

COMMISSIONER'S COURT  
**Regular Session**  
**March 23, 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 10:13 a.m. Invocation was given by Commissioner Martin, and the Pledges to the Flags were led by Judge Stovall.

**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**

**16,664** On the motion by Harrison, second by Hutchins, for the Court to approve the minutes as written; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

**IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

     None

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

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

**16,665** On the motion by Strait, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve the request to construct a gas trunk line on CR 2658 and CR 2656 in Precinct 2 with corrected language to reflect “prior to the County constructing an improved roadway, SiEnergy agrees to relocate its trunk line at SiEnergy’s sole cost and expense”-Ken Wong, SiEnergy; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

**VI. 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. Certificate of Completion from the VG School for the County  
Commissioners Courts educational training, 2021 for Commissioners  
Randy Strait, Phillip Martin and Steven Harrison – Jennifer Lindenzweig,  
County Clerk

2. Certificate of Completion for the 2020 Public Funds Investment Act for Brittini Turner, Treasurer, as required by Texas Government Code Public Funds Act §2256.0008 – Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk
3. Certificate of Completion for the 2020 Continuing Education for Brittini Turner, Treasurer, as required by Texas Local Government Code §83.003 – Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk
4. Certificate of Completion for the 2019 Continuing Education for Brittini Turner, Treasurer, as required by Texas Local Government Code §83.003 – Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk
5. Certificate of Completion from the Judges & Commissioners Association of Texas for the Commissioners Education training 2020, for Commissioners Randy Strait, Phillip Martin and Steven Harrison – Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk
6. Certificate of Completion for Bruce Ballard, Auditor, of 3.0 hours for "2020 Moving Forward: SB2 and the County Budget" – Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk
7. Certificate of Completion for Bruce Ballard, Auditor, of 4.0 hours "Ethics for Texas CPAs 2020" – Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk
8. Certificate of Completion for Bruce Ballard, Auditor, of 1.0 hours "Business Continuity Planning and Scenario Modeling" – Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk
9. Certificate of Completion for Bruce Ballard, Auditor, of 15.50 hours "2020 TACA Fall Conference" – Jennifer Lindenzweig, County Clerk
10. Consent to purchase one (1) 2022 Peterbilt 567 Tractor with Allison Automatic Transmission from Rush Truck Center for Hunt County Precinct 3. Pricing per Buyboard Cooperative Contract #601-19 and quote dated March 1, 2021, in the amount of \$148,491.56. Funding from Pct. 3 Equipment Funds 23-671-3700-4200 – Cheryl Lowry, Purchasing Agent
11. Consent & discuss Sales Agreement #007351, from Lantana Communications for the Avaya Telephone System for the Voter Registration & Agrilife Extension Office. Cost \$6,237.23 with Recurring Services - Annual Fee of \$350.00, for three (3) years. Pricing per DIR-TSO-3991 Contract – Cheryl Lowry, Purchasing Agent

12. Consent to transfer from Hunt County Homeland Security one (1) 2015 Chevrolet Silverado Truck (H/C Tag #13655, VIN #3GCUKPEC9FG196273) to the Hunt County Development Office – Cheryl Lowry, Purchasing Agent
13. Consent to the formation of a Hunt County Committee for the evaluation of proposals received as per RFP #214-21, Hunt County Justice Center Renovations on DPS Offices. The committee will consist of the following representatives from the Hunt County Facilities Department, Chris Kilmer and Laizza Harkey and Lt. Chad Stroud, with the Hunt County Sheriff's Department. The Purchasing Department will provide assistance to the committee, but will not have a vote in the final recommendations of the committee to the Commissioner's Court – Cheryl Lowry, Purchasing Agent

\_\_\_\_ Item #13 pulled for discussion after Executive Session

16,666 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Strait, for the Court to approve the Consent Calendar items #1 through #12 as listed; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments.**

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

16,667 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, 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.**

16,668 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to approve a proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, April 2021 – Lori Cope, CASA Director; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

