

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**JUNE 17, 2011**

The Hunt County Commissioner's Court met this day at 9:15 AM for a Budget Workshop for 2011-2012 with Commissioner's Thornton, Atkins, Middlebrooks and Latham present; Judge John Horn presiding. County Clerk – Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Auditor – Jimmy Hamilton and Tammie Byrd-Asst. Auditor, Amber Cunningham-Purchasing Department and Sandy Orange-Payroll and Personnel were also present.

Judge Horn addressed the Court and understands the challenges the County faces today in financial issues. I want to publicly commend the work of Jimmy Hamilton, Auditor on the work he has done since 2007 and the lessons he has taught me and the auditing he has done on some of the situations. We would not be where we are today without his efforts and I appreciate it. Jimmy and I have had discussions earlier in the year with our Chief Appraiser and his assessment of things out there right now is probably not the best. Preliminary numbers show 1.25% overall evaluation increase, which may sound good on the surface but what that means behinds the scenes, is that you're really talking about a 2 ½-3% decrease in overall taxable value after the appraisal, the adjustments or appeals are made. What do we do? Where are revenues derived from? Ad valorem taxes, fines and fees. We're an agency of the State, that's where it comes from and that's it. I'm not telling you guys anything you don't know, just rehashing that subject so we can establish this ground work as we go through it. One of the things that creates potential reductions and challenges us as administrators here going into this year, is the reduction of program funds from the state and federal government in which you have probably heard, there is a very, very high probability that we loose funding in our indigent defense funds. I can tell you now that by the time we get the budget set and by the time these things are coming down from the State and Feds, we may be revisiting a lot of these issues that we get into on the budget just because we don't know exactly where they stand and when the actual cuts will take place. I

think we can see that everything is down across the board. If we were operating at a certain level in the past with a certain number of personnel, how does one justify the same number of personnel at a significantly reduced work load? As administrators, that's a pretty common sense question that you ask yourself. All that being said and of course your own personal concerns you may have in within your precincts, that gives a general overall view of the financial forecast of the future. In our discussions, we went into this with about 1 million to 1.2 million target reductions in expenditures going through this program, that's in all departments. We need to look at and seriously consider as we move in to this program is our policy on raises. Our policy on raises is very much inconsistent and puts a strain on the system as a whole. I'm asking the Court today, to at some point stop that policy. We have challenges and things that are completely unbeknownst to any of us at any given time. Whether it be through weather, emergencies, tornadoes or anything else that no matter what happens, we have to have the ability to sustain operations here because we are tasked by the State to do that. We can not just blow and maintain. It's not going to be sustainable to live under the rules of the past where it's the use it or lose it mentality. It is not sustainable. When I talk about non sustainable programs, I think other things that we will be discussing in the future is our retirement and our health benefit plan that's in place. Some of these things in terms of longevity, I think a retiree that does their time, who invests themselves to the county for a significant number of years, I believe there is a certain amount of duty of the County to reward them for their services, but when we start talking about dependants, and spouses and the sustainability of carrying those people over an extended period of time, it puts an undue burden not only on this Court, but future Courts. I will officially implore on each and everyone of you that in your discussion of your budgets today we have to understand that everyone here is concerned about the citizens of Hunt County and everybody would like to say we are going to maintain the same level of services, the same amount of road production, the

same amount things, but the bottom line is we have to make the cuts to maintain the tax level we're at right now. The hard cold reality of it is, where does those monies come from for your precincts? I think that when each one of you set that tone in your precinct that every individual that comes before us this year, this budget season, will have to live up to the same standards. We are not asking them to do anything else that we wouldn't do at any point or greater percentages. In some departments it's personnel, in some departments it's other things. That is my introduction, as I have done historically in the past, of this budget year and we will move into your respective precincts.

**Commissioners** make additional cuts to obtain \$100,000.00 reductions in each **precinct** budget. In turn the Commissioners ask that the departments with the larger budgets also look at other ways to cut so that we can possibly cut enough so we don't have to raise taxes. Understand these are hard times and we have to make sacrifices. After much discussion with all Commissioners, the County Judge and the Auditor, the additional cuts were made.

**Public Services**, some adjustments will be made to the proposed budget by making additional cuts. Cause for Paws, will be asked to come and speak to the Court so further discussion can be had.

