

August Term 1896

The State of Texas Be it remembered that a regular term of the Honorable County Commission Court was begun and held within and for Tarrant County Texas at the Court House situate in the town of Mt Pleasant on the 2nd Monday in August 1896 the same being the 17th day of said Month Hon. G. M. Waller County Judge presiding Present W. J. Adair, J. A. B. Swindell, G. G. Brown and J. M. Myers Commissioners. S. W. Dickson Sheriff and B. G. Williams County Clerk when and where the following proceedings were had to wit:

In the matter of the petition of J. D. Barlow and others for a new school district and others for an order of Court making a new school district out of portions of Frank and Otter counties - August 10th 1896 It is day came on to be heard the application of J. D. Barlow and others for an order of Court making a new school district out of portions of Frank and Otter counties - It appearing to the Court that said petition is in proper form, that the Judge of the County Court of Tarrant County Texas has approved the same, 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 and known as school district No. 27 with the following boundaries to wit: Beginning on the N. W. line of Tarrant County at a point where the Lawrence N. W. line crosses said Tarrant County line. Thence west with the Lawrence N. W. line to a point on the Mt Vernon and Pittsburg road, thence said N. W. line crosses said road - Thence South to a point on Dr. H. Parish's N. W. line containing due south across said Parish's land & state on his S. W. line. Thence East with said Parish's S. W. line & state on said line the same being the N. W. corner of Andrew Miller and the N. E. corner of Adam Edger's land. Thence South with the S. W. line of said Adam Edger to his S. E. corner the same being the N. E. corner of Major Eaton's land. Thence South with said Eaton's S. W. line to his S. E. corner - Thence due South to Andrew's Creek - Thence down Andrew's Creek with its meandering to the N. W. line of Tarrant County

Thence down said Creek to the division land line of Mr. Freeman and Charles Deal - Thence with said line to a point on the south boundary line of John Brantley's land - Thence East to the S. E. corner of said John Brantley's land - Thence north with said John Brantley's E. W. line to the S. E. corner of said land - Thence due East to Henry Murphy's S. E. corner - Thence due North to Lake Creek - Thence up said Creek with its meanderings to the N. B. line of D. H. County - Thence North with said line to the place of beginning -

In the matter of the petition of J. P. Denny and others for change of road August 10th 1896
 It is ordered by the Court that the petition of J. P. Denny and others to change road in the following manner be granted - Mt Pleasant and Stephenson Farm road - To run said road about 25 yards North East of the Methodist Church in Coopersville and to run East about 300 yards and intersecting old road running South and in front of J. P. Denny's residence said J. P. Denny to open said new road at his own expense -

In the matter of the petition of D. R. Reynolds and others for a local option election August 10th 1896
 This day came on to be examined the petition of D. R. Reynolds and others asking for a local option election in the Coopersville School District and it appearing to the Court that said petition does not contain fifty names the number required by law - It is therefore ordered by the Court that said petition be and the same is hereby rejected -

In the matter of the account of H. C. Barlow for \$170⁰⁰ August 10th 1896
 It is ordered by the Court that H. C. Barlow be allowed the sum of \$170⁰⁰ for services as superintendent of board of health to this date and that draft issue to him on the Levant House and Jail fund for said sum -

In the matter of the petition of C. M. Leonard and others for block section August 10th 1896
 This day came on to be examined the petition of C. M. Leonard and others for an order of Court ordering an election to determine whether sheep, goats and hogs should run at large in Titus County, Texas. It appearing to the Court that said petition is in proper form and has the required number of signatures. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said petition be granted and that said election be held on the day of October 1896 at the usual election precincts in Titus County to determine the same.

