

August Term 1897

The State of Texas } B. v. it remembered that
 County of Titus } a regular term of the Honorable
 County Commissioners Court was
 begun and held in and for Titus County
 Texas at the Court House thereof in the town of
 Mt Pleasant on the 2nd Monday in August 1897 the
 same being the 9th day of said month. Presiding
 Hon. P. W. Rogers County Judge of Titus County
 Present W. J. Ailfield, J. A. Harper, E. G. Brown
 and J. M. Bull Commissioners, G. B. Dickson
 Sheriff and B. G. Williams County Clerk when
 and where the following proceedings were
 had to wit:

In the matter of paying August 9th 1897
 Judges, Clerks & Managers It is ordered by the
 for holding an election Court that the fol-
 on August 3rd 1897 lowing named persons
 be allowed the amount
 set opposite their names for holding an
 election on the 3rd day of August 1897
 and that drafts issue on the General Coun-
 ty Fund for same -

Issued	Clad. F. W. by a	\$2.00	x J. H. Dixon	2.00
x	J. A. Wilcox	2.00	x J. M. Keith	2.00
y	J. N. Adridge	2.00	x R. G. Hatten	2.00
v	F. P. Riddle	2.00	x A. P. Smart	2.00
x	M. Vanzant	2.00	x G. A. Vanzant	2.00
y	A. N. Holmes	4.00	x L. H. Armstrong	2.00
x	St. J. Gammardin	2.00	x B. W. Holmes	2.00
x	S. R. Harper	2.00	x J. R. Fleming	2.00
y	M. L. Brown	2.00	x Dock Moulton	2.00
v	Rufe McClinton	2.00	x J. A. Moore	2.00
y	W. H. Stephenson	2.00	x W. E. McClure	2.00
x	Z. E. McClinton	4.00	x Jesse M. Elbert	4.00
x	G. M. Scott	2.00	x Ed Freeman	2.00
x	A. B. White	2.00	x John Burnett	2.00
x	John Thompson	2.00	x B. M. McElbert	2.00
v	G. W. Harris	2.00	x J. H. Barnett	4.00
x	M. H. Barnett	2.00	x J. J. Rivers	2.00

x A. L. Low	2.00 x	John Arnold	2.00
x G. F. Bruntz	2.00 x	R. E. Smith	2.00
x H. W. Butler	2.00 x	J. Y. Harris	2.00
x F. B. Brown	2.00 x	R. L. Keith	2.00
x W. C. Drayton	2.00 x	J. D. Masters	4.00
x J. M. Smith	4.00 x	J. F. Wilkinson	2.00
x C. J. Blivins	2.00 x	John Merritt	2.00
x H. J. Ricks	2.00 x	W. H. Proctor	2.00
x J. C. Smith	2.00 x	J. A. Smith	2.00

In the matter of the August 9th 1897
 report of J. W. Alleyed ³ this day came on
 jury of two ³ to be examined
 the report of J. W.
 Kelley, J. W. Mackey and F. Afford jury of view
 which is as follows to wit:

In the matter of J. W. Kelley and others for
 a public road in the Commissioner's Court
 of DeWitt County on the undersigned for
 holder and residents of the County of DeWitt
 and State of Texas duly appointed a jury
 by the Commissioner's Court of said County
 at the May Term thereof A. D. 1897 as appears
 by the records of said Court to lay out, survey
 and describe a certain road designated
 in the petition of J. W. Kelley and 33 others
 for a public road having first been duly
 viewed according to law and after giving
 the five days notice in writing to the
 land owner through whose land said pro-
 posed road may run or to his agent or attor-
 ney as required by law did on the 22 day
 of July 1897 - Proceed to view, lay out, survey
 and describe the premises described in
 said petition and would recommend that
 said 2 Class road be established in ac-
 cordance with the field notes survey and
 description of same as follows. Beginning
 at what is known as the Lone Bridge
 on White Oak - thence north to N. W.

Lambuth Court boundary line - Thence N.W. to said Lambuth N.W. Corner also S.W. Corner of R. Mains line, thence North with said Mains N.W. line to J.W. Walker S.W. Corner - thence North to said Walker N.W. Corner - thence north across a part of the Orlando James survey to N.W. Lambuth South East Corner a part of the Orlando James survey - thence north with said Lambuth E. N.W. line to his N.E. Corner - thence West to his N.W. Corner - thence N. on R.P. Lambuth E. N.W. line to his N.E. Corner - thence East to P.C. Major's S.E. Corner - thence north with his E.S. line to his N.E. Corner, thence N. to F.A. James S.W. Corner - in the S.W. line of the Hopkins survey - thence N. to Mrs. S.P. Johnson's S.W. line & thence East to her S.E. Corner - thence North to said John N.W. Corner - thence North to the corners of Franklin and Deane Co. Corner on Adelphus - We would also report that having notified all the parties interested of our intended making and of the purpose thereof and no claims being presented we did proceed to lay out said road as above described all of which is respectfully submitted - asking our fees for one days service in testimony whereof we hereunto set our hands this 25th day of July 1897

J.W. Kelly
 J.W. Walker
 F.A. Jones

Duron

It appearing to the Court that said road has been properly viewed and laid out and there being no objection filed and no damage claimed - It is therefore ordered by the Court that said report be received and road be established as a second class road - It is further ordered by the Court that J.W. Kelly, J.W. Walker and F.A. Jones be allowed ten dollars each as fees of view and that drafts issue to each from the General County funds for same

In the matter of the account of J. C. Smith for \$262.⁰⁰ August 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that J. C. Smith be allowed the sum of \$262.⁰⁰ the same being one half the amount of repairing a bridge across Key press Creek at Heins Crossing - one half of repairing to be paid by Camp and one half by DeWitt County and that draft issue to him for said sum of \$262.⁰⁰ on the Road & Bridge funds -

In the matter of the account of P. H. Rogers County Judge for \$220.⁰⁰ August 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that P. H. Rogers County Judge be allowed the sum of \$200.⁰⁰ for disbursing \$2000.⁰⁰ of the Public School fund and \$20.⁰⁰ ten percent on amount for postage total \$220.⁰⁰ and that draft issue to him on the available school fund for same -

In the matter of the account of John Pilkinton for \$10.⁰⁰ August 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that John Pilkinton be allowed the sum of \$10.⁰⁰ for digging grave for dead man and that draft issue to him on the General County fund - for same -

In the matter of the account of G. B. Dickson Sheriff for \$16.⁰⁰ August 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that G. B. Dickson Sheriff be allowed the sum of \$16.⁰⁰ for waiting on the County Court 8 days and that draft issue on the General County fund for said amount -

In the Matter of the account of Dr. W. J. Hamilton for \$75⁰⁰ August 9th 1897
It is ordered by the court that the account of Dr. W. J. Hamilton for the sum of \$75⁰⁰ for medical attention on the Jones be and the same is hereby rejected -

Issued In the matter of the account of G. B. Dixon Sheriff for \$125⁰⁰ August 9th 1897
It is ordered by the court that G. B. Dixon Sheriff be allowed the sum of \$125⁰⁰ for board of prisoners confined in County Jail and that draft issue to him on the General County Fund for said sum -

Issued In the matter of the account of Mess Willery Bros for \$3²⁵ August 9th 1897
It is ordered by the court that Mess Willery Bros be allowed the sum of \$3²⁵ for locks &c for Court 26 used & broken for mill and that draft issue to them on the General County Fund for same -

Issued In the matter of the account of W. W. Chesley & Co for \$6⁰⁰ August 9th 1897
It is ordered by the court that W. W. Chesley & Co be allowed the sum of \$6⁰⁰ for Coffin for Thomas Hill deceased and that draft issue to them on the General County Fund for said sum -

Issued In the Matter of the account of P. H. Rogan County Judge for \$108⁰⁰ August 9th 1897
It is ordered by the court that P. H. Rogan County Judge be allowed the sum of \$108⁰⁰ for disposing of 35 Cases in County Court and one case of Lunacy - and that draft issue to him on the General County Fund for same

drawn In the Matter of the account ^{of} August 9th 1897
 of O. M. Dabb District Clerk ^{It is ordered by the}
 for \$20¹⁵ Court that draft
 issue to O. M. Dabb Dis-
 trict Clerk for the sum of \$20¹⁵ Costs due District
 Clerk and Sheriff in Case No. 131- Titus County
 vs. J. R. Riddle and that draft issue to said
 Dabb on the General County fund for said sum

drawn In the matter of the account ^{of} August 9th 1897
 of O. C. Dodd for \$1⁵⁰ ^{It is ordered by}
 the Court that O. C.
 Dodd be allowed the sum of \$1⁵⁰ for hauling
 bats for jail sewerage and that draft issue
 to him on the ^{sum of money} General County fund - for same

drawn In the matter of the account ^{of} August 9th 1897
 of A. M. Ryan for \$10⁰⁰ ^{It is ordered by}
 the Court that A. M.
 Ryan be allowed on his \$10⁰⁰ account for waiting
 on Paupers the sum of \$5⁰⁰ and that draft issue
 on the General County fund for said sum of \$5⁰⁰

drawn In the Matter of the account ^{of} August 9th 1897
 of Dr J. A. Bush for 5⁰⁰ ^{It is ordered by the}
 Court that Dr J. A.
 Bush be allowed the sum of \$5⁰⁰ on his 5⁰⁰ ac-
 count for Medicines and visits to pauper at
 A. M. Ryans and that draft issue to him for
 said sum of \$5⁰⁰ on the General County fund

drawn In the Matter of the account ^{of} August 9th 1897
 of O. C. Story for \$2²⁵ ^{It is ordered by the}
 Court that O. C. Story
 be allowed the sum of \$2²⁵ for stationery for
 County Clerk and that draft issue to him for said
 sum on the General County fund -

James In the Matter of the account of J. B. Caldwell, B. F. Cleland and A. P. Smart August 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that B. Caldwell, B. F. Cleland and A. P. Smart be allowed the sum of \$2⁰⁰ each for one days services in examining glandered stocks - and that draft issue to them on General County fund
 It is further ordered that draft issue to A. P. Smart for \$2⁰⁰ for hire of hack in trip to examine said stock

James In the Matter of the account of James Review August 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that the James Review be allowed the sum of \$4²⁰ for publishing hog election notice and that draft issue on the General County fund for same

In the matter of Mackin August 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that no account will be allowed from this date for hack hire in examining glandered stocks

In the matter of the petition of J. F. McKinstry and others for stock election in Justice precinct No. 5 August 9th 1897
 This day came on to be heard the petition of J. F. McKinstry and others for an order of court ordering an election to determine whether or not sheep goats and hogs shall run at large in Justice precinct No. 5. It was appearing to the court that said petition is in proper form and has the required number of names as required. It is therefore ordered by the court that said petition be granted and that said election be held on Saturday the 18th day of September 1897 at Hickory Hotel in said precinct No. 5

In the matter of the petition of J. M. Dennison for changing the road August 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that J. M. Dennison have leave to change the Mt Pleasant and Canyon road as follows to wit: Beginning at corner of old Campbell patch on said road and straight in a westerly direction to corner of a new ground to be cleared by J. M. Dennison intersecting old road - distance of change about 175 yards -

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

Tuesday August 10th 1897 -
 Court met pursuant to adjournment presiding and present as on yesterday -

In the matter of getting up delinquent taxes for years 1884-1894 - It appearing to the court that there are lands sold for taxes on which the said taxes are delinquent and it further appearing to the court that the records of Otter County Texas containing the same have been burned - It is therefore ordered by the court that G. W. Dickson Tax Collector of Otter County correspond with parties in regard to having the delinquent taxes from years 1884 to present time to complete and make out a list of same and he is hereby authorized and directed to contract for same -

In the matter of paying H. J. Ingersoll for putting Court House clock in repair &c August 10th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that H. J. Ingersoll be allowed the sum of \$15.00 for putting the Court House Clocks in proper running order and to keep the same in good running order for the period of one month from this date and

that the Clerk of this Court is directed to encash on the General County fund as once for same -

In the matter of County and Precinct officers reports August 10th 1897 It is ordered by the Court that the reports filed and presented by the following named County and Precinct officers at this term of Court be and they are hereby approved and ordered entered in the Finance Ledgers of Dittus County to wit:

A. J. Moulton	County Treasurer		
Wm. Jabb	District Clerk		
G. B. Dickson	Sheriff		
Mr. P. McLean	County Attorney		
B. G. Williams	County Clerk		
L. M. Brooks	Justice Peace	Precinct No. 1	
J. M. Brown	"	"	" 2
E. Y. Brown	"	"	" 3
J. A. Southwick	"	"	" 4
L. W. Roach	"	"	" 5
J. W. Hargrove	"	"	" 6
Sam Porter	Constable	"	" 1
L. W. Armstrong	"	"	" 2
J. C. Oliver	"	"	" 3
W. W. Hargrove	"	"	" 4
Robtson	"	"	" 5
T. J. Barrows	"	"	" 6

In the matter of paying Exchange on school money August 9th 1897 It is ordered by the Court that A. J. Moulton County Treasurer use \$12⁴² to pay exchange on school money received from Austin to be paid out of the General County fund - Also \$1²⁵ on exchange of money received by E. Y. Brown agent for Dittus County school land situated in Montague County Texas to be paid out General County fund -

In the matter of the petition of N. W. Ervin and others for a new school District August 10th 1897
Wednesday which day came on to be
 examined of petition
 of N. W. Ervin and others
 for an order of Court making a new school
 District out of a portion of school District No.
 13. It appearing to the court that said petition
 is in proper form - that it is inconvenient
 for the petition to be cut off to send to
 Arpa on account of distance and streams -
 It is therefore ordered, by the court that the
 following school District be made and known
 as school District No. 28. with the following
 boundaries to wit: Beginning at the N. E. Corner
 of N. A. Burkhead survey and running due
 West to the west boundary line of said school
 district No. 13. thence due north with said
 line to White Oak Creek - thence East with
 said White Oak Creek to the East Boundary
 line of said District No. 13. thence South to
 the place of beginning.

In the matter of the petition of J. W. Herod and others for a stock election August 10th 1897
Thursday which day came on
 to be examined
 the petition of
 J. W. Herod and others citizens of Justice
 Precinct No. 2, Titus County, Texas for an
 order of Court ordering an election to de-
 termine whether, sheep, goats and hogs shall
 run at large in Justice Precinct No. 2, Titus
 County, Texas. It appearing to the court that
 said petition is in proper form and has
 the required number of signers. It is therefore
 ordered by the court that said petition be
 granted and that said election be held in
 said Justice precinct No. 2 at Marshall Spring
 on Saturday September 15th 1897

In the matter of selling ^{the} August 10th 1897
 the old Court House ^{and} fence ^{It is ordered by the Court}
 that W. J. Delafield, Commis-
 sioner of Precinct No. 1, be
 and he is hereby authorized and directed to sell
 the old Court House fence at a sum of twenty five
 cents per foot to any person or persons wishing to
 purchase the same and is authorized to collect
 the money for same.

In the matter of recording ^{the} August 10th 1897
 deed from S. W. Dickson ^{It is ordered by the}
 Sheriff to Peter's County ^{Court that W. H. Williams}
 County Clerk be and he
 is hereby authorized and directed to record the
 deed from S. W. Dickson Sheriff to Peter's County

In the matter of working ^{the} August 10th 1897
 Road Precinct No. 28 ^{It appearing to the Court}
 that J. J. Davis overseer
 of road owners has failed to work a piece of
 his said road on account of the change made
 in said road by Milton - said Milton
 claiming to have received an order to make a
 change in said road and having fixed up the
 old road - It further being made known to the Court
 that the change made by said Milton is in bad
 condition - It is therefore ordered by the Court
 that J. J. Davis overseer of Road Precinct No.
 28. notify said Milton to put the change
 made by him in as good condition as the
 old road was - and upon his failing or refusing
 to comply with this order - that said J. J.
 Davis overseer as aforesaid be and he is
 hereby authorized and directed to remove
 said Milton fence from across said old
 road and that the same be owned by
 said overseer and hands on said road
 Precinct No. 28.

- issued In the matter of the account ³ August 10th 1897
 of Texas Printing Lithography Co for \$40⁰⁰ } It is ordered by the
 court that the Texas
 Printing & Lithography
 Co - be allowed the sum of \$40⁰⁰ for stationery
 furnished District Clerk and elections House
 for County Judge and that draft issue on
 the Court House and jail fund for said sum
- issued In the matter of the account ³ August 10th 1897
 of Kiehnstem Bros for \$10⁰⁰ } It is ordered by the
 court that the ac-
 counts of Kiehnstem Bros. for \$10⁰⁰ + \$8⁰⁰ total
 \$18⁰⁰ for coffins July 31st & June 9th 1897 be allowed
 that draft issue by the General County for said
 sum of \$18⁰⁰ on the General County fund -
- issued In the matter of the account ³ August 10th 1897
 of Dorsey Printing Co for \$80⁰⁰ } It is ordered by
 the court that
 Dorsey Printing Co - be allowed the sum
 of \$80⁰⁰ for Notary Public's bonds and that
 draft issue for said sum -
- issued In the matter of the account ³ August 10th 1897
 of A. D. Aldridge for \$15⁰⁰ } It is ordered by
 the court that Mess
 A. D. Aldridge & Co be allowed the sum of
 \$15⁰⁰ for stationery furnished Citrus County
 and that draft issue on the Court House and
 jail fund for same -
- issued In the matter of the account ³ August 10th 1897
 of J. S. Harper for \$12⁰⁰ } It is ordered by the
 court that J. S. Harper
 be allowed the sum of \$12⁰⁰ for 17 days service
 in repairing bridges and that draft issue
 to him for said sum on the Road & Bridge fund -

- In the Matter of the account of August 10th 1897
of Mrs. J. A. G. Crawford for \$75⁰⁰ } It is ordered by the
Court that Mrs. C. A. G.
Crawford be allowed on
her \$75⁰⁰ claim for