

May Term 1896

The State of Texas } Be it remembered that a regular  
County of Titus } Term of the Honorable County Commis-  
sioners Court was begun and holden  
within and for Titus County Texas at the Court House then  
of in the town of Mount Pleasant on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in  
May 1896 the same being the 11<sup>th</sup> day of said month -  
Hon. C. L. Walker County Judge of said Titus County presiding  
Present M. J. DeLoe, J. A. Quinn, E. G. Brown and G. W. Myler  
Commissioners, G. B. Dickson Sheriff and D. H. Williams  
County Clerk when and where the following proceedings  
were had to wit:

In the matter of the report } May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896  
of M. C. O'Connell et al } It is ordered by the Court  
of view } that the petition and report  
of view of the road asked for by  
S. A. Easley and others be dismissed by application of S.  
A. Easley.

In the matter of the petition } May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896  
of R. Buchanan and others } On this day came on to be  
heard the petition of R. Buchan-  
an and fifty seven other freeholders of Precinct No. 2 for a  
new road beginning at the county line between Titus and  
Franklin Counties near Curtis gin and running East  
between Blackburn and Wood lot - thence between John  
Blackburn and Curtis - thence between John Blackburn  
and Curtis crossing Ripley Creek at the Franklin bridge  
thence up the Creek to Curtis farm thence between Curtis  
and the Brown farm to Curtis house - crossing a part of land  
belonging to D. B. Caldwell - thence through L. Buchanan part  
of land - thence on the original line between John Linn  
and the Harris old place - thence with Mrs. Harpers west  
boundary line running south - thence East between Mrs. Harpers  
and Jim Linn - thence with the old road intersecting the  
Mt Pleasant and Paris Road at McCulloch Creek on D.  
J. S. Black farm. And it appearing to the Court that  
notice of said petition has been given as required by law.  
It is ordered by the Court that H. C. Thomas, G. W. English,  
A. J. Oliver, John Woods and J. D. King give free

free holders of said County to and are hereby appointed a jury of view, a majority of whom may, after taking the presence of a properly authorized person proceed to assess damages, if any are claimed, to lay out, survey and describe each way to the greatest advantage to the public, so that the same can be traced with certainty, and description of the Road, together with a statement of the damage assessed, if any, shall be included in the report of the jury, and, if adopted, shall be recorded in the Minutes of the Commission's Court. And it is further ordered, that the said jury make a report in due time at the next regular meeting of this Court.

In the matter of the account of J. H. Williams for \$20.<sup>00</sup> May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896  
It is ordered by the Court that J. H. Williams be allowed the sum of \$20.<sup>00</sup> for the use of the Open Hall two weeks in which to hold the April Term 1896 of the District Court, and that draft issue on the Court House and Jail funds for said sum.

In the matter of the account of D. R. Nelson for \$10.<sup>00</sup> May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896  
It is ordered by the Court that D. R. Nelson be allowed the sum of \$10.<sup>00</sup> for holding a post mortem examination over the dead body of A. F. Smith, and that draft issue to him on the general treasury fund for said sum.

In the matter of the account of T. B. Caldwell for \$11.<sup>00</sup> May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896  
It is ordered by the Court that T. B. Caldwell be allowed the sum of \$11.<sup>00</sup> for use of room for Grand Jury at the April Term 1896 of the District Court and that draft issue to him for said sum on the Court House and Jail funds -

In the matter of the account of J. B. Barnett for \$3.<sup>00</sup> May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896  
It is ordered by the Court that J. B. Barnett Constable of Precinct No. 4, Titus County Texas be allowed the sum of \$3.<sup>00</sup> for arrest and removing jury in case of the state of Texas vs J. B. Carpenter a lunatic and that draft issue to him on the General County funds from

- issued In the matter of the account of L. W. French for \$3<sup>00</sup> } May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896  
 It is ordered by the Court that L. W. French be allowed on his \$3<sup>00</sup> claim the sum of \$1<sup>00</sup> for attornies used by Hull Rogan overseers and that draft issue on the Road and Bridge fund for same
- issued In the matter of the account of A. B. Melbridge for \$3<sup>00</sup> } May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896  
 It is ordered by the Court that A. B. Melbridge be allowed the sum of \$3<sup>00</sup> for Stationery and that draft issue to them on the Court House and Jail fund for said sum -
- issued In the matter of the account of George Baker for 75<sup>00</sup> } May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896  
 It is ordered by the Court that George Baker be allowed the sum of seventy five cents for moving drift from white-oak bridge and that draft issue on the Road and Bridge fund - for same -
- issued In the matter of the account of D. W. Ellis Justice of the Peace for \$10<sup>00</sup> } May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896  
 It is ordered by the Court that D. W. Ellis be allowed the sum of \$10<sup>00</sup> for holding an inquest over the dead body of Miller and that draft issue to him on the General County fund for same -
- issued In the matter of the account of Deane Printing Lithographing Co for \$14<sup>00</sup> } May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896  
 It is ordered by the Court that the Deane Printing and Lithographing Co be allowed the sum of \$14<sup>00</sup> for election blanks on and that draft issue on the Court House Jail fund for said sum -
- issued In the matter of the account of H. L. Linton for \$19<sup>00</sup> } May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896  
 It is ordered by the Court that H. L. Linton be allowed the sum of \$19<sup>00</sup> for Coffin and

that draft issue to him on the General County fund for said sum

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In the matter of the account of the First National Bank of Mt Pleasant for \$15<sup>00</sup>

May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896

It is ordered by the Court that the First National Bank of Mt Pleasant be allowed the sum of \$15<sup>00</sup> for rent of office for G. B. Dickson Sheriff from the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 1896 to 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1896 and that draft issue on the Court House and Jail fund for said sum.

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In the matter of the account of G. B. Dickson Sheriff for \$31<sup>25</sup>

May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896

It is ordered by the Court that G. B. Dickson Sheriff be allowed the sum of \$31<sup>25</sup> for 7 loads of man for jail and waiting on the District and County Courts 13 days and that draft issue to him on the General County fund for said sum.

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In the matter of the account of G. B. Dickson Sheriff for \$222<sup>00</sup>

May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896

It is ordered by the Court that G. B. Dickson Sheriff be allowed the sum of \$222<sup>00</sup> for board of prisoners confined in jail from Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1896 to May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896 and that draft issue to him on the General County fund for same

In the matter of forming School District No. 26 in Titus County, Texas

May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896

This day came on to be examined the application of J. M. Smith and others for an order of Court making a new school District in Titus County. It appearing to the Court that said Petition is in proper form, there being no objection filed and that it would be more convenient. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the following school District be made known as school district No. 26, with the following boundaries to wit: Beginning at the County Line on the south boundary

line of A. Ryan's survey of land. Thence West with L. N. Olds land corner boundary line. Thence West Nancy Harkness North boundary line. Thence to corner of Mrs. Smith lands. Thence West with the line between District No. 20, and 25.

It is further ordered by the Court J. M. Wardlow, Alex. Rogers and J. M. Smith be and they are hereby appointed election Managers for said school District No. 26 and that said election to be held at Spring Hill School House on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1896

In the Matter of the report of S. B. Beckson Sheriff for Conveying J. B. Carpenter a lunatic to the Asylum  
 (May 11<sup>th</sup> 1896)  
 It is ordered by the Court that the report of S. B. Beckson Sheriff of the expenses incurred in conveying J. B. Carpenter a lunatic to the Asylum at Terrell be and the same is hereby approved.

It is ordered that Court adjourn until to morrow morning at 8 1/2 o'clock.

Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup> 1896

Court met pursuant to adjournment preceding and present as on yesterday -

In the Matter of the account of A. P. Smart for 4<sup>th</sup>  
 (May 12<sup>th</sup> 1896)  
 It is ordered by the Court that A. P. Smart be allowed the sum of \$40<sup>00</sup> for his hire in conveying witness before Grand Jury and that draft issue to him on the General County fund for said sum -

In the Matter of the account of S. M. Speers for \$20<sup>00</sup>  
 (May 12<sup>th</sup> 1896)  
 It is ordered by the Court that S. M. Speers be allowed the sum of \$10<sup>00</sup> on his account of \$20<sup>00</sup> for damages on road running through his land and that draft issue to him on the Road and Bridge fund for said sum of ten dollars.

In the matter of the reports of <sup>Wm</sup> County and Precinct officers <sup>May 12th 1896</sup> It is ordered by the Court that the reports filed by the following named County and Precinct officers filed within term of Court be and the same are approved and orders entered in the Finance Ledger to wit:

H. B. Dickson	Sheriff of DeWitt County	5
W. A. Keith	County Attorney	"
J. A. Ward	DeWitt Precinct	"
A. S. Webb	Treasurer	"
B. H. Williams	County Clerk	"
B. W. Ellis	Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1	"
B. C. Shurtiff	"	" 2
E. G. Brown	"	" 3
J. S. Southland	"	" 4
A. F. Wilkinson	"	" 5
J. H. Hanson	"	" 6
B. E. Hiddle	Constable	" 1
J. B. Gamble	"	" 4
F. L. Waller	County Judge	"

<sup>Wm</sup> In the matter of the account <sup>May 12th 1896</sup> of F. L. Waller County Judge It is ordered by the Court that for \$15<sup>00</sup> F. L. Waller County Judge be allowed the sum of \$15<sup>00</sup> for disposing of five cases in County Court and the draft issue on the Road and Bridge fund for said sum.

In the matter of appointing <sup>Wm</sup> school election Managers <sup>May 12th 1896</sup> for Mt Pleasant It is ordered by the Court that J. A. Wilson, W. J. Moon and J. R. Grimsome be and they are appointed school election Managers for the Mt Pleasant School District said election to be held in the town of Mt Pleasant as law requires.

<sup>Wm</sup> In the matter of the account <sup>May 12th 1896</sup> of B. H. Williams County Clerk It is ordered by the Court that B. H. Williams County Clerk be allowed the sum of \$25<sup>00</sup> for making reports and keeping Finance Ledger and other draft issue on General County funds for same.

In the matter of transferring <sup>May 12<sup>th</sup> 1896</sup>  
 County funds. } It is ordered by the Court  
 that \$500<sup>00</sup> be transferred by A.S.  
 Webb County Treasurer from the Road & Bridge funds to  
 the Jury funds -

Error In the matter of the petition <sup>May 12<sup>th</sup> 1896</sup>  
 of R. Buchanan and <sup>57</sup> others } On this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1896  
 came on to be heard the petition  
 of R. Buchanan and 57 others  
 free holders of P

In the matter of appointing <sup>May 12<sup>th</sup> 1896</sup>  
 Jury of View } It appearing to the Court that  
 Jerry Lamb, Percy Snowman and  
 Mr. P. Edwards were appointed at a former term of this Court  
 as a jury of view to lay out a road as petitioned for by  
 Dr. N. Dabb and others and said persons having failed to  
 report they are hereby discharged and D. W. Caldwell,  
 Mr. P. Black and D. W. Brown are hereby appointed and directed  
 to make this report at the August term of this Court.

In the matter of paying <sup>May 12<sup>th</sup> 1896</sup>  
 J. A. Wilson & Co. } It is ordered by the Court that  
 the bill of this Court issue draft  
 to J. A. Wilson & Co for the sum of \$2550<sup>00</sup> on the Court  
 House and Jail fund when said J. A. Wilson & Co have  
 completed the contract as specified in said contract and  
 specifications now on file with the County Judge of this  
 Court is to the top of ground floor said draft to issue  
 upon the written orders of H. C. Barlow supervisor for  
 Peters County -

In the matter of the petition <sup>May 12<sup>th</sup> 1896</sup>  
 of A. S. Brown and others } It is ordered by the Court that  
 the application of A. S. Brown and  
 others for an order of Court to discontinue the Public road  
 leading from J. L. Price south to the Linden Road be and  
 the same is hereby granted and said road is hereby  
 discontinued -

In the Matter of the petition of J. M. Newton & others  
 and return to make the following change in the map passed and recorded  
 and Booked on Road be granted to wit:  
 Beginning at Ripley Bridge running west with J. M. Newton's south boundary line to his e. n. corner thence north with J. M. Newton's n. b. line and A. J. Oliver E. 72. line thence when said road intersects

May 12<sup>th</sup> 1896

It is ordered by the Court that the petition of J. M. Newton

sent to all

In the Matter of the petition of J. M. Newton & others  
 pay of Court Sheriff  
 and M. J. McLaughlin, J. A. Baird, E. C. Brown and J. H. Myers  
 Commissioners be allowed the sum of six dollars for holding Court two days at this term and that S. B. Beckers Sheriff be allowed four dollars for waiting on this Court and that drafts issue to each of the General County funds

May 12<sup>th</sup> 1896

It is ordered by the Court that F. L. Waller County Judge

The business before the Court having been disposed of and the foregoing minutes read and approved it is ordered that Court adjourn until next regular term  
 Attest

D. L. McLean County Clerk