In the matter of the petition of W. D. Daniels and others for a public Road August 10th 1896
 This day came on to be examined the application of W. D. Daniels and others for a new road beginning near Hillson Hill school house on the Mt Pleasant and Mason road. Thence by W. D. Daniels, A. J. Cooks, G. W. Harvinder and Longfellow to intersect the Mt Pleasant and Pittsburg roads near Hill Harvinder residence. And it appearing to the Court that notice of said petition has been given as required by law. It is therefore ordered by the Court that R. H. Old, C. C. Coley, B. H. Blankenship, J. F. Merrill and J. F. Wilkinson five free holders of said County be and are hereby appointed a jury of view, a majority of whom may, after taking the prescribed oath before some person authorized to administer the same proceed to assess damages, if any are claimed and lay out and describe such roads to the greatest advantage to the public, together with a statement of the damages assessed if any, shall be included in the report of the jury. It is ordered that that the said jury make a report in this cause at the next regular meeting of the Court.

In the matter of the petition of W. C. Grayson and others August 10th 1896
 It is ordered by the Court that the report of W. C. Grayson, et al. jury of view to lay out road or other extension change in the Court Hill and Creek road.

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Beginning at the E. 1/2 Sec. 13. line of M. C. Keith's survey where said public road crosses said land line - change to run south about 200 yards to S. E. corner of said survey. Thence west with S. 70. line 300 yards to intersect said road - also beginning at M. B. Davidson residence running north about 600 yds. to the head of M. H. Caldwell's branch Thence Easterly to the original road about 500 yards from where it leaves the road. to and the same is granted -

In the matter of the reports of August 10th 1896
of County and precinct officers It is ordered by the Court that the reports of the following named County and precinct officers filed at this term of Court be and they are hereby approved to wit:

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| J. W. Dixon Sheriff | J. A. Ward District Clerk |
| D. M. Ellis J. P. Precinct No. 1 | B. C. Shustliff J. P. Precinct No. 2 |
| D. E. Riddle Const. " 1 | P. U. White Const. " 2 |
| E. C. Brown J. P. " 3 | J. S. Southland P. " 4 |
| J. P. Wilkinson J. P. " 5 | J. H. Hargrove " " 6 |
| J. W. Garrett Const. " 4 | P. J. Barrow Const. " 6 |
| J. P. Merritt " " 5 | P. H. Waller County Surgeon |

Issued In the matter of the account of August 10th 1896
of John Arnold for \$10.⁰⁰ It is ordered by the Court that J. M. Arnold be allowed the sum of \$10.⁰⁰ for taking care of Mrs. Johnson and that draft issue on the General County fund for same -

Issued In the matter of the account of August 10th 1896
of Aaron Smith for \$4.⁵⁰ It is ordered by the Court that Aaron Smith be allowed the sum of \$4.⁵⁰ for blanks for notices of the Peace and that draft issue to him on the Court House and Jail fund for same -

Issued In the matter of the account of August 10th 1896
of D. M. Ellis for \$5.⁰⁰ It is ordered by the Court that D. M. Ellis Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1. be allowed the sum of \$5.⁰⁰ for holding an inquest over the dead body of Oscar Neal

and that draft issue to him on the General County funds -

issued In the matter of the account August 10th 1896
of L. B. Erickson for \$99.⁰⁰ It is ordered by the Court
that L. B. Erickson Sheriff be
allowed the sum of \$99.⁰⁰ for board of prisoners confined
in jail since May 26th 1896 to this date and that draft
issue to him on the General County funds for same -

issued In the matter of the account August 10th 1896
of Elias Printing & Lithography It is ordered by the
Court that the Elias
Printing & Lithography
Co. be allowed the sum of \$1.⁰⁰ for Marriage License
and postage and that draft issue on the Court House
and jail funds for same

issued In the matter of the account August 10th 1896
of B. W. Ellis Justice of the Peace of the
Peace Pr. no. 1. for \$12.⁰⁰ It is ordered by the Court
that B. W. Ellis Justice of
the Peace of Precinct no. 2
be allowed the sum of \$12.⁰⁰ costs due him in suits
upon Corvid bond and that draft issue to him
upon the Road & Bridge funds for same -