\_\_\_ The court recessed for the day at 10:30 a.m. and will reconvene Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**JUNE 21, 2011**

The Hunt County Commissioner's Court met this day at 9:05 AM for a Budget Workshop for 2011-2012 with Commissioner's Thornton, Atkins, Middlebrooks and Latham present; Judge John Horn presiding. County Clerk – Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Auditor – Jimmy Hamilton

and Tammie Byrd-Asst. Auditor, Amber Cunningham-Purchasing Department and Sandy Orange-Payroll and Personnel were also present.

**Constable, Precinct 4** Ken Layton, not sure if will be able to make it on amount budgeted for fuel, vehicle maintenance and repair, postage ok with leaving the amount proposed as long as the Court is aware if runs over, the money will have to come from somewhere. This can be handled with possible line item budget transfers.

There are some offices that are going to be here and some that are not, so for the stand point of time, we'll just go through page by page and come back and discuss what adjustments have been made with the departments that will be coming in.

**County Judge's office**, Judge Horn, has no requests for changes to proposed budget.

**Commissioner's office** proposed budget needs one change to property insurance, this should be zero. There are no other changes to the proposed budget.

**County Clerk**, Jennifer Lindenzweig, has made some cuts in the budget and will review to see where more cuts can be made, including personnel, due to filings and fees being down. Will review statute regulations on using some Record Management Fund money to help with some supplies and training/education.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Court recessed at 10:30 a.m. for break. The Court reconvened at 10:42 a.m.

**354<sup>th</sup> District Court**, Judge Beacom, no changes needed to proposed budget.

**196<sup>th</sup> District Court**, Mr. Hamilton on behalf of Judge Tittle who due to the court schedule could not make it over. The main request from Judge Tittle is for the technology upgrade needed in his courtroom for about \$30,000.00. When the 354<sup>th</sup> District Court was revamped, the previous Judge of the 196<sup>th</sup> chose not to have the upgrades at that time. Judge Tittle sees the

advantages and needs of having the technology upgrades and is requesting funding at this time. The Commissioner's Court would like to see a written plan, specifics and bids prior to any approval of these expenditures.

**District Clerk**, Stacey Landrum, no requests for changes needed to proposed budget.

**Auditor**, Jimmy Hamilton has one change to proposed budget to zero hardware repair and maintenance and move this expenditure from the general budget to fund 89, Records management/preservation.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Court recessed at 11:25 a.m. for lunch. The Court reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

**County Court at Law #2**, by Judge Bench, on behalf of Judge Thomas who is out of town, just asks that any cuts that have been proposed not be done and request that Judge Thomas be given the opportunity to address any issues himself when he returns.

**County Court at Law #1**, Judge Bench. Judge Bench understands the position the Court is in and the cuts that need to be made and does not object to any cuts that have been made. His request is for the bailiff's cell phone allowance by moving money from another line item, education/training, copy paper, and dues so that he is able to cover the cost of his court and his obligations to his staff without changing the total amount in the general budget, but by moving from another line item within his budget.

**County Attorney**, Joel Littlefield, has no requests for changes to proposed budget.

**District Attorney**, Noble Walker, has no request for changes to proposed budget, however need to change auto liability insurance to \$1,000.00 from \$1,680.00 per Sandy Orange, HR.

**Tax Assessor/Collector**, Barbara Wiggins, has no requests for changes to proposed budget.

**Maintenance**, Jimmy Moore, has no requests for changes to proposed budget, however auto liability needs to change to \$3,800.00 from \$5,000.00 per Sandy Orange, HR.

**Health-Environmental**, Joe Lilly, has grant funding for this year, but the possibility of it going away or being reduced by 20% is there and he has a contingency plan in place should that happen.

**TX COOP** has no requests for changes to proposed budget.

**Highway Patrol** has no requests for changes to proposed budget, but the Court has some concerns on expenditures which need to be reviewed and addressed with the department.

**Veterans Services**, Les Cooks, had made cuts to his budget that Judge Horn did not accept due to the fact that the service to veterans by Mr. Cooks is not a service that we will see less of in the future. The proposed budget will be adjusted accordingly.

**Personnel/Loss Control, HR**, Sandy Orange, only request is for an increase to dues & subscriptions due to the fact that the cost is going up on some of the books required.

**Homeland Security** has no requests for changes to proposed budget, however auto liability needs to be changed to \$1,850.00 from \$1,600.00 per Sandy Orange, HR.