16,669 On the motion by Stovall, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve a proclamation celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Mrs. Margery Mae Merrick Pickens – Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

16,670 On the motion by Stovall, second by Strait, for the Court to accept the resignation of Bonnie Hunter from the NETEX Board and appointing Mark Hutchins, Precinct 1 Commissioner – Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

16,671 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve the request to transfer Glock Model 22, Serial #FCG783US, HC Inventory #00783, from the Hunt County

Sheriff's Office to the Hunt County Constable Precinct 1 Office – Buddy Oxford, Chief Deputy; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

16,672 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve a request to donate twenty-four (24) metal bunks and six (6) metal tables (currently in Jail Annex building) to the Hopkins County Sheriff's Office – Buddy Oxford, Chief Deputy; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

16,673 On the motion by Martin, second by Strait, for the Court to approve the Fire Alarm Monitoring and POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) Monitoring for the - Hunt County Juvenile Building at 2701 Johnson Street. Contract is for a three (3) year agreement, with American Fire Protection Group, Inc. The monthly monitoring per account is \$40.00. Fee to be paid from Building Other Repair & Maintenance 10-623-1800-2263. Cheryl Lowry, Purchasing Agent; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

16,674 On the motion by Martin, second by Hutchins, for the Court to approve the County Attorney's office request of one (1) \$3,000.00 stipend for the administrator, Paige Ashley, one (1) \$1,000.00 stipend for Janice Evans and one (1) \$1,000.00 stipend for Katie Jones of the Pretrial Intervention Program for the Hunt County Attorney's Office; stipends to be reimbursed by fees collected under Article 102.0121 of the Code of Criminal Procedure – Calvin Grogan, County Attorney; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

16,675 On the motion by Martin, second by Strait, for the Court to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hunt Regional Hospital related to vaccine clinic – Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge; no one opposed, **Motion Carries. See attachment.**

10. Establishing the Hunt County Elections Commission, creating a position for an Election Administrator and appointing an Election Administrator Designee – Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge

       This item is to be discussed after Executive Session

16,676 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Strait, for the Court to approve the upgrade of approximately 2,200 feet of CR 1057 from dirt to rock in Precinct 1, money is in escrow – Mark Hutchins, Precinct 1 Commissioner; no one opposed, **Motion Carries. See attachment**

16,677 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve the upgrade of approximately 2,150 feet of CR 3202 from dirt to rock in Precinct 3, money is in escrow – Phillip Martin, Precinct 3 Commissioner; no one opposed, **Motion Carries. See attachment**

16,678 On the motion by Strait, second by Hutchins, for the Court to approve request to construct electrical power distribution facilities along CR 2584 in Precinct 2 with normal stipulations – Farmers Electric Cooperative; no one opposed, **Motion Carries. See attachment**

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

\_\_\_\_ Strike from the agenda

**16,679** On the motion by Strait, second by Hutchins, for the Court to approve the Final Plat for the Hills at Caddo Mills in Precinct 2 – Mark Hickman; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

**16,680** On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve accounts payable; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

**16,681** On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to approve line-item transfers with the exception of the \$10,000.00 transfer from the Sheriff's Office; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

**16,682** On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to approve budget amendments; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

**PAYROLL & PERSONNEL:**

Jail count: 262

<b><u>CONSTABLE PRECINCT 1</u></b>	Add Barron Carpenter, Deputy, at \$44,945.00 effective 4/5/2021.
<b><u>COUNTY ATTORNEY</u></b>	Add Dhenai Tunstall, Legal Assistant, at \$39,251.00 effective 3/29/2021.
<b><u>COUNTY CLERK</u></b>	Raise Valerie Bradley to \$33,840.00 effective 3/22/2021. Raise Kelley Massengale to \$33,840.00 effective 3/22/2021. Raise Bailey Owens to \$32,250.00 effective 3/22/2021. Raise April Vroman to \$31,250.00 effective 4/5/2021; initial 90 days will be complete.
<b><u>PRECINCT 1</u></b>	Remove Kyle Shamburger due to resignation effective 3/19/2021. Add Steven Talley, Equipment Operator, at \$37,000.00 effective 3/30/2021.
<b><u>PRECINCT 4</u></b>	Add Bo Wright, Equipment Operator, at \$36,500.00 effective 3/29/2021.
<b><u>SHERIFF</u></b>	Remove Laura Paris due to resignation effective 2/17/2021.

**16,683** On the motion by Strait, second by Hutchins, for the Court to approve payroll and personnel; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

## **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED**

**16,684** On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to exit Regular Session and enter Executive Session at 10:47 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 county road maintenance; a petition for Emergency Services District; and COVID-19 Legal Update; Hunt County Subdivision Rules & Regulations; Illegal subdivision and septic system enforcement; Joint Elections Commission; NETEX Railroad; Game Room regulations; Establishing Hunt County Elections Commission; creation of Elections Administrator position; elective procedures for County Jail inmates; County Road abandonment – 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 – County Judge's Executive Administrative Assistant; to deliberate the

appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee: Appointment of Elections Administrator Designee – Daniel Ray, County Civil Attorney

## **ADJOURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

\_\_\_\_\_ The Court exited Executive Session and returned to Regular Session at 11:25 a.m.

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

10. Establishing the Hunt County Elections Commission, creating a position for an Election Administrator and appointing an Election Administrator Designee – Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge

\_\_\_\_\_ **Public Comments:** David Hale, Republican Party Chair; Larry Davis, Democratic Party Chair; Mike Hale, Precinct Chair; Randy Wineinger, Tax Assessor/Collector

16,685 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Martin, for the Court to approve establishing the Hunt County Elections Commissioner-Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge; no one opposed, *Motion carries. See attachment.*

16,686 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Strait, for the Court to approve creating the position for an Election Administrator-Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge; no one opposed, *Motion carries. See attachment.*

16,687 On the motion by Strait, second by Martin, for the Court to approve the appointment of Jeannie Ash as the Election Administrator Designee until such time the Election Commission appoints an Election Administrator-Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge, no one opposed, *Motion carries. See attachment.*

## **ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED**

16,688 On the motion by Strait, second by Hutchins, for the Court to exit Regular Session and enter Executive Session at 11:44 a.m.; no one opposed, *Motion carries.*

## **ADJOURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

\_\_\_\_\_ The Court exited Executive Session and returned to Regular Session at 11:58 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Court recessed at 11:58 a.m. and will return at 12:45 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Court returned to Regular Session at 12:46 p.m.

\_\_\_\_ **Public Comments:** Amy Moore-regarding road conditions; Susan Vernos-regarding road conditions; David Zvanett-regarding elections

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

**16,689** On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve the consent to the formation of a Hunt County Committee for the evaluation of proposals received as per RFP #214-21, Hunt County Justice Center Renovations on DPS Offices. The committee will consist of the following representatives from the Hunt County Facilities Department, Chris Kilmer and Laizza Harkey and Lt. Chad Stroud, with the Hunt County Sheriff's Department. The Purchasing Department will provide assistance to the committee, but will not have a vote in the final recommendations of the committee to the Commissioner's Court – Cheryl Lowry, Purchasing Agent; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED**

**16,690** On the motion by Strait, second by Harrison, for the Court to exit Regular Session and enter Executive Session at 12:54 p.m.; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

**ADJOURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

\_\_\_\_ The Court exited Executive Session and returned to Regular Session at 2:06 p.m.

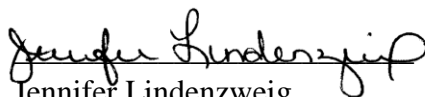
**XIII. TAKE ANY ACTION ON ANY ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED.**

\_\_\_\_ None

**XIV. ADJOURN**

**16,691** On the motion by Hutchins, second by Strait, for the Court to adjourn at 2:06 p.m. on March 23, 2021; no one opposed **Motion carries.**

**I hereby attest to the accuracy of this record.**

  
Jennifer Lindenzweig  
Hunt County Clerk