In the matter of the account August 10th 1896
of J. M. Stringers for \$9.⁰⁰ It is ordered by the Court
that the account of J. M.
Stringers for \$9.⁰⁰ for taking care of and feeding 9 lambs
and stock. be and the same is hereby notified -

In the matter of the account August 10th 1896
of R. D. Hood for \$5.⁰⁰ It is ordered by the
Court that the account of R. D.
Hood for \$5.⁰⁰ for hauling baton on streets for orders
of road overseers be and the same is hereby
notified -

In the matter of the account of J. H. Linebaugh for \$5⁰⁰ August 10th 1896
 It is ordered by the Court that J. H. Linebaugh be allowed the sum of \$5⁰⁰ for services in case of the State of Texas vs. H. J. Hutton Lunatic and that draft issue to him for said sum on the General County fund

In the matter of the account of H. W. Cheney for \$9⁵⁰ August 10th 1896
 It is ordered by the Court that H. W. Cheney be allowed on their account of \$9⁵⁰ and a sum of \$6⁰⁰ for Coffin for Mrs. Johnson and that draft be issue on the General County fund for same -

In the matter of the account of J. B. Knison & Co for \$5⁰⁰ August 10th 1896
 It is ordered by the Court that J. B. Knison & Co be allowed the sum of \$5⁰⁰ for Hails & for baggage and that draft issue to them on the Road & Bridge fund

In the matter of the account of W. J. Delafaire for \$3⁰⁰ August 10th 1896
 It is ordered by the Court that W. J. Delafaire be the sum of \$3⁰⁰ for letting out a bridge and that draft issue on the Road & Bridge fund for same -

In the matter of pay of Coffins for paupers August 10th 1896
 It is ordered by the Court that not over six dollars will be allowed for Coffins in which to bury the dead to be paid by Titus County, Texas

It is ordered that Court adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock -

Tuesday

August 11th 1896

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

In the Matter of report of
 John H. Hood, H. L. Thomas
 J. F. Oliver & C. M. Guigler
 vs. C. M. Guigler
 Jury of view

August 11th 1896
 This day came on to be heard
 and tried the report of the jury of
 view of road - which report is as
 follows - The State of Texas - County of Titus -
 In the Commissioners Court of said County in the
 undersigned respectfully show that in obedience to
 an order passed by said Court at the May Term thereof
 held in May last and to us directed. We on the
 ninth day of June last past after being duly sworn
 proceeded to lay and designate in said County a road
 of the third class leading from the Franklin County
 line near Curtis Mill running east between Blackburn
 and Ledlow - thence between John Blackburn
 and Curtis crossing Ripley Creek at the Franklin
 bridge - thence up the creek to Curtis farm - thence
 between Curtis and Brown land to Curtis house
 crossing a tract of land belonging to F. B. Caldwell
 thence through R. Buchanan tract of land to west
 line of John Lane tract - thence with old road to
 mouth of lane between John Lane & McHarris old place
 thence through said lane with Mrs. Harpers S. B.
 line running south - thence east between Mrs. Harpers
 & Leroy Lane - thence east to James Lane N. B. line
 thence with the old road (or present traveled road) inter-
 secting the McChavant and Paris at McCullough
 creek on Dr. J. S. Black farm - the same therein re-
 spected occupies overlay all of which is respectfully
 submitted to the consideration of the Court - Given
 under our hands this 12th day of June 1896 -

John H. Hood
 H. L. Thomas
 J. F. Oliver
 C. M. Guigler

It appearing to the Court that said road has been
 properly viewed and laid out and that no damages
 has been assessed - It is therefore ordered by the Court
 that said road be declared a public road and
 the same to be opened and that bonds be appor-
 tioned to pay at the February Term 1897 -

In the matter of building a bridge across gully near Mat Edwards residence August 11th 1896
 It is ordered by the court that W. J. DeLafiere have a bridge built over gully near Mat Edwards residence and that draft issue to contractor when bridge is completed and record

In the matter of the reports of Mr. A. Keith, A. S. Muhl & D. E. Williams August 11th 1896
 It is ordered by the court that the following reports be approved and entered -
 Mr. A. Keith County Attorney
 A. S. Muhl County Treasurer
 D. E. Williams County Clerk

In the matter of the report of Mr. R. Edwards, J. H. Dixon & Ed Cox on glanders stock August 11th 1896
 It is ordered by the court that the report of Mr. R. Edwards, J. H. Dixon & Ed Cox in respect to glanders stock belonging to M. Stringer be received and that they be allowed for each for their services -

In the matter of the account of J. M. Stringer for \$20⁰⁰ August 11th 1896
 It is ordered by the court that J. M. Stringer be allowed the sum of \$20⁰⁰ for two glanders horses condemned and killed and that draft issue on the general fund

In the matter of the account of D. E. Williams County Clerk for \$28⁰⁰ August 11th 1896
 It is ordered by the court that D. E. Williams County Clerk be allowed the sum of \$28⁰⁰ for making report, keeping finances, Ledger and expense charges and that draft issue on the general county fund -

In the matter of the account of J. B. Thompson for \$4⁰⁰ August 11th 1896
 It is ordered by the court that the account of J. B. Thompson as special sheriff in case of State of Texas vs. A. J. Hilton for

to be allowed and that draft issue on the general funds
 In the matter of the report August 11th 1896
 tax list for years 1895 It is ordered by the Court
 that the several Constables
 of Titus County are authorized to collect the delin-
 quent taxes in their respective precincts and
 receipt for same.

In the matter of the report August 11th 1896
 of G. W. Butler, W. W. Burford and W. C. Traylor Jury of View
 this day came on to be
 examined the following
 report to wit:

The State of Texas Before the undersigned Authority
 Titus County this day personally appears G. W.
 Butler, W. C. Traylor and W. W. Burford
 and subscribed an oath to lay out and mark an extension
 to the Ellis Bridge and Mason Road through the town
 of Cookville according their ability and to the best interest
 of the citizens concerned.

W. W. Burford
 G. W. Butler
 W. C. Traylor

Subscribed to before me this 11th day of August 1896
 D. R. Reynolds Notary Public T. C. S.

We G. W. Butler, W. C. Traylor and W. W. Burford Jury of View
 appointed by the Commission Court of Titus County Texas
 to mark and stake out a place for crossing the St. Louis
 South Western Rail Road for the extension of the Ellis
 Bridge Road through the town of Cookville after being
 sworn did proceed to mark and stake for crossing in front
 of street between the residences of D. B. L. Gregory and
 B. L. Myers Jr. and thence from said street westward
 west to intersect the Cookville and Mason Road 1/4 mile
 south of Rail Road

W. W. Burford
 G. W. Butler
 W. C. Traylor

It appearing to the Court that said extension is
 necessary and there being no objection of any.
 It is therefore ordered by the Court that said report
 be received and said extension granted.

sums for
\$20⁰⁰ In the matter of sending August 11th 1896
J. H. Walkhoff It is ordered by the
court that W. J. Delafield
be and he is hereby authorized to see J. H. Walker
find out his destination and purchase a ticket for
him if he will leave this County - and draft
to issue on General County funds for amount of ticket -

sums In the matter of the account August 11th 1896
of R. L. Rogers for \$20⁰⁰ It is ordered by the
court that R. L. Rogers
be allowed the sum of \$20⁰⁰ for board of J. H.
Walker and that draft issue to him on the
General County for same -

sums. In the matter of the per diem August 10th 1896
pay of Court & Sheriff It is ordered by the court
that W. J. Delafield, J. A. Rivers, E. G. Brown
and J. M. Myers be allowed the sum of six dollars
each for holding court at this term less 4.00 -
Deacon Sheriff be allowed four dollars for waiting
on this Court and that drafts issue to each on the
General County funds -

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