**Purchasing** has no requests for changes to proposed budget.

**Environmental Enforcement** has no requests for changes to proposed budget, however auto liability needs to be changed to \$4,500.00 due to adding new vehicles and rentals/lease needs to be changed to \$1,500.00 due to this being a lease agreement.

Discussion by the Court with the Auditor of possibly changing the pay periods to the 15<sup>th</sup> and end of the month instead as it stands now and to give the authority of moving the unexpended salary from departments back to the general fund.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Court recessed for the day at 4:10 p.m. and will reconvene on June 22, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**JUNE 22, 2011**

The Hunt County Commissioner's Court met this day at 9:00 AM for a Budget Workshop for 2011-2012 with Commissioner's Thornton, Atkins, Middlebrooks and Latham present; Judge John Horn presiding. County Clerk – Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Auditor – Jimmy Hamilton and Tammie Byrd-Asst. Auditor, Amber Cunningham-Purchasing Department and Sandy Orange-Payroll and Personnel were also present.

Having recording problems this morning, seems that there is not feedback and will call to have gentleman come out and take a look at it.

**JP 1, PI 1**, Judge Berger wants to address the cell phone allowance cuts and to let the Court know how imperative it is to their duties being on call 24/7, additional money requested for copy paper, additional personnel requested to handle case load which is higher than JP 1, PI 2.

**JP 1, PI 2**, Judge Linden wants to address the cell phone allowance cuts and to let the Court know how essential it is to their duties being on call 24/7, can not live without cell phones, and believes general fund should cover the basics of her office which include cell phones.

The Court has suggested that in order to fix the personnel issue with JP 1 and JP 2 is to take the salary of one full time position from JP 2 and split into 2 part time employees between the 2 courts. This solution would give each of these offices 3 full time employees and 1 part time employee so the offices are equal in staff at a reduced cost. As for the cell phone allowance,

bring a solution to the problem, look at possible options the JP courts have with a technology fund that can be used for this purpose.

**JP 2**, Judge Reeves wants to address the cell phone allowance cuts and to let the Court know how essential it is to their duties being on call 24/7 and the JP should not incur this expense alone. This would be considered reasonable compensation as set by Commissioner's per Government Code if JP handles on average over 50 cases per month.

**JP 4**, Judge McNabb is satisfied with budget cuts other than the cell phone issue which he understands there is pending a possible solution with the JP technology funds.

\_\_\_ The Court recessed at 9:50 a.m. for a short break. The Court reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

**911 Coordinator/GIS**, Jackie Ray requests to reduce her work load by designating the sign making to someone else since the Court has removed the part time help. Has given notice to the Court of new sign regulations and cost increase, but the deadline is not until 2018 to comply with this unfunded mandate.

The Court had discussion on the policy or lack of policy on employees taking home county vehicles. There needs to be a policy put in place across the board that addresses this issue to not allow any personnel that is not on call, that is considered non essential and that is non law enforcement to drive a county vehicle home. This needs further investigation and review to be considered as a whole with the Court to see how many are being driven home, what the cost savings would be for the county as well as liabilities. Further discussion was also had regarding the cell phone allowance cuts.

Judge Horn wants to go on record on more time as saying we all discussed in the beginning and we all understand that whatever policy like the raise policy, like the cell phone policy like



everything else, no matter what you decide here today, it needs to be consistent with whatever opportunity another office comes in here to offer.

\_\_\_ The Court recessed for the day at 11:30 a.m. and will reconvene on June 24, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**JUNE 24, 2011**

The Hunt County Commissioner's Court met this day at 9:05 AM for a Budget Workshop for 2011-2012 with Commissioner's Thornton, Atkins, Middlebrooks and Latham present; Judge John Horn presiding. County Clerk – Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Auditor – Jimmy Hamilton and Tammie Byrd-Asst. Auditor, Amber Cunningham-Purchasing Department and Sandy Orange-Payroll and Personnel were also present.

Want to welcome everybody here this morning for the budget workshop. Before we get started Sheriff, I've gotten a couple of requests and I want to make it clear for the record that budget workshops are for the purpose of Commissioners Court to talk to the elected official in reference to their budget. During the budget process, before budget is finalized, the budget does include that we have a public hearing so the public can come and discuss their concerns or questions as it pertains to the budget. This is not something that I invented, this is something that has been the way it is since the dawn of time, however, there a couple of people here that have chosen to speak and if the Court pleases, I will be more than willing to waive that and allow these individuals to stand up and say their piece if they wish, if not we will proceed forward with the budget workshop as it has been slated on the calendar.

