

The State of Texas } Be it remembered, that a special
 County of Titus } Term of the Hon. County Commis-
 sioner's Court of Titus County Texas
 was held in and for Titus County on the 16th day of
 December 1896 at the Court House thereof in the
 town of Mt Pleasant. Presiding Hon. P. W. Rogers
 County Judge of said Titus County - Present Mr
 Delafuick, J. S. Harpin, E. G. Brown and J. M. Bell
 Commissioners, G. W. Dickson Sheriff and A. G.
 Williams County Clerk - When and where the fol-
 lowing proceedings were had to wit:

Issue In the matter of the account of December 16th 1896
 of John Sparks for \$2²⁵ } It is ordered by the
 Court that John Sparks
 be allowed the sum of \$2²⁵ for grading around
 the Court House building and that draft issue on
 the Court House and jail fund -

Seeing In the matter of the account of Jack Baker for 1st Dec ember 16th 1896
 It is ordered by the court that Jack Baker be allowed the sum of \$150⁰⁰ for work for wall and steel shaft same on the Court House Jail fund for same

Seeing In the matter of the account of Nathan Proctor for \$4⁰⁰ Dec ember 26th 1896
 It is ordered by the court that Nathan Proctor be allowed the sum of \$4⁰⁰ for work done in lower & upper rooms of Vault - and that drafts issue to him on the Court House and Jail funds -

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

Tuesday Dec. 17th 1896 Court met pursuant to adjournment presiding and present as on yesterday -

It is ordered that Court adjourn until Monday Dec 21st 1896 Court met pursuant to adjournment presiding Hon - Mr. Roger County Judge in Court. Mr. J. Delaney, J. D. Harper and J. M. Ball Commissioners G. B. B. islem Sheriff and D. C. Williams County Clerk

In the matter of danger threatening New Court House now under construction by the crushing of the pier &c Dec ember 21st 1896
 It is ordered by the court that W. E. Taylor of Greenville Texas and W. S. Hull of Dallas Texas be and they are hereby authorized and requested to make at the earliest moment possible a detailed report to this Court of the cause of the crushing of said pier - the extent of the damage, the remedy to be adopted by this Court and who is in fault whether the plans are possible - the material such as called for by the contract and specifications and whether the work has been done in accordance to the said plans and specifications

It is ordered that Court adjourn until tomorrow morning
Tuesday Dec. 22nd 1896. Court met same as on yesterday present
Court adjourns until Dec. 23rd same as on yesterday present

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in the matter of taking down towers of St. Louis Court House
December 23rd 1896
When the brick pier under the tower is crushing beneath the weight of said tower and has so crushed as to render the house insecure and in imminent danger of collapsing and when as it is the opinion of all of the architects who have examined said tower including Mr. Deuce the designer of the plans of said Court House that said tower should be taken down at once in order to save said house -
It is therefore ordered by the Court that said tower be taken down at once and J. A. McHenry proceeding to take down and remove said tower for the sum of \$3500⁰⁰ and the brick and stone in said tower said proposition is hereby accepted and they are hereby directed to proceed to take down said tower and Judge F. W. Rogers and W. J. Belafield be and they are hereby appointed to superintend said work and see that the same is done according to the contract now on file in this office and that when said work is done according to said contract the Clerk of this Court is hereby authorized and required upon the report of said F. W. Rogers and W. J. Belafield that work has been done according to said contract to issue a warrant for said sum of \$3500⁰⁰
It is further ordered by the Court that H. C. Carlson employed heretofore to superintend the Court House work be and he is hereby discharged from any further duty or service as superintendent of said work

It is ordered that Court adjourn until next
to morning at 9 o'clock
Thursday December 24th 1896.
Court met pursuant to adjournment presiding
and present as on yesterday -

In the matter of paying J. A. Wilson & Co. estimates now due on work of Court House

December 2nd 1896

It is ordered by the Court that the Clerk of this Court do

issue warrant to J. A. Wilson & Co. for the two estimates now due amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$5300.00. Less the following amounts of claims now on file in Clerk's office against said J. A. Wilson & Co. and difference in brick to wit:

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| J. R. Brisson & Co. - on Chambers file | \$325.00 |
| R. H. Fuller " " " | 200.00 |
| John Bradshaw " " " | 168.70 |
| Thomas & Bergin | 92.00 |

Difference in brick for H. C. Benson estimate \$103.00
Total amount deducted - \$1190.70

And that the order of this Court made on the 30th day of Nov^r 1896 directing that the said Clerk do issue such scrip upon the estimates of the Superintendent be and the same is hereby re-iterated - The Stone Cutters not to be paid until they finish the steps to the Court House and that the debt of John Bradshaw be not paid for the present.

Issued

In the matter of the account of T. B. Caldwell for 12th

December 2nd 1896

It is ordered by the Court that T. B. Caldwell

be allowed the sum of \$12⁰⁰ for use of room for the Grand Jury at the November Term 1896 of the District Court and that draft issue to me on the Court House and jail funds.

Issued

In the matter of the account of W. J. Belafield for 67th

December 2nd 1896

It is ordered by the Court that W. J.

Belafield be allowed the sum of \$6²⁵ for expense in going to Cooper Greenville after W. E. Dayton Architect and that draft issue on the General County funds for same.

issued In the matter of the 3 December 24th 1896
 account of Milton B. 3 It is ordered by the Court
 for \$13⁰⁰ 3 that Milton B. be allowed
 the sum of \$13⁰⁰ for services
 for District Clerk & Sheriff's office and that draft
 issue on the Court House & Jail fund for same -

issued In the matter of the account 3 December 24th 1896
 of O. E. Taylor for \$100⁰⁰ 3 It is ordered by the Court
 that O. E. Taylor be allowed
 be allowed the sum of \$100⁰⁰ for professional services
 in regard to town of New Court House and that
 draft issue to him on the Court House and
 Jail fund for same -

The business before the Court having been disposed
 of it is ordered that Court adjourn until next
 regular term

issued In the matter of the 3 December 24th 1896
 per diem pay of Court 3 It is ordered by the
 & Sheriff Court that P. W. Rogers
 M. J. DeLafield J. W. Harper
 and J. W. Ball be allowed the sum of \$18⁰⁰ each and
 E. V. Brown the sum of \$6⁰⁰ for holding Court and
 G. B. Dickson \$12⁰⁰ for waiting on the Court
 and that draft issue on the General County
 fund for same -

The business before the Court having been
 disposed of it is ordered that Court adjourn
 until next regular term