

COMMISSIONER'S COURT
Regular Session
August 24, 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 10:01 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; Commissioner Steven Harrison, Precinct 4; County Judge Bobby W. Stovall, presiding. Bruce Ballard, Auditor and Becky Landrum, County Clerk were also present.

III. MINUTES

16,949 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to approve the minutes of **AUGUST 10, 2021 REGULAR SESSION and AUGUST 16, 2021 SPECIAL SESSION** 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:

1. The appointment of the Hunt County Variance Assessment Committee- Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge

_____ Tabled until next meeting

2. The final Plat of Merritt 1106 Addition in Precinct 1 – Boundary Solutions

_____ Pulled from Agenda

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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

1. A budget amendment to the Hunt County Sheriff’s Office Crime Control Account adding deposits in the amount of \$4,797.50 to the Expenditure Categories – Buddy Oxford, Chief
2. Purchase one (1) 2021 Case Farmall 100C Cab 4WD Loader from Farm Country Inc. for Hunt County Precinct 4. Pricing per TIPS contract #19001 and quote provided, in the amount of \$67,800.00. Funding from Pct. 4 Equipment Funds 24-671-3800-4200 – Cheryl Lowry, Purchasing Agent
3. To amend the Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual to REVISE Section XI, County-Owned Supplies & Equipment, Item I. Revise from Semi-Annual Inventory of Weapons as per the attached – Cheryl Lowry, Purchasing Agent
4. A renewal of Hunt County Annual Contract #020-08 for Vending Machines – Effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022, with Buzz-By Vending – Cheryl Lowry, Purchasing Agent

16,950 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to approve the Consent Calendar items 1-4; no one opposed, **Motion carries.** *See attachments*

VII. ACTION ITEMS – Discuss and possibly take action Public hearing on the FY 2021-2022 Budget

____ The Judge opened the Public Hearing at 10:03 a.m.

____ The Judge closed the Public Hearing at 10:04 a.m.

Concerning the FY 2021-2022 Budget the commissioners and Judge received an email from Kerry Crews and Michael Vincent who could not be in attendance with their requests. The Court heard from Brandon Brand, Director of the Information Technology Department requesting to add an Administrative Assistant at \$40,000.00 per year. The Court heard from Randy Wineinger, Chief Tax Assessor requesting to add 2 additional employees as front line customer service

employees. The Court heard from Aubree Hitchman, County Auditor's Office concerning the County Health Clinic employees making positional changes within the department and requesting raises for those affected.

16,951 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin to approve the Elected Officials salaries for FY 2021-2022- Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments**

4. The Redistricting of FY 2021-2022- Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge

____ Item #4 is tabled, moved to Old Business for September 30, 2021 Commissioners Court.

16,952 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison to approve a Sub-Grant to Hunt Memorial Hospital District from the America Rescue Plan Resolution and Interlocal Contract, pending Hospital Board Approval - Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments**

16,953 On the motion by Stovall, second by Harrison for the Court to accept the acknowledgement of an order signed by the District Judges reappointing Cheryl Lowry as the County Purchasing Agent; effective September 16, 2021 through September 15, 2023; salary of \$60,000 per year and increasing to \$65,000 on October 1, 2021-Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments**

16,954 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin for the Court to approve an order re-appointing Richard Hill as the Fire Marshall for Hunt County for another 2-year term beginning September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023; salary of \$67,308 per year and increasing to \$71,346 as of October 1, 2021- Becky Landrum, County Clerk; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments**

16,955 On the motion by Strait, second by Hutchins for the Court to approve the renaming of a section of CR 2668 to Double R Pass; removed from Hunt County Precinct 2 maintenance as it is already being maintained by MUD – Randy Strait, Precinct 2 Commissioners; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments**

16,956 On the motion by Strait, second by Hutchins for the Court to approve the renaming of a section of CR 2667 to Lonesome Dove Ranch; removed from Hunt County Precinct 2 maintenance as it is already being maintained by MUD – Randy Strait, Precinct 2 Commissioners; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments**

16,957 On the motion by Strait, second by Hutchins for the Court to approve the removal of a section of CR 2668 between Double R Pass and Lonesome Dove Ranch from Hunt County Precinct 2 maintenance as it is already being maintained by MUD – Randy Strait, Precinct 2 Commissioners; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments**

16,958 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Strait for the Court to approve the upgrade of approximately 4,250 feet of CR 1051 from rock to oil sand in Precinct 1 at the County's expense – Mark Hutchins, Precinct 1 Commissioner; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments**

16,959 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin for the Court to approve the upgrade of approximately 7500 feet of CR 4813 from dirt to rock in Precinct 4, moneys in escrow – Steven M. Harrison, Precinct 4 Commissioner; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments**

16,960 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin for the Court to approve the upgrade of approximately 4200 feet of CR 4814 from dirt to rock in Precinct 4, moneys in escrow – Steven M. Harrison, Precinct 4 Commissioner; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments**

16,961 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin for the Court to approve the upgrade of approximately 2700 feet of CR 4907 from dirt to rock in Precinct 4, moneys in escrow – Steven M. Harrison, Precinct 4 Commissioner; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments**

16,962 On the motion by Strait, second by Harrison for the Court to approve a request to construct electrical power distribution facilities across CR 2424 in Precinct 2 with normal stipulations– Famers Electric Cooperative; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments**

16,963 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison for the Court to approve a request to construct electrical power distribution facilities across CR 3517 in Precinct 3 with normal stipulations – Farmers Electric Cooperative; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments**

16,964 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin for the Court to approve a request to construct electrical power distribution facilities across CR 4805 in Precinct 4 with normal stipulations – Farmers Electric Cooperative; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments**

_____ Judge Stovall opened the Court for Public Testimony regarding Sky Meadows

No Public Comment

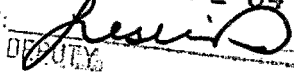
_____ The Court closed the Public Hearing

16,965 On the motion by Strait, second by Hutchins for the Court to approve a replat of Lots 206 and 207 of Sky Meadows, Phase 2 to be known as Lopez addition in Precinct 2 – Noel Lopez, owner; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REPLAT OF
OR PORTIONS THEREOF

FILE FOR RECORD
JENNIFER LINDENZWEIG
COUNTY CLERK HUNT CO. TX

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BY: 
DEPUTY

TO THE PUBLIC:

Application has been made to revise and replat approximately 8.0 acres of Lot 206 and Lot 207_ of Sky Meadows, Phase II, an addition to Hunt County, Texas and being all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in the John Weatherford Survey, Abstract No. 1122, Hunt County, Texas. More specifically, the owner of Lot 206 and Lot 207 proposes to divide two 4.0 acre residential lots into one 4.0 acre residential lot and two 2.0 acre residential lots to be known as Lopez Addition.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the above referenced Application for Replat will be considered and possibly acted upon at a public hearing by the Hunt County Commissioner's Court at their regular meeting in the Commissioner's Courtroom, Courthouse Auxiliary Building, 2700 Johnson Street, Greenville, TX, 75401 on August 24, 2021, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The court will meet at that time to consider the Application and hear comments and protests to the revision of the plat.

_____ Judge Stovall opened the Court back up to Public Testimony

The Court heard from Patsy Carson CR 2592 asking for Commissioner Strait to get her an estimate for an oiled top road.

16,966 On the motion by Strait, second by Hutchins for the Court to approve the final plat of Glass Addition in Precinct 2 – By-Line Surveying; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

16,967 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison for the Court to approve the final plat of Ryan Addition No 1 in Precinct 3 – Jack and Jennifer Anderson; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

16,968 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison for the Court to approve the final plat of Blue Sky Estates in Precinct 3 – Stovall & Associates; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

16,969 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin for the Court to approve the final plat of Rodrigues Family Addition in Precinct 4 – Stovall & Associates; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

16,970 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve Accounts payable; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

16,971 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to approve the Line-Item Transfers; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

16,972 On the motion by Harrison, second by Strait, for the Court to approve the Budget Amendments; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

PAYROLL & PERSONNEL:

<u>COUNTY CLERK</u>	Change Leslie Portillo from full-time temp position to full time permanent position as Deputy Clerk and raise to \$31,000.00 effective August 23,2021
<u>COUNTY JUDGE</u>	Remove Amanda Blankenship from pt hourly due to resignation effective September 30,2021
<u>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</u>	Add Cassidy Teelon Admin Asst at \$39,127.00 effective August 23,2021 Change Shelly Hughes Admin Asst to \$41,946.00 plus continue to receive \$1,788.00 stipend from Forf. Fund effective August 16,2021
<u>DISTRICT CLERK</u>	Add Teresa Howle Deputy Clerk at \$32,000.00 effective August 30,2021
<u>JAIL</u>	Add Corey Kirk DO G4 at \$37,008.00 effective August 23,2021

16,973 On the motion by Strait, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve Payroll and Personnel; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachment.**

16,974 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to Adjourn to Executive Session at 10:51am; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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; a petition for Emergency Services District; Illegal subdivision and septic system enforcement; County Road abandonment; jail building discussion; discussion of county road upgrade cost

schedule; discussion of SGR initial report; bond election timeline discussion; American Rescue Fund charitable organization application discussion; Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria – 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; Project Mass and Project Diamond – Daniel Ray, County Civil Attorney

ADJOURN TO REGULAR SESSION

_____ The Court exited Executive Session and returned to Regular Session at 11:57a.m.

16,975 On the motion by Strait, second by Hutchins for the Court to Recess until 1:00pm, no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

_____ The Court returned to Regular Session at 1:00 pm

16,976 On the motion by Strait, second by Harrison for the court to go into Executive Session at 1:00 pm, no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

ADJOURN TO REGULAR SESSION

_____ The Court exited Executive Session and returned to Regular Session at 1:12 pm

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

Regarding the County Response to Covid – Daniel Ray, County Civil Attorney for a resolution to be drawn up on Covid Response Sick Time Pay Policy relating to Covid sickness and exposure

1. The County will adopt current CDC guidelines allowing the County policy to change as the CDC guidelines change.
2. If there are changes they will be sent to Elected Officials and Department Heads by the Human Resources Office working in conjunction with the County Health Department/Homeland Security Office.
3. If Covid test results come back negative then the employee will be paid based on sick time rather than the Emergency Disaster Pay for Covid.
4. If employee receives a positive Covid test and the CDC guidelines state to be out for a certain number of days that there is recognition paid to the fact that one of the long term symptoms of Covid is fatigue. Commissioner's Court would adopt a policy giving an additional 2 day policy consisting of 16 hours for anyone who needs to use it to be paid with the Covid Disaster pay instead of Sick pay.
5. Testing is required or allowed under the CDC policies that everyone who is taking time off due to Covid exposure or Covid illness be required to get tested subject to the CDC guidelines which provide some exemptions for people who have been vaccinated and that those test results be provided to the Department Head or the Elected Official who the person works for within 24 hours, and the Department Heads be told by HR that they are then to provide that information to the Treasurer, and the Treasurer's Office will determine how the pay works whether it works against sick time or whether it is in the special provision for Covid pay.
6. Unless the CDC guidelines that currently exists or that will be adopted in the future provide an exemption or exception that everyone who is taking time off for Covid exposure or Covid sickness be required to have the test and if they refuse to do so that they get paid based on sick time rather than DLWP.

16,977 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve items 1-6 listed under the Counties response to Covid; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

_____Regarding Action Item #2, The FY 2021-2022 Budget

16,978 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to add 1 full time position to the JP and Constable in Commerce to be split between the two offices at \$31,000 plus benefits; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

16,979 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to add 1 position to the Hunt County I. T. Department at \$40,000 per year plus benefits; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

16,980 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin and Hutchins, for the Court to add 1 position to the Tax Assessor/Collector Department at \$31,000 per year plus benefits; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

ADJOURN

16,981 On the motion by Harrison, second by Strait, for the Court to adjourn at 1:20 pm on August 24, 2021, no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

I hereby attest to the accuracy of this record.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becky Landrum". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Becky Landrum
Hunt County Clerk