The Court agrees to let them speak, but keep it limited to 3 minutes.

**Citizens to be heard:**

Debbie McKee, just want to encourage you to be equitable in all of your decisions. I know that this is a hard process and in the year and a half that I've been attending these meetings, I've noticed that some departments and some employees seem to be favored. At least from the outside that's what it looks like. There's money found for some and not for others and I would like for you to consider that and to keep things equitable for everybody in the county.

Ricky Sanders, once again I would like to thank the Commissioners for the job that you're doing.

I want you to know that I do appreciate what you're doing because you're faced with a tremendous task. You've been asked to cut your budget and I can't figure out why you've been asked to cut it so much. I've known for several years that you have probably about \$100,000.00 pad in your budget to take care of your short falls and things like that and you need that and I understand it. I placed before you a document that a county elected official asked Judge Horn to cut his budget 5% and after he submitted the letter the he got his amended budget and he increased it. This budget has to do with court appointed attorneys and I found that court appointed attorneys in Hunt County make more than our prosecuting attorneys do in our court system. The Rockwall County has, they have a cap on cases that plead out of \$650 and Collin County has about \$750-\$800 cap on theirs. I found that Hunt County charges, pays \$100 per hour and there's no cap. In that paper, in 2009-2010 budget there's probably right at 1.4 million dollars that's paid out to court appointed attorneys. My question is who's running the County, the people, this Court or the attorneys that's trying, protecting the criminals that are costing us money? My plea here today is, show your support for our sheriff and our law enforcement and the budget that they present and I believe that as things turn, as things get better, we'll have better equipped deputies that will stay here and serve out their lifetime duties here and we won't have to be retraining them again and that will put more money back in the budget for ya'll to meet your needs and meet the people's needs without cutting services. I just don't believe we

need to cut services especially at time when everybody's struggling. There's so much tax money, people are taxed to death and its not getting to where it needs to be, it's going into court appointed attorneys pockets. And I just ask that you seriously look at it and I believe there will be, in the next year or two, I believe that there will more money available to you and I believe you deserve it.

**Sheriff, Randy Meeks**, wants each of them to know he is aware of the budget restraints that we all face here today. My intention is to work with you on a solution that we all can live with. I am still unclear why there's such a budget shortfall overall and why the majority of the shortfall has been placed on you the Commissioners and the Sheriff's Office. However I want to address a couple of issues before we get started. First, I hope that politics and personal agendas do not appear with this budget as I believe has been the case in the past. Second, I am asking that you consider that we have paid for many things out of our seizure funds to help reduce the strain on our budget. We are well aware of the economy because of our employees and most of the employees of the County have not seen a pay raise in at least 3 years and maybe up to 5 years. Yet the cost of living continues to go up year by year. It was my intention early on to ask for at least a 5% raise for my employees and I was officially informed not to dare go there. Third, I'm asking you to consider the citizens of Hunt County and the protection that is provided for them. Ask them if they want a reduction in police protection. I am very proud of our department heads in finding innovative ways to fund and maintain the level of service of which they have been provided. We have been very aggressive and successful in securing other revenue services. Our jail staff is willing to sacrifice to make sure we can cover the new annex jail and not require additional staff. Fourth, if you approve the line items cut as suggested by the County Judge's office, it will result in marked reduction of services to the citizens of Hunt County. For example the gas and lubricant, and vehicle maintenance and repair will have patrol deputies off the road

before the end of the year. Loss of communications funding will also result in numerous safety issues, however we plan to present to you on the Sheriff's side, a plan that will reach bottom line that the Judge proposed but with less effect on the reduction of service to the public. Fifth, in order to comply with jail standards of which you and I do not have a choice about, our proposal will note those line items. We can explain this, but many of those factors are out of our control. Sixth, please consider funding and what's needed to protect our citizens so we don't have to come back to you to ask for additional funding. We're not asking for any more than what's needed just to provide current coverage. We are taxpayers also, and we don't want taxes raised anymore than you do but I don't believe the citizens of this county want a reduction in protection. And last, I ask that myself and my employees be treated with respect. We have never been disrespectful to this Court. It is a difficult task of being the Sheriff of a county this size and there have been many obstacles to overcome, however this is the most important job that I have ever had and no matter what happens here today, I will continue to do the best job that I can. As in the past, Under Sheriff Knight will be presenting, line by line, items that need to be discussed here today.

