COMMISSIONER'S COURT
Special Session
September 23, 2024

The Hunt County Commissioner's Court met this day at 6:00 p.m. in Special 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 6:00 p.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. 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 [redacted] 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.

Public Speakers: none

IV. OLD BUSINESS

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

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.

None

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

1. Public hearing, consideration and action on adopting, approving and/or ratifying proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget that does raise more Property Taxes than the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget, and all related issues – Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge

Public Hearing Open: 6:03 pm Closed: 7:05 pm
Public Speakers: Shannon Manley, Billy Duncan, Charles Meador, Rodney Gregory, Joshua Wickes, Michael James, Richard Osborne, Kassidie Taylor, online Debra Cooley, Brianna Smith, Alice Reada, Soc Irwin. Treasurer – Brittni Turner, Perry Daniel Stovall and Carisa Sanders

2. Consideration and action authorizing the ratification of the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget that does raise more Property Taxes than the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget – Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge

3. Public hearing, discussion and action on adopting and/or approving the proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Tax Rate that will not exceed the no-new-revenue tax rate, and all related issues, and record the vote – Bobby W. Stovall, County Judge

19,054 On the motion by Martin, second by Monroe, for the court to increase the supplemental pay for the (13) volunteer fire departments at 15% increase;

Public Speaker: Treasurer of the Fire Association

Commissioner Hutchins opposed; Motion carries with the other 4 votes.

19,055 On the motion by Monroe, second by Martin, for the court to approve a one-time payment of 3% equaling $1,378,717.00 for the retiree plan funded out of this year's budget;

Public Speaker: Cody Garcia

no one opposed, Motion carries.

Discussion, Commissioner Hutchins speaking on Budget cuts

Public Speaker: Daniel Ledford, Jeff Phillips, Jeff Phillips, Carissa Sanders, Carla ? , Cody Garcia, Daniel Ledford, Jeff Phillips, Chris Talbut

The Court took a 10-minute recess from 9:30 pm to 9:40 pm

19,056 On the motion by Harrison, for the court to cut the budget with the deduction of $25,000.00 from Forensics, the $250,000.00 from the Capital Murder, the $100,000.00 from the Enterprise, $80,000.00 from voter, and $250,000.00 from General Admin. Contingency and also use $800,000.00 of the ARPA money and divide it up between the precincts for road material for roads, $200,000.00 each precinct.

Discussion, Commissioner Martin

The motion failed due to lack of second.

Public Speaker: Jeff Phillips, Carla Narramore

19,057 On the motion by Martin, to postpone the vote on all 3 agenda items until Friday morning @ 10:00 am.

Discussion, Commissioner Hutchins

The motion fails for lack of second.

Public Speaker: Michael Tate

19,058 On the motion by Hutchins to make cuts as stated on the proposed cut sheet, we drop #31 down there its for $46,000.00 for training schools for law enforcement we want to make sure that not going to be an issue for them we can drop item #6 for 8,000.00 for GASB compliance since we need that we can drop, I mean drop from this list of cuts, we can keep drop $80,000.00 from this list from voter administration, that's $134,000.00 for those 3 items and that gets us to $2,497,100.00, 2.5 million in cuts.

Discussion, Commissioner Hutchins, Judge Stovall

The motion fails for lack of second.

Public Speaker: Michael Tate, Jeff Phillips, Dale Money

19,059 On the motion by Monroe, second by Harrison, for the court to postpone and meet back Friday morning on Items 1-3 on the budget; Commissioner Hutchins opposed, Motion carries with the other 4 votes.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED

VI. 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; FY 2024/2025 Budget; American Rescue Plan discussion; jail building discussion; Town of Poetry private civil action; town of Merit incorporation petition; Oncor Utility Damage Claim; Odyssey Software; Harvest Bend drainage; Ramboll; Castlerock/Oakridge addition; Retaining real estate professional to appraise Hunt County real property; Hayes Estates Subdivision; County wide Radio Communications; Texas Parks & Wildlife trail grant; purchasing; Human Resources; employee health insurance; TCEQ notices; 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; Rock; Yellow; Lariat; Bubble; Decker; Window 2; Project 200 Newmark – 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

19,060 On the motion by Monroe, second by Martin, for the Court to adjourn at 10:41p.m. on September 23, 2024, Commissioner Hutchins opposed, Motion carries with the other 4 votes.

I hereby attest to the accuracy of this record.

Becky Landrum
Hunt County Clerk

COUNTY COURT
HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS