

COMMISSIONER'S COURT
Regular Session
March 9, 2021

The Hunt County Commissioner's Court met this day at 10:00 a.m. in regular session at 2700 Johnson Street, Greenville, Texas in the Auxiliary Courtroom.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

This meeting of the Hunt County Commissioner's Court was called to order by Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge, at 10:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The following were called and present: Commissioners Mark Hutchins, Precinct 1; Randy Strait, Precinct 2; Phillip Martin, Precinct 3, Steven Harrison, Precinct 4. County Judge Bobby W. Stovall, presiding. Bruce Ballard, Auditor and Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk were also present.

III. MINUTES

16,642 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to approve the minutes as written; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **ACTION ITEMS** – Discuss and possibly take action on the following:
 - 1. **None**

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **CONSENT CALENDAR** – All items listed are considered to be routine by the Commissioner's Court and will be enacted by one motion.
 - 1. The renegotiated renewal contract of the Annual Psychiatric Services Contract for the Hunt County Jail. This service will be performed primarily by video-conference (tele-medicine). Renewal of the renegotiated annual contract effective date is March 9, 2021 thru March 8, 2022, to Erica Swicegood, MD of Flower Mound, Texas for an monthly fee service fee of \$6,000.00, \$0.575/mileage reimbursement (travel at Hunt County's request) and \$250.00 for Expert Testimony and Physical Jail Visits including driving time and is in addition to mileage reimbursement (at Hunt County's request). Reason for renegotiated contract is due to the patient load has increased significantly from previous contract for seeing patients, per Captain Seymore – Cheryl Lowry, Purchasing Agent

2. The Annual Software and Hardware Technical Support for the County Clerk's ScanPro 300. Renewal with Stars Information Solutions effective April 25, 2021 through April 24, 2022. Total cost of \$695.00 to be paid from the County Clerk Records Management Equipment Repair & Maintenance Fund #81-611-0300-2231 – Cheryl Lowry, Purchasing Agent
3. Consent for O'Reilly Auto Parts to pick up existing hydraulic fittings, hose and equipment at Precinct 4. In exchange O'Reilly will be stocking Hunt County Precinct 4 with new Gates-branded hydraulic hose, fittings and equipment at no charge to Hunt County. At the request of Commissioner Harrison – Cheryl Lowry, Purchasing Agent

16,643 On the motion by Harrison, second by Hutchins, for the Court to approve the Consent Calendar as listed; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments.**

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

16,644 On the motion by Harrison, second by Strait, for the Court to recognize the State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Recertification of Cheryl Lowry, CTCD-Cheryl Lowry, Purchasing Agent; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

3. A presentation from the Freedom Rail Group – Jeff Lederer

_____ No action, presentation only.

16,645 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for December 2020-Brittini Turner, Treasurer; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

16,646 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Strait, for the Court to approve the Monthly Treasurer's Report for January 2021-Brittini Turner, Treasurer; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

_____ On the motion by Strait for the Court not to approve the request of a variance for Whitford Addition on CR 2586 because of lack of road frontage in Precinct 2 – Craig Whitford

_____ This item dies for lack of a second.

8. The request for approval of the variance for Whitford Addition on CR 2586 for road frontage of approximately 150 feet in Precinct 2 – Craig Whitford

_____ This item is dropped from the agenda due to item #7 dying from lack of a second.

9. The request to construct a gas trunk line on CR 2586 in Precinct 2 –
Ken Wong, SiEnergy

_____ Move to Old Business next meeting

16,647 On the motion by Strait, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve the request to construct electrical power distribution facilities along CR 2591 in Precinct 2 with normal stipulations-Farmers Electric Cooperative; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

16,648 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve the request to construct electrical power distribution facilities across CR 3625 in Precinct 3 with normal stipulations-Farmers Electric Cooperative; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

16,649 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Strait, for the Court to approve the Final Plat for Ehrman Estates in Precinct 1 with the stipulation of the buildable acreage for Lot 3 is added to the plat; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

13. A Replat of a Final Plat of Lot 44 of Caddo Creek in Precinct 2 –
Stovall & Associates

_____ Move to Old Business

16,650 On the motion by Strait, second by Martin, for the Court to approve a Preliminary Plat of Caddo Crossing Addition in Precinct 2 subject to the construction plans answering all the questions from the engineer-Carroll Consulting Group, Inc.; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

16,651 On the motion by Strait, second by Hutchins, for the Court to approve the revision of the Replat of lots 2 & 4 of Alan Farms in Precinct 2, approved on December 8, 2020 in Commissioner's Court-Owens Land Surveying; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

16. The Final Plat of a Replat of lot 5 and part of lot 6 of Duck Cove
Addition in Precinct 3 – Stovall & Associates

_____ Move to Old Business

16,652 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the court to approve accounts payable; no one opposed, **Motion Carries.**

16,653 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to approve line-item transfers; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

16,654 On the motion by Harrison, second by Strait, for the Court to approve budget amendments; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

VII. PUBLIC TESTIMONY

_____ The court heard from Heather Alexander and the Drews Family by email regarding roads, flooding issues and speed regulations on county roads

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED

16,655 On the motion by Martin and Hutchins, second by Harrison and Strait, for the Court to exit Regular Session and enter Executive Session at 11:25 a.m.; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

1. As permitted by Texas Government Code §551.071 (1) and (2)
Consultation with County Civil Attorney on agenda items requiring confidential, attorney/client advice necessitated by the deliberation or discussion of said items; including discussion of county road reporting requirements and regulations; discussion of potential lease proposal related to two floors in Paul Matthews Exchange Building; discussion of possible use of CARES Act grant or subgrant funding, including funding of VFD activities, equipment and material, public school internet connectivity, and/or other public use funding related to COVID-19 pandemic; discussion of procedure for adoption of Subdivision Regulations and related documents; discussion of platting fees; discussion of county road maintenance and line item transfers related to county road maintenance; a petition for Emergency Services District; and COVID-19 Legal Update; County budgetary issues for FY 20-21; municipal election for Poetry; Hunt County Subdivision Rules & Regulations; Illegal subdivision and septic system enforcement; Joint Elections Commission; NETEX Railroad; Game Room regulations; Solar Farm Tax Abatement – Daniel Ray, County Civil Attorney
2. As permitted by Texas Government Code §551.071 (1) and (2), Consult with Attorney Concerning any Pending or Contemplated Civil or Administrative Litigation by or against Hunt County, including Volkswagen, Fiat, Lehman, Melton, and Johnson lawsuits, and discussion of action related to illegal subdivision and/or health and safety nuisances – Daniel Ray, County Civil Attorney

3. As permitted by Texas Government Code §551.071 (1) and (2)
Consultation with County Civil Attorney regarding the disposition of Hunt County property, and property which the County has a legal interest in, including proposed Letter of Intent regarding lease of County property for cell company tower use and TowerPoint Lease letters regarding right of first refusal – Daniel Ray, County Civil Attorney
4. As permitted by Texas Government Code §551.087 Consultation with County Civil Attorney regarding (1) Commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body is conducting development negotiations; (2) Deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect – Daniel Ray, County Civil Attorney
5. As permitted by Texas Government Code §551.074. Personnel Matters - deliberations and potential action regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee – Commissioners Court Executive Assistant – Daniel Ray, County Civil Attorney

ADJOURN TO REGULAR SESSION

_____ The Court exited Executive Session and returned to Regular Session at 1:24 p.m.

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

16,656 On the motion by Strait, second by Hutchins, for the Court to approve a Resolution extending and/or modifying the April 28, 2020 COVID-19 related resolution and social distancing guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19-Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

16,657 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve the termination of COVID contact tracing team contract with STAT Medical providing a 30 day notice of termination-Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

16,658 On the motion by Harrison, second by Hutchins, for the Court to approve an Order abolishing the position of Joint Elections Administrator and Appointing the County Clerk to serve as Voter Registrar and assume all other duties of the Joint Elections Administrator in connection with the appointment of an Elections Coordinator to serve under the Commissioner Court and under the supervision of the County Judge until an Elections Department or office is established -Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge, no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

16,659 On the motion by Martin, second by Strait, for the Court to approve an Order approving a separation agreement for Jose Martinez following the abolishment of the position of Joint Elections Administrator-Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge; no one opposed, **Motion carries.** *See attachment.*

16,660 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve hiring Shelly Jeanie Ash as Elections Coordinator to serve under the Commissioner Court until the establishment of an Elections Department or office with the supervisory control of the County Judge-Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

PAYROLL & PERSONNEL:

Jail count: 252

<u>CONSTABLE PRECINCT 1</u>	Remove Charles Wilkerson due to retirement effective 2/28/2021
<u>COUNTY ATTORNEY</u>	Remove Kristie Grandfield due to resignation effective 3/5/2021
<u>ELECTIONS</u>	Add Shelly Jeanie Ash, Elections Coordinator, at \$65,000.00 effective 3/8/2021
<u>HEALTH CLINIC</u>	Remove Angelina Acosta due to resignation effective 3/12/2021
<u>HOMELAND SECURITY</u>	Add Cassidy Watson, part time at \$11.00 per hour, effective 2/23/2021
<u>JAIL</u>	Remove Daniel Bentley due to resignation effective 3/13/2021

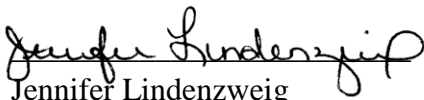
16,661 On the motion by Martin, second by Hutchins, for the Court to approve payroll and personnel; no one opposed, **Motion carries.** *See attachment.*

16,662 On the motion by Martin, second by Strait, for the Court to approve supervisory authority of the Commissioners' Executive Assistant be under Mark Hutchins, Commissioner Precinct 1; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

X. ADJOURN

16,663 On the motion by Martin, second by Hutchins, for the Court to adjourn at 1:36 p.m. on March 9, 2021; no one opposed **Motion carries.**

I hereby attest to the accuracy of this record.


Jennifer Lindenzweig
Hunt County Clerk