Joe Knight would like to look at four lines on the **Law Enforcement** budget and address them together, line is 3114, titled Drug Dog Supplies, Line 1164, Law Enforcement Certification, Line 2350, Out of County Travel, and Line 1145, SD-Forfeiture Salary fund, these are funded with non taxpayer money. If the grant monies or contract monies don't come in, we are not asking for a line here that we don't plan to fulfill. On line 3500, Fuel and Lubricants, requested \$189,000.00 and line 2232 Vehicle Repair and Maintenance, requested \$60,000.00. Line 1161, Mobile Phone Allowance, requested \$24,900.00 or lower and if this is not possible, asking for one time only that this line amount be placed into equipment allowing us to upgrade our existing equipment with additional repeaters to make all the hand held radios work in most if not all of

the county. Last two things to discuss, very active warrant service program and must ask in open court, we would like to do another warrant round up that generates a lot of respect for law enforcement and generates revenue. We need \$2,500.00 which most would be spent in advertising, but to put this amount in operating supplies or creating another line.

\_\_\_\_ The Court recessed at 10:20 a.m. for break. The Court reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

The other item for discussion is an additional person to be a bonding clerk. Discovered by Statute that the Sheriff's office should be handling the bonds and not set up with personnel or equipment to handle this. Judge Bench is here in capacity as Chairman of Bail Bond Board, to explain the reason this change to handling bonds from how it has been done in the past to the way the bonds should be handled per Statute and AG opinion.

On the **Corrections** side, line 3610 Jail Food, line 3620 Jail Supplies, line 3630 Medical Care Inmates, we got exactly what we asked for, however they are underfunded. If we do not find solutions, these line items will be exhausted this time next year. One more thing, line 4200 Equipment, requested \$79,600.00 for replacements of washers, dryers and transport van.

Further discussions were had between the Court and the Sheriff's office in regard to budget requests, concerns and possible amendments. Sheriff Meeks asks to go on record, because next July when I come back to you and say we need more gas, that we asked that it be funded.

\_\_\_\_ the Court recessed for a short break at 11:10 a.m. to reach the Treasurer. The Court reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

The Treasurer will not be available today; she will come before the Court on June 30, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

\_\_\_\_ The Court recessed for the day at a.m. and will reconvene on June 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**JUNE 28, 2011**

The Hunt County Commissioner's Court met this day at 9:05 AM for a Budget Workshop for 2011-2012 with Commissioner's Thornton, Atkins, Middlebrooks and Latham present; Judge John Horn presiding. County Clerk – Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Auditor – Jimmy Hamilton and Tammie Byrd-Asst. Auditor, Purchasing Agent-Carl Nicholl, Amber Cunningham-Purchasing Department and Sandy Orange-Payroll and Personnel were also present.

**Constable Pct. 1**, Terry Jones addressed the Court to recognize his employees and to thank them for the work they do for him. Requested \$2,300.00 in Expendable Equipment and presented information to show Court the revenue his department has brought in.

Judge Horn wants to go on record that in 2008 when Terry took office, he agreed take over the Civil Process from the Sheriff office. Not only has he done that, but he has taken the position to a whole different light. He is the go to guy in the County, when we have some who won't even return a phone call. You have performed above and beyond the call of duty and taking on the additional duties you take on that you are not obligated to but you do it anyway. The only reason it was not put in to begin with on the equipment line is that there wasn't a list put together for it, so I didn't know. Auto liability needs to be adjusted from \$3,402.00 to \$3,000.00 per Sandy Orange, HR.

**Constable Pct. 2**, Wayne "Doc" Pierce, just want to come and thank ya'll for the support you give my office. I don't really have any requests, I had put in \$2,500.00 for training and notice it was cut back to \$2,000.00 and looking at that I'm pretty satisfied with that.

Judge Horn wants to reiterate what he said before, he thinks the job you do is exemplary.

\_\_\_\_ The Court recessed at 9:20 a.m. for break. The Court reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

Judge Horn addresses the Court and after lengthy discussion makes a proposal to the Court for cuts in the Sheriff's office to obtain the 5% cut requested, to include reducing one G3 position at \$24,000.00, one G9 position at \$42,347.24 and one G8 position at \$41,000.00 which would have absolutely no bearing on the patrol side of the number of deputies that are out on the street or vehicles that they're driving. The only reason I didn't go in and look at the corrections side of it is because there's objective criteria that the corrections side has to meet in order to provide numbers to the Texas Jail Standards Commission. These numbers are workable, they're doable and don't affect law enforcement out on the street level. I would appeal to the Commissioners Court to seriously take these recommendations into consideration.

