from other counties within the State of Texas. Without this in house service, our customers would have to contact all of these other counties for the service we offer them. *See Attachment.*

#### HEAR & DISCUSS REPORTS:

11,649 On the motion by Latham, second by Middlebrooks, the Court approved accounts payable.

11,650 On the motion by Latham, second by Middlebrooks, the Court approved line-item budget transfers.

PERSONNEL & PAYROLL:

11,651 On the motion by Middlebrooks, second by Latham, the Court approved personnel and payroll changes.

There was no Executive Session today.

11,652 On the motion by Green, second by Thornton, the Court Adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ Minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2010.

Attest:

Hunt County Judge

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Hunt County Clerk