

COMMISSIONER'S COURT
Regular Session
January 9, 2024

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 Stovall, County Judge, at 10:00 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, Commissioner David Monroe, Precinct 2, Commissioner Phillip Martin, Precinct 3; Commissioner Steven Harrison, Precinct 4; Bobby Stovall, County Judge, presiding. Mary Corcoran, County Auditor and Becky Landrum, County Clerk were also present.

III. MINUTES

18,564 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to approve the minutes of, December 27, 2023, Regular Session with the correction of, Item #18,541 to read as follows *On the motion by Stovall, second by Martin, for the court to approve the purchase of software, poll pads and all accessories, moving money from County Judge budget to the Voters Administration budget for the new employee out of County Judges part-time salary and to add \$18,000.00 to cover the cost of the wi-fi moving that to Voters Administration budget out of contingency into Voters Administration line item for communications and for GEUS to add fiber/high speed internet at roughly \$1,300 a month. With the motion to move an additional \$12,000.00 to Communications for new internet service to that building – Jeannie Ash; no one opposed, Motion carries.*

IV. PUBLIC TESTIMONY Citizens are invited to address the Commissioner's Court on topics not already scheduled for a Public Hearing. Public Testimony may be made by e-mailing PublicComments@huntcounty.net. The public will be permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. A recording of the telephonic/video meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes and should conduct themselves in a civil manner. The Commissioner's Court cannot take action on items not listed on the agenda in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Concerns will be addressed by County Staff; they may be placed on a future agenda or addressed by some other course of response.

Speakers: Duane Smith and Amy Smith – Oncor on CR 1033

V. OLD BUSINESS

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

None

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. Consent to approve renewal of annual contract for Independent Outside Audit Services for Hunt County for the fiscal year which ended September 30, 2023, with Rutherford, Taylor & Company as per the terms and conditions of engagement letter dated December 18, 2023 – Tammy Himes, Purchasing Agent
2. Consent to purchase a 2011 Peterbilt 386 (VIN #1XPHD49X4BD128184) from Sulphur Bluff Ag, LLC. in the amount of \$49,000.00. Funding from Precinct 4 Equipment #24-671-3800-4200 – Tammy Himes, Purchasing Agent
3. A certificate of Compliance for Brittini Turner, as required by Texas Local Government Code, for 20 hours of Continuing Education for 2023 – Becky Landrum, County Clerk
4. A certificate of Membership to the County Investment Academy for Brittini Turner for successfully completing investment education that satisfies Section 2256.008 of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act in 2023 – Becky Landrum, County Clerk

18,565 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to approve Items 1- 4 on the Consent Calendar; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments.**

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

18,566 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve the Accounts Payable; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

18,567 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to approve the Line-Item Transfers; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments.**

18,568 On the motion by Harrison, second by Hutchins and Monroe, for the Court to approve the Budget Amendments; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments.**

Approval of Payroll and Personnel move to Executive Session

18,569 On the motion by Hutchins and Harrison, second by Martin, for the court to accept the quarterly report for Northeast Texas Children’s Museum – Sharline Freeman, Director ; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments.**

18,570 On the motion by Monroe, second by Hutchins, for the court to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report for November 2023 – Brittini Turner, Treasurer; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments.**

18,571 On the motion by Monroe, second by Harrison, for the court to approve the renewal of Boles ISD contract with Hunt County Sheriff’s office for school resource officer – Terry Jones, Sheriff; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

4. Interlocal Agreement with City of Farmersville regarding Texas parks & Wildlife grant for recreational trail funding – Daniel Ray, Hunt County Civil Attorney

Postpone until after Executive Session
No Action Taken

5. The request seeking permission from Hunt County to cross CR 4823 with the Lake Ralph Hall Pipeline, Garney Construction will be crossing the road following the attached construction details. The access road will be re-routed during the utility crossing utilizing Proper TXDOT detour signage. Construction will take roughly three days with the road detour in place. The contractor will notify the residents of the lane closure in advance under normal stipulations in Precinct 4 _ Garney Construction

Postpone until after Executive Session
No Action Taken

6. the request seeking permission from Hunt County to cross CR 4902 with the Lake Ralph Hall Pipeline, Garney Construction will be crossing the road following the attached construction details. The access road will be re-routed during the utility crossing utilizing Proper TXDOT detour signage. Construction will take roughly three days with the road detour in place. The contractor will notify the residents of the lane closure in advance under normal stipulations in Precinct 4 _ Garney Construction

Postpone until after Executive Session
No Action Taken

18,572 On the motion by Monroe, second by Hutchins, for the court to approve the request to construct electrical power distribution facilities which will be in the ROW of CR 2214 under

normal stipulations in Precinct 2 – Farmers Electric Cooperative; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments.**

18,573 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Monroe, for the court to approve the upgrade of approximately 6,151 feet of CR 1110 from rock to oil sand in Precinct 1 – Mark Hutchins, Precinct 1 Commissioner; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

18,574 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the court to approve the upgrade of approximately 804 feet of CR 3202 from rock to oil sand in Precinct 3, money is in escrow - Phillip Martin, Precinct 3 Commissioner; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments.**

18,575 On the motion by Harrison, second by Monroe, for the court to approve the Maintenance Bond for Windy Meadows Estates, Phase 2, and commencement of the 2-year maintenance period, in Precinct 4 – Mike Hale; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments.**

18,576 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the court to approve the Final Plat of Signal Ranchettes Addition in Precinct 3 – Jonathan Klaus, Owner; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

18,577 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the court to approve the Final Plat for G & M Ramirez Addition in Precinct 3 – Mary Ramirez; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

18,578 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the court to approve the Final Plat of Wilson Addition in Precinct 3 – Joseph Wayne & Sheryl Ann Lily, Owner; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

18,579 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the court to approve the Final Plat of Lone Oak Addition in Precinct 3 – Classic Country Land, LLC, Owner; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED

18,580 On the motion by Monroe, second by Hutchins, for the Court to Adjourn to Executive Session at 10:20 am; no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

VII. 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; American Rescue Plan discussion; enterprise; office facility management; Merit VFD building; Volunteer Fire Department issues; jail building discussion; Farmersville annexation, ETJ and MDD election; Odyssey Software; Prosecutor discovery software; Housing Finance Cooperation; Junkyard Ordinance; Harvest Bend drainage; office infrastructure planning; road damage & health & safety violations to County Road 4510 & surrounding areas; Hayes Estates Subdivision; County wide Radio Communications; purchasing; exchange building elevators; Human Resources; Human Resources additional employee; employee health insurance; November 2023 Election; TCEQ notice; speed limits on county roads – 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; CT Excavating; McAdow, Halbert; road damage & health & safety violations to County Road 4510 & surrounding areas – 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; DC4/Quad; Wave; Bubble; Bluebonnet; MP; Decker, Window 2, Sawtooth Mountain, Keg – 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 negotiation's; (2) Deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect – Daniel Ray, County Civil Attorney

ADJOURN TO REGULAR SESSION

_____ The Court exited Executive Session and returned to Regular Session at 12:25 pm

Take Action on any Item Discussed in Executive Session as needed.

18,581 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the court to approve a HR spot for Ashleigh Heer

JAIL COUNT:274

PAYROLL & PERSONNEL:

<u>CONSTABLE PCT 2</u>	Remove Mark Lee Clark, Deputy Constable, due to resignation effective 11-27-23
<u>HOMELAND SECURITY</u>	Remove Hunter Payne, Laborer, due to resignation effective 10-13-23 Remove Andrew Bennett, Laborer, due to resignation effective 1-5-24
<u>JAIL</u>	Remove Mark Andrews, DO, G4, due to termination effective 1-5-24
<u>PRECINCT 4</u>	Raise Kevin Clark, Equipment Operator from \$49,078.00 to \$50,680.27 effective 1-8-24 Raise Michael Davis, CDL/Equipment from \$45,000.00 to \$48,602.27 effective 1-8-24 Raise Daren Dawson, Asst Foreman from \$62,601.00 to \$64,203.27 effective 1-8-24 Raise Cory Erven, Foreman from \$72,461.00 to \$74,069.27 effective 1-8-24 Raise Juan Hernandez, Equip Operator from \$51,304.00 to \$52,906.27 effective 1-8-24 Raise Pilar Larios, Equip Operator from \$60,829.00 to \$62,431.27 effective 1-8-24 Raise Andrew McLarry, CDL/Equip from \$50,600.00 to \$52,202.27 effective 1-8-24 Raise Sean McLarry, CDL/Equip from \$54,203.00 to \$55,805.27 effective 1-8-24 Raise Colten Quattlebaum, CDL/Equip from \$54,150.00 to \$55,752.27 effective 1-8-24 Raise Francisco Ramirez, Equip from \$53,424.00 to \$55,026.27 effective 1-8-24 Raise Jeffrey White, CDL/Equip from \$59,987.00 to \$61,580.27 effective 1-8-24
<u>PURCHASING</u>	Promote Tammy Himes to Purchasing Agent @ \$72,325.00 effective 1-1-24
<u>VOTER ADMINISTRATION</u>	Add Heather Goodin, Deputy Clerk, fulltime @ \$40,560.00 effective 1-16-24

18,582 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve Payroll and Personnel with the exclusion of the request by HR for Ashleigh Heer, new employee – pull that one for a separate issue; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments.**

18,583 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the court to approve a new position in HR to be funded from contingency for the cost of the employment of Ashleigh Heer with appropriate benefits and taxes to be budgeted and pulled out of contingency; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments.**

Action Item #4 to be postponed.

18,584 On the motion by Harrison, second by Hutchins and Monroe, for the court approve the engagement of both federal cases with James T. Jeffrey Jr. to represent the county in two federal court cases filed against the Hunt County Clerk; no one opposed, **Motion carries. See attachments.**

ADJOURN

18,585 On the motion by Martin, second by Monroe, for the Court to adjourn at 12:27 p.m. on January 9, 2024, no one opposed, **Motion carries.**

I hereby attest to the accuracy of this record.



Becky Landrum
Hunt County Clerk