The Commissioners had further discussions after this proposal from Judge Horn. All of the Commissioners understand that cuts have to happen no matter how much we don't like them because we have to be able to sustain operations.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Court recessed at 10:20 a.m. for break. The Court reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

**Elections Administrator**, Mina Cook requests to move monies from her fuel and lubricants line item to her training line item. Also, requesting to use money from postage to construct an awning for covered parking and to insulate the office ceiling which has been an issue since we moved into the building and it would be more cost effective for heating and cooling.

**Health Department-Private Care**, Pam requests assistance from the Court in solving the issue of being in the hole and not being able to cover overhead. The Commissioner's Court has suggested she formulate a business plan to solve this issue and make this self sustaining. This business plan needs to be ready for discussion on Friday, July 1, 2011 by 9:00 a.m. with the assistance of Tammie Byrd in the Auditor's office.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Court recessed briefly and came back into session.

**Cause for Paws** addresses concerns and questions from the Commissioner's Court and the possibility to make changes to requirements and policy to make sure these services are being done on behalf of the County citizens and being managed for more clarification.

\_\_\_\_ The Court recessed for the day at 12:10 p.m. and will reconvene June 30, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**JUNE 30, 2011**

The Hunt County Commissioner's Court met this day at 9:05 AM for a Budget Workshop for 2011-2012 with Commissioner's Thornton, Atkins, Middlebrooks and Latham present; Judge John Horn presiding. County Clerk – Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Auditor – Jimmy Hamilton and Tammie Byrd-Asst. Auditor, Purchasing Agent-Carl Nicholl, Amber Cunningham-Purchasing Department and Sandy Orange-Payroll and Personnel were also present.

Judge Horn addresses some concerns with personnel within the Treasurer's department and would like clarification and the Commissioners would like clarification on the split of health insurance and worker's comp insurance between the Treasurer and Human Resources.

**Treasurer**, Delores Shelton discussed the issues brought up by the Judge and the Commissioners and deferred to Mr. Hamilton about when the split happened and why, she then explained the requirements of her office and the job duties of her employees. On the recommendation of the Court, I will work with Sandy Orange in HR on transferring worker's comp over to her and the Auditor will have input on this transition.

\_\_\_\_ The Court recessed for break at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

**County Clerk**, Jennifer Lindenzweig discussed reluctantly dropping an employee, reducing the education and training line item from the general fund and make up the difference from Records Management in order to get closer to the 5% cut requested by the Court.

**Commissioner Pct 2**, Jay Atkins wants to make an additional change to his budget by dropping one employee from salary and moving the money to road materials and to bridge and culvert materials.

Further discussions and concerns were had by the Court about the budget and still not having the numbers in for the Health Insurance, Worker's Comp increases and Appraisal District numbers which will affect the final budget. A quick run down through the budget was done to make sure that everyone was on the same page and didn't miss anything.



\_\_\_\_\_ The Court recessed for the day at 11:05 a.m. and will reconvene July 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

**COMMISSIONER'S COURT**  
**BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**JULY 1, 2011**

The Hunt County Commissioner's Court met this day at 9:05 AM for a Budget Workshop for 2011-2012 with Commissioner's Thornton, Atkins, Middlebrooks and Latham present; Judge John Horn presiding. County Clerk – Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Auditor – Jimmy Hamilton and Tammie Byrd-Asst. Auditor, Purchasing Agent-Carl Nicholl, Amber Cunningham-Purchasing Department and Sandy Orange-Payroll and Personnel were also present.

**Health Department-Private Care**, Pam presented her business plan to the Court showing what the increase in fees would need to be in order to cover overhead and attempt to become self sustaining. The Court advised to bring the fee increase to the next Commissioner's regular meeting for the Commissioner's to take into consideration passing these increases.

**Health Department**, Joe Lilly advises the Court of some cuts he will be making in the amount of \$12,165.00 overall in his budget.

**12,021** On the motion by Atkins, second by Thornton, the Court adjourned, closing the Budget Workshops for FY 2011-2012 at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

Attest:

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County Judge

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Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk