

COMMISSIONER'S COURT

REGULAR SESSION

AUGUST 28, 2012

[Attachments](#)

The Hunt County Commissioners Court met this day at 9:55 a.m. with Commissioners Kenneth Thornton, Jay Atkins, Larry Middlebrooks, and Jim Latham present. Judge John Horn was presiding. Jimmy Hamilton, County Auditor was present. Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk was present. Invocation was given by Commissioner Middlebrooks.

12,449 On the motion by Atkins, second by Middlebrooks, the Court approved the minutes as written for **August 8, 2012 Special Session Proposed FY 2012-2013 Budget; August 14, 2012 Regular Session; August 16, 2012 Public Hearing.**

12,450 On the motion by Atkins, second by Thornton the Court recessed at 9:57 a.m. from the Regular Session to Public Hearing regarding FY 2012-2013 HUNT COUNTY CLERK'S RECORD ARCHIVE PLAN, FY 2012-2013 BUDGET and FY 2012-2013 PROPERTY TAX RATE

 No comments from the public.

12,451 On the motion by Atkins, second by Thornton the Court exits Public Hearing back to Regular Session at 9:59 a.m.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

 None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. ACTION ITEMS – Discuss and possibly take action on the following:

1. Hunt County's participation in the West Texas Regional Public Defender's Capital Defense Program – Mr. Weschkaemper

12,452 On the motion by Middlebrooks, second by Atkins, the Court approved the County's participation in this Program.

_____ The Court moved to New Business Action items

I. ACTION ITEMS – Discuss and possibly take action on the following:

1. The Adoption of the FY 2012-2013 Hunt County Budget – John L. Horn, County Judge

12,453 Motion by Latham, second by Middlebrooks: I move to adopt the FY 2012-2013 Hunt County Budget consisting:

Total estimated beginning cash of **\$7,896,526**

Total budgeted revenues of **\$32,012,193**

Total budgeted expenditures of **\$34,790,696**

Total estimated ending cash of **\$5,118,023**

For: Latham, Middlebrooks, Thornton

Against: Atkins

The Adopted Budget is on file in the County Clerk's Office.

12,454 On the motion by Latham, second by Middlebrooks: I make a motion that in accordance with Section 111.003(b) of the Texas Local Government Code, the following information is included in the Minutes of the Commissioner Court:

“This Budget will raise more total property tax than last year's budget by \$1,264,883 which is a 6.5% increase and of that amount \$310,551 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.”

For: Latham, Middlebrooks, Thornton

Against: Atkins

2. The Adoption of the FY 2012-2013 Tax Rate at the rate of 52.7534 – John L. Horn, County Judge

12,455 On the motion by Latham, second by Middlebrooks: I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 52.7534 cents per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 5.62% increase in the tax rate. It is to be noted that this tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operation than last year's tax rate. It is also to be noted that the tax rate will effectively be raised by 5.62% and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$28.

For: Latham, Middlebrooks, Thornton

Against: Atkins

5. Adoption of the Debt rate for FY 2012-2013 at the rate of .023859 – John L. Horn, County Judge

12,456 On the motion by Latham, second by Middlebrooks: I make a motion to set the Debt Service tax rate for FY 2012-2013 at **2.3859** cents per \$100 valuation based on a 100% collection rate.

For: Latham, Middlebrooks, Thornton

Against: Atkins

4. Adoption of the Maintenance and Operations rate for FY 2012-2013 at the rate of .503675 – John L. Horn, County Judge

12,457 On the motion by Latham, second by Middlebrooks: I make a motion to set the Maintenance & operation tax rate for FY 2012-2013 as follows:

General Fund: 42.1824 cents per \$100 valuation

R & B #1: 2.0173 cents per \$100 valuation

R & B #2: 2.1412 cents per \$100 valuation

R & B #3: 1.9279 cents per \$100 valuation

R & B #4: 2.0987 cents per \$100 valuation

For a **total M&O rate of: 50.3675 cents** per \$100 valuation based on a 95% collection rate.

For: Latham, Middlebrooks, Thornton

Against: Atkins

“The total tax rate for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2012 is set at 52.7534 cents per \$100 valuation based on a certified tax roll of \$4,283,111,010.”

3. The Adoption of the FY 2012-2013 Hunt County Clerk’s Record Archive Plan – Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk

12,458 On the motion by Atkins, second by Middlebrooks, the Court approved the County Clerk’s Written Archive Plan. *See attachment.*

6. The approval of the Lakes Regional MHMR quarterly report – John Delaney, Executive Director

12,459 On the motion by Atkins, second by Middlebrooks, the Court approved this report. *See attachment.*

7. The appointment of Greg Sims to the NETEX Board of Directors – John L. Horn, County Judge

12,460 On the motion by Horn, second by Latham, the Court approved this appointment.

8. The approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Contract between the Texas Department of Public Safety and Hunt County – John L. Horn

12,461 On the motion by Middlebrooks, second by Atkins, the Court approved this Interlocal Cooperation Contract. *See attachment*

9. The approval of the Monthly Treasurer's Report for July 2012 – Delores Shelton, Treasurer

12,462 On the motion by Atkins, second by Middlebrooks, the Court approved the Treasurer's Report. *See attachment*

_____ **The Court went back to Consent Calendar.**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. CONSENT CALENDAR – All items listed are considered to be routine by the Commissioners Court and will be enacted by one motion.

1. The renewal of the annual Texas Statewide VINE R-09 Renewal Notice & Service Agreement for FY 2013 – John L. Horn, County Judge
See attachment.
2. Amendment of Forfeiture Fund Budget to expend funds, not to exceed \$5,000.00 for Operating Supplies, Interpreter Fees, and Other Court Expenses – Noble Walker, District Attorney
3. Amendment of forfeiture Fund Budget to include a donation of \$4,800.00 to Hunt County Child Advocacy Center for purchase of Air Conditioning Unit – Noble Walker, District Attorney
4. Renewal of Hunt County Annual contract #020-08 for Vending Machines-effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013 with Buzz-By Vending – Dianne Terry, Purchasing Agent

12,463 On the motion by Atkins, second by Latham, the Court approved the items as listed above.

_____ **The Court went back to Action items:**

ACTION ITEMS – Discuss and possibly take action on the following:

10. The approval of the Proclamation Honoring Texas AgriLife Extension Services 100 Year Anniversary of the Family & Consumer Science Program – John L. Horn, County Judge

12,464 On the motion by Atkins, second by Latham, the Court approved the Proclamation. *See attachment.*

11. The approval to construct electrical power distribution facilities across CR2260 and CR2546 in Pct. 2 – Farmers Electric Cooperative

12,465 On the motion by Atkins, second by Middlebrooks, the Court approved with normal stipulations.

12. The approval to construct electrical power distribution facilities across CR3111 and CR3139 in Pct. 3 – Farmers Electric Cooperative

12,466 On the motion by Middlebrooks, second by Latham, the Court approved with normal stipulations.

13. The Approval of a contract with Hopkins County to hold their inmates during times of overcrowding at a rate of \$37.00 per day – Sheriff Meeks/Lt. Parker

12,467 On the motion by Atkins, second by Middlebrooks, the Court approved this Contract with Hopkins County. *See attachment.*

 The Court went back to Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. ACTION ITEMS – Discuss and possibly take action on the following

3. The award of the 2013-2014 Texas Community Development block Grant endorsement to one of the following applicants:

- Combined Consumers Special Utility District
- Hickory Creek Special Utility District
- Jacobia Water Supply Corporation
- Shady Grove Water Supply Corporation

12,468 On the motion by Latham, second by Thornton, the Court awarded the endorsement to Jacobia Water Supply Corporation with the understanding if paperwork is not completed timely, this endorsement will default to Combined Consumers Special Utility District. Commissioner Atkins abstained from the vote.

2. The proposal from WE BUILD regarding the north and south stairs of the courthouse – Jimmy Moore, Maintenance Dept.

_____ Item is dropped from the Agenda.

_____ **The Court returned to New Business Action Items.**

14. The review of the present Burn Ban – Richard Hill, Fire Marshal

12,469 On the motion by Atkins, second by Middlebrooks the Court lifted the Burn Ban.

12,470 On the motion by Atkins, second by Middlebrooks, the Court approved accounts payable.

12,471 On the motion by Atkins, second by Middlebrooks, the Court approved the line item transfers.

PAYROLL & PERSONNEL:

<u>HOMELAND SECURITY</u>	Add Darrel Harris-Newman, Laborer, at \$8.00 temporary hourly. Effective 8-16-2012.
<u>JAIL</u>	Add Genaro Ocanoas, Detention Officer, at \$25,941.24. Effective 8-20-2012.
<u>JUVENILE</u>	Remove Larry Cummings, Supervision Officer, due to termination. Effective 8-21-2012.
<u>JP 1-2</u>	Remove Elizabeth G. Arellano, due to resignation. Effective 8-27-2012.
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>	Add Lillie Clayton, Custodian, at \$26,100.00. Effective 9-4-2012.

<u>PCT 1</u>	Change Mark Bussell to Foreman at \$45,950.06. Effective 9-3-2012. Remove Lloyd Ray, Foreman, due to retirement. Effective 8-31-2012.
<u>PCT 2</u>	Remove Rodrein Garrett, due to termination. Effective 8-22-2012. Add Jordan Grandfield at \$8.00 temporary hourly. Effective 8-27-2012,
<u>TREASURER</u>	Add Joshua English, File Clerk, at \$9.00 hourly with retirement. Effective 8-29-2012.

12,472 On the motion by Atkins, second by Thornton, the Court approved payroll and personnel changes.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED

12,473 On the motion by Atkins, second by Middlebrooks, the Court adjourned to Executive Session at 10:58 a.m.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

1. As permitted by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (2) Consultation with County Civil Attorney on any regular session agenda item requiring confidential, attorney/client advice necessitated by the deliberation or discussion of said items (as needed) – Daniel Ray, County Civil Attorney
2. As permitted by Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consults with Attorney Concerning Pending or Contemplative Litigation, regarding the Hunt County Criminal Justice Center – Daniel Ray, County Civil Attorney
3. As permitted by Texas Government Code Section 551.072, Real Property, regarding the Hunt County Criminal Justice Center – Daniel Ray, County Civil Attorney
4. As permitted by Texas Government Code §551.071(1)(A) and (2), Consult with Attorney Concerning Pending or Contemplative Litigation, regarding the effect of statutory federal funding rules on local elections – Daniel Ray, County Civil Attorney
5. As permitted by Texas Government Code §551.071(1)(A), Consults with Attorney Concerning Pending or Contemplative Litigation, regarding Hunt

County illegal dumping litigation styled “Hunt County and State of Texas v. A&R Demolition, et al.” – Daniel Ray, County Civil Attorney

6. As permitted by Texas Government Code § 551.074 Personnel Matters – Sandy Orange, HR Director

ADJOURN TO REGULAR SESSION

12,474 On the motion by Middlebrooks, second by Atkins, the Court adjourned back to

Regular Session at 11:10 a. m.

III. TAKE ANY ACTION ON ANY ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED.

 None.

IV. ADJOURN

12,475 On the motion by Atkins, second by Middlebrooks, the Court adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Minutes approved the _____ day of _____, 2012.

Attest:

Hunt County Clerk

Hunt County Judge