## COMMISSIONER'S COURT

# **Regular Session**

April 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

<u>18,720</u> On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to approve the minutes of, March 26, 2024, Regular Session as written; 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.

<u>Speakers:</u> Mark White – Merit Incorporation, Jason Krug – Water Ordinance, Ray Lambert - Harvest Bend Flood Issues, Samuel Schatte – FD Radio System

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

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

18,721 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Monroe, for the Court to accept the Preliminary Plat for Greenstead Estates, an addition in Precinct 1 – Lonzi Legacy, LLC, Tochuwu Cornelius Ekeh Machuma Legacy, LLC, Sarfariland Pro Land, LLC, Ebubechukwu Agu, Juliet Nkechinyelu Exennia, Massandje Donkoure, Nahotidezine, LLC, Alexander Ugorji, Uche Nwokocha, Loveth Jenfa, Cega T, LLC, TAMU 1, llc, Okobi Anthonia, Owners; 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.
  - Formal Bid #246-24, Premix Oil and Sand, award to all responsive vendors as per Bid Award Attached and LGC§262.027(e). Twelve (12) month contract, effective April 13, 2024, through April 12, 2025

    – Tammy Himes, Purchasing Agent
  - 2. Formal Bid #247-24, Clear Span Concrete Bridges and Concrete Box Culverts, award all items to Yoder Bridge, the only responsive vendor. Twelve (12) month contract, effective April 14, 2024, through April 13, 2025 Tammy Himes, Purchasing Agent
  - 3. Formal Bid #248-24, Road Oil and Emulsion for Seal Coat, award to all responsive vendors as per Bid Award Attached and LGC§262.027(e). Twelve (12) month contract, effective April 23, 2024, through April 22, 2025 Tammy Himes, Purchasing Agent
  - Consent to add one (1) 2024 Ford Explorer XLT 4dr 4x2 and one (1) 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe LS 4dr 4x2 to Enterprise Fleet
     Management Program for Hunt County Juvenile Probation –
     Tammy Himes, Purchasing Agent
  - 5. The Guide to Equitable Sharing for State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies have changed effective March 1, 2024. The monies that had been received from the Federal Asset Sharing Program account to conduct criminal investigations had to be

- deposited back in the account. Department of Justice (DOJ) instructed us to show the deposit on our Annual ESAC report to the OTHER category. The amount was \$8,165.00. Request to change the Budget by adding an OTHER category with a balance of \$8,165.00 Buddy Oxford, Chief Deputy
- 6. Hunt County has received \$65,559.93 from the Federal Asset Sharing Program. It is requested this be allocated to the Law Enforcement Equipment Category of the Hunt County Federal Forfeiture Account Budget Buddy Oxford, Chief Deputy
- 18,722 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to approve Items 1-6 on the Consent Calendar; no one opposed, Motion carries. See attachments.
- <u>18,723</u> On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin to remove Item #4 from the Consent Calendar; no one opposed, Motion carries.
- 18,724 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Monroe to approve Item #4 under consent removing the 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe from the request; no one opposed, Motion carries.

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

- <u>18,725</u> On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to approve the Accounts Payable; no one opposed, Motion carries.
- <u>18,726</u> On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to approve the Line-Item Transfers; no one opposed, Motion carries. *See attachments*.
- <u>18,727</u> On the motion by Harrison, second by Hutchins, for the Court to approve the Budget Amendments; no one opposed, <u>Motion carries</u>. *See attachments*.
- 18,728 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Monroe, for the Court to approve Payroll; no one opposed, Motion carries. *See attachments*.
- 18,729 On the motion by Monroe and Martin, second by Harrison, for the court to proclaim April 14, 2024, Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Day; no one opposed, Motion carries. *See attachments*.

#### Repost for next month:

2. The Treasurer's Monthly Report for April 2024 – Brittni Turner, Treasurer

<u>18,730</u> On the motion by Harrison, second by Monroe, for the court to approve the quarterly report for the City of Commerce Animal Shelter – Jamie Campbell, Finance Director; no one opposed, Motion carries. *See attachments*.

4. Discussion of Radio Project and Dispatch upgraded equipment and furniture – Buddy Oxford, Deputy Chief

Public Hearing Open: 10:59 Public Hearing Closed: 11:00

Speakers: Mark White

Public Hearing Open: 11:08 Public Hearing Closed: 11:16

Speakers: Aaron Deary

18,731 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the court to approve Items 1-3 on the proposal and fund them out of the Capital Improvement, unless we can find out that we can use ARPA funds for those; no one opposed, Motion carries. *See attachments*.

18,732 On the motion by Hutchins, for the court to designate 2 million out of ARPA funds unrestricted to be set aside to support the decision of these committees we are contemplating putting together for purpose of purchasing radios for our volunteer fire departments; motion dies for lack of a second.

9. Presentation and discussion for retaining the services of Grant Works to assist the County in grants and ARPA funding – Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge, Caitlyn Verrett and Tracy Graham presenters.

18,733 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Monroe and Martin, for the court to approve The County Attorney office requests transferring out of 621-1300-9101 remaining FY24 budgeted \$3,116.49 stipend from Wiley Hollopeter to Katie Jones plus \$588 in benefits and \$3,791.97 stipend from Allyson Ashley plus \$715 in benefits to Janice Evans out of the Pretrial Intervention Program (PIP) for the Hunt County Attorney's Office; stipends to be reimbursed by fees collected under Article 102.0121 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. In addition, Hunt County Attorney office requests a \$6,608.49 stipend increase plus \$1,247 in benefits for Katie Jones and a \$6,321.97 stipend increase plus \$1,192 in benefits for Janice Evans out of the Pretrial Intervention Program for the Hunt County Attorney's Office, paid out of FY24 PIP contingency 621-1300-7600 – Calvin Grogan, County Attorney; no one opposed, Motion carries, See attachments.

18,734 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Monroe, for the court to approve The District Attorney's Office requests an increase in budgeting authority to provide for the expenditure of

\$15,636 of pretrial intervention funds in the form of a stipend for Gertrude Wineinger, plus \$2,900 in benefits. The stipend to be reimbursed out of fees collected under Article 102.0121 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The District Attorney's Office further requests funds in the <a href="State Supplement-DA Staff">Staff</a> line item for the current budget year be re- allocated to the following employees in the following amounts: Shelly Hughes - \$4750, Claudia Argumaniz - \$3500, and Cassidy Teelon - \$3000 – Nobie Walker, District Attorney; no one opposed, Motion carries. See attachments.

# JAIL COUNT:264 PAYROLL & PERSONNEL:

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' OFFICE	Add Maria Orneclas, Victim Assistance Coordinator, fulltime @ \$58,000.00, effective 4-15-24
DISTRICT CLERK	Transfer from HR to District Clerk Shana Lee, Deputy Clerk, fulltime @ \$40,000.00, effective 4-8-24
HOMELAND SECURITY	Add Dustin Hunter, Deputy Fire Marshal, part time hourly @ \$25.00, effective 4-6-24
HUNT COUNTY ATTORNEY	Add Sherin Joseph, Legal Assistant, fulltime @ \$50,344.00, effective 4-15-24
<u>JP 1-2</u>	Raise Andera Hope Green, Deputy Clerk, from \$41,894. to \$42,376. Effective 4-8-24 Raise Shonna Martin, Chief Deputy, from \$52,356. To \$54,356. Effective 4-8-24 Remove Yolanda Cook, Clerk G-4, due to resignation effective 4-5-24
PRECINCT 1	Promote Johnny Bubba Pairsh from Equipment Operator to Grader Operator from \$51,920. To \$53,437. Effective 4-15-24

18,735 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Monroe, for the Court to approve Payroll and Personnel with the discussion we just had that the DA's Money will be paid out of SB 22 and the County Attorney is just a new hire; no one opposed, Motion carries. See attachments.

7. Public Hearing and Order on Public Safety purchase and approval by Court of Purchasing Act exemption, pursuant to Section 262 of the Texas Local Government Code, for repair work order from TK Elevator Corporation, for elevator repairs according to Quote Number: 2024-2-1674122, Reference ID: ACIA-273GDJ7 at the Hunt County Justice Center,ork order total amount of \$61,581.19, per Sourcewell Contract #080420-TKE. (50%) Payment of \$30,790.60 will be due and payable as initial progress payment within 10 days from TK Elevator's receipt of fully executed copy of work order. The remaining (50%) of \$30,790.60 is due upon completion of work order. Funding from Building Repair & Maintenance, 2801 Stuart, Jail- 10-641-1800-2261 – Tammy Himes, Purchasing Agent

Public Hearing Open: 11:46 Public Hearing Closed: 11:46

Speakers: none

<u>18,736</u> On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the court to approve the work order and giving permission to maintenance to sign the work order; no one opposed, <u>Motion carries</u>. *See attachments*.

18,737 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the court to accept the adoption of the Budget Calendar FY 245-25 process with the change of July 27 to July 26; no one opposed, Motion carries. *See attachments*.

18,738 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Monroe, for the court to approve the request for permission to do work within the county ROW along CR 1079, 750' East of the intersection of CR 1079 and CR 1073 (2008 CR 1079, Greenville, TX). We are looking to install a single phase OH distribution line 45' across CR 1079 from an existing pole and install a Pole, approximately 1' inside the Northern ROW of CR 1079 in Precinct 1 under normal stipulation – Oncor; no one opposed, Motion carries. See attachments.

18,739 On the motion by Monroe, second by Hutchins, for the court to approve the request for permission to do work with the county ROW along CR 2134. We are looking to install a single phase OH distribution line 5' inside the east ROW at 2510 CR 2134 Caddo Mills in Precinct 2 under normal stipulation – Oncor; no one opposed, Motion carries. See attachments.

<u>18,740</u> On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the court to approve the request for permission to do work within the county ROW at 1057 CR 4518 Wolfe City 75496. We are looking to install a single phase OH distribution approximately 5' inside the east ROW of CR 4518 in Precinct 4 under normal stipulation – Oncor; no one opposed, Motion carries. *See attachments*.

18,741 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Monroe, for the court to approve a Road Damage Pre-Payment Agreement between Hunt County and Garner Construction for the purpose of making repairs to all or parts of certain sites impacted and damaged by construction of the Lake Ralph Hall pipeline through a portion of Hunt County Precinct 1. To wit: County Roads 1025, 1026, 1042, 1043, 1087, 1089, 1098, 1101, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1125, and 1132 – Mark Hutchins, Precinct 1 Commissioner; no one opposed, Motion carries. *See attachments*.

#### Move to Executive Session:

- 14. Letter approval for American National Bank to serve as escrow agent for administration of Texas Water Development Board Grant Daniel Ray, County Civil Attorney
- 18,742 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Monroe, for the court to approve the upgrade of approximately 2,955 feet of CR 1101 from rock to oil sand in Precinct 1, money is in escrow Mark Hutchins, Precinct 1 Commissioner, with the correction of dirt to rock upgrade; no one opposed, Motion carries. *See attachments*.

<u>18,743</u> On the motion by Monroe, second by Hutchins, for the court to approve the civil plans for Sunset Estates, Phase 2 in Precinct 2 – Countryside Developments; no one opposed, Motion carries.

15. The replat of Lot 1 of FM 1566 Estates, in Precinct 4 – Luis & Tammy Santos, LLC, Owner

Public Hearing Open: 11:55 Public Hearing Closed: 11:55

Speakers: None

<u>18,744</u> On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the court to accept the replat of Lot 1 of FM 1566 Estates in Precinct 4 – Luis & Tammy Santos, LLC, Owner; no one opposed, Motion carries.

<u>18,745</u> On the motion by Hutchins, second by Monroe, for the court to approve the final plat for Jesse Floyd Addition in Precinct 1 – Jesse Floyd; no one opposed, Motion carries.

18,746 On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison for the court to approve the final plat of Chavez Addition in Precinct 3 – Leslie Aylen Ardon & Nery Patricia Chavez Villanueva, Owner; no one opposed, Motion carries.

<u>18,747</u> On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the court to approve the final plat of Mallard Point, Phase 2, Section 1, Lots 17 & 18, Block C in Precinct 3 – Oak National Development; no one opposed, <u>Motion carries</u>.

#### ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED

<u>18,748</u> On the motion by Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to Adjourn to Executive Session at 11:59 am; no one opposed, <u>Motion carries</u>.

## 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; solar eclipse; Volunteer Fire Department issues; jail building discussion; town of Merit incorporation petition; Odyssey Software; Royse City ISD road construction proposal; Tucumcari Ranch; courthouse security access; construction-related road damage payment contracts; Harvest Bend drainage; Castlerock/Oakridge addition; office infrastructure planning; Hayes Estates Subdivision; County wide Radio Communications; purchasing; Human Resources; employee health insurance; TCEQ notice; speed limits on county roads; potential lawsuit regarding public nuisance at or near 415 Bethel Road caused by damming of natural drainage ditch 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; Yellow; Lariat; Bubble; Decker; Window 2; Sawtooth Mountain 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 1:07 pm

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

18,749 On the motion by Stovall, second by Harrison, for the court to authorize the Civil Attorney office to file and prosecute a public nuisance lawsuit against the owner of property ID #37396 and the person responsible for the damming of the drainage ditch on or near that property; no one opposed, Motion carries.

18,750 On the motion by Stovall, second by Harrison, for the court authorize a letter of approval for American National Bank to serve as escrow agent for administration of Texas Water Development Board Grant and give the County Judge the authority to make any non-material changes to the letter; no one opposed, Motion carries. *See attachments*.

<u>18,751</u> On the motion by Stovall, second by Harrison, for the court create a new position for the Purchasing department with a salary not to exceed \$55,000.00 a year; no one opposed, Motion carries.

## **ADJOURN**

<u>18,752</u> On the motion by Monroe and Martin, second by Harrison, for the Court to adjourn at 1:10 p.m. on April 9, 2024, no one opposed, Motion carries.

I hereby attest to the accuracy of this record.

Becky Landrum Hunt County Clerk