COMMISSIONER'S COURT
Special Session
September 27, 2024

The Hunt County Commissioner's Court met this day at 10:00 a.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 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; 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: Kassidy Taylor

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. 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 None

B. ACTION ITEMS

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

19,089 On the motion by Hutchins, second by Monroe, for the Court to approve that we pay 3% in cost of living raises for our retirees at the expense of $1,378,717.00 to be put into next year's budget; no one opposed, Motion carries.

Public Hearing Open: 10:06 Closed: 10:13
Speakers: Jeff Phillips, Morgan Martinez, Robert Torres
Public Hearing Open: 10:13 Closed: 10:28
Speakers: Emanual Banda, Cole Bricka, Ralph Green, Alexander Gomez, Stacy Clemmens, Jeff Phillips

Discussion of Budget by Commissioners

Public Hearing Open: 11:30 Closed: 11:36
Speakers: Jeff Phillips, Daniel Ledford

Discussion of Budget by Judge

19,090 On the motion by Stovall, no second was offered, for the Court to approve the budget as it is, with the exception of cutting $100,000.00 out of Forensics, $400,00.00 out of Enterprise, $ 2,000,000.00 out of Contingency as proposed.
Discussion continued by Commissioners and Judge
Motion withdrawn by Judge

Discussion of Budget by Commissioners, Chad Stroud, Terry Jones

19,091 On the motion by Stovall, for the Court to approve the budget by cutting $100,00.00 out of Forensics Analysis number ending in 2141, and cut the $400,000.00 out of Enterprise, General admin 2145, the $2,000.000.00 out of General Admin, line-item number 7600, and the radios from the Sheriff's 3410 in the amount of $465,050.34.
Discussion continued with Buddy Oxford reduced (3410 reduced to $188,443.00)
Strike that part from my motion, reduce from facilities the $30,000.00 in line-item 2234, $65,000.00 in line-item 2260, $30,000.00 line-item 2263, $10,000.00 line-item 2267, $10,000.00 from 3150, and $10,000.00 from 2266, which is a total of $155,000.00 so that makes the motion

total to 2.65 million dollars under my proposed and the $101,500.00 cut out of the jail budget for software repair and maintenance 2235, training and school 2370 and expendable tools 3410 that was a total of $101,500.00.
Discussion from Daniel Ray (2235 cannot be cut) Strike the $30, on the 2235 and I did not cut any of his others that would lower that to $71,500.00
Discussion with Buddy Oxford cut should be from sheriff's office 631 and not the jail. So, if my math is right $2,721,500.00 make that as a motion to cut those items and approve the budget as otherwise presented.
Discussion of the Court
Motion dies for lack of second

Discussion of the Court

Court to take a 10-minute recess 12:30 back at 12:43

Discussion of the Court

19,092 On the motion by Hutchins, for the court to restate his proposal from earlier, cut $100,000.00 from Forensic Analysis, $30,000.00 for other repair and maintenance, $65,000.00 for building repair and maintenance 2507 Lee St., $30,000.00 from building repair and maintenance 2700 Johnson common, $10,000.00 from building repair and maintenance 2110 Pickett, $10,000.00 Janitorial supplies, $10,000.00 building supply and maintenance 2217 Washington, $400,000.00 of the Enterprise contingency fund, $20,000.00 for Lobbying and Influence, and cut $2,000.000.00 from contingency, also $12,500.00 from court reporter, General admin $720,000.00 from Capital Murder expense, and transfer $300,000.00 from contingency expense with the Exchange building to the General fund, $2,000.000.00 from precinct combined road materials budgets.
Discussion of the Court
Hutchins will amend his motion to designate $6,000,000.00 in Unrestricted ARPA funds to be moved to Capital Improvement Road Line item in the same manner as we have done before, divided evenly between the 4 precincts for new road upgrades and major repairs.
Discussion of the Court with County Attorney
Hutchins to withdraw amendment of ARPA funds.
Discussion of the Court
Motion dies for lack of second

Statement from Judge Stovall, over Tax Rate and debt.

19,093 On the motion by Harrison for the court to cut $100,000.00 out of Forensics, $300,000.00 out of facilities, Pages 27 and 29
Harrison pulls the motion

19,094 On the motion by Stovall, second by Harrison, to approve the budget with $100,000.00 cut in forensics out of District Attorney office line-item 2141, $30,000.00 other repair and maintenance out of facilities 2234, $65,000.00 out of facilities 2260, $30,000.00 out of line-item

2263, $10,000.00 out of facilities line-item 2267, $10,000.00 out of facilities 3150, $10,000.00 out of facilities line-item 2266, $400,000.00 Enterprise out of general admin line-item 2145, $2,000.000.00 out of Contingency line-item 7600, and move $500,000.00 to be added to the revenue from the Exchange Building fund 15 to fund 10 as a revenue item, for a total of $3,221,500.00.

Record Vote: Commissioner Hutchins Nay
Commissioner Monroe Nay
Commissioner Martin Nay
Commissioner Harrison
Judge Stovall

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Discussion of the court

19,095 On the motion by Hutchins to cut $100,000.00 for the forensic analysis line-item 2141, $30,000.00 from facilities line item 2234, $65,000.00 from building repair and maintenance line-item Lee street 2260, $30,00.00 from repair and maintenance Johnson street line-item 2263, $10,000.00 from building repair and maintenance Picket street line-item 2267, $10,000.00 from Janitorial supplies line-item 3150, $10,000.00 from building repair and maintenance Washington street line-item 2266, $400,000.00 from Enterprise contingency line-item 2145, for these cuts to the proposed budget.
Motion dies for lack of second

19,096 On the motion by Hutchins to cut $100,000.00 from the forensic analysis line-item in the District Attorneys budget line-item 2141
Motion dies for lack of second

19,097 On the motion by Monroe, second by Hutchins for the court to adopt, approve and/or ratify the proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget that does raise more Property Taxes than the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget by cutting the following: Line-item 2141 by $100,000.00, line-item 2238 by $30,000.00, line-item 2260 by $150,000.00, line-item 2261 by $5,000.00, line-item 2263 by $40,000.00, line-item 2267 by $25,000.00, line-item 2269 by $8,000.00, line-item 2266 by $25,000.00, line-item 2260 by $15,000.00, line-item 2261 by $5,000.00, line-item 2263 by $10,000.00, line-item 2268 by $4,000.00, line-item 2269 by $10,000.00, line-item 2263 by $35,000.00, line-item 2260 by $2,000.00, line-item 2261 by $5,000.00, line-item 2262 by $5,000.00, line-item 2263 $3,000.00, line-item 2260 by $1,000.00, line-item 2261 $2,000.00, line-item 2263 by $5,000.00, go to page 29, I propose to take out the $608,000.00, that's the whole page there 3200. Do I need to call them off? There is 613, 614, 615.
Judge Stovall asked, "what department is it?"
Facilities. 621, 623,631, 632,641, 642,652, 653,665. Go to page 38 line-item 2145 by $400,000.00, line-item 7600 by $2,000,000.00, line-item 2133 by $725,000.00, all of those numbers, I'm not sure what they are going to equal up to, I think we are going to be right there around that.

Originally, there was $5,274,425.00, we left the computer hardware and the voters admin in that number, that was $824,425.00 out of it. If we take these cuts right here that is going to cut the budget $4,450,000.00 and that's my motion. I make a motion to do that and if we need to replace it, we take the money out of Capital Improvement.
Discussion by Commissioner Martin
Hutchins made the second with a caveat that his concern is that on page 29 which is the facilities utilities budget, that's where the electric bills are paid, so if we are going to do that, there needs to be money there for that.
Discussion by Commissioner Hutchins and Commissioner Monroe
Monroe amends that motion to change that to $600,000.00 requested on page 29.
Discussion of the court
$4,442,000.00 totality of cuts
Discussion of the court
Hutchins wants to amend the motion, Daniel Ray, Civil County Attorney states that he may not amend, only the person making the motion can amend it. Commissioner Hutchins wants to clarify that the vote is only for the cuts, not to adopt the budget. Judge Stovall and Commissioner Monroe clarify that this vote is to approve the budget with the stated cuts.

Record Vote:	Commissioner Hutchins	Nay
	Commissioner Monroe	Yes
	Commissioner Martin	Yes
	Commissioner Harrison	Yes
	Judge Stovall	Yes

Motion carries. *See Attachments.*

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

Discussion of the court

19,098 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to ratify the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget that does raise more property Taxes than the fiscal year 2023/2024 budget; Commissioner Hutchins opposed, Motion carries.

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

Public Hearing Open: 1:33 Closed: 1:35
Speakers: Jeff Phillips

19,099 On the motion by Harrison, second by Martin, for the Court to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Tax Rate that will not exceed the no-new-revenue tax rate. The rate is 0.323328

Record Vote:	Commissioner Hutchins	Nay
	Commissioner Monroe	Yes
	Commissioner Martin	Yes
	Commissioner Harrison	Yes
	Judge Stovall	Yes

Motion carries. *See Attachment.*

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS NEEDED

No Executive Session

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

19,100 On the motion by Monroe, second by Harrison, for the Court to adjourn at 1:38p.m. on September 27, 2024; no one opposed, Motion carries.

I hereby attest to the accuracy of this record.



Becky Landrum
Hunt County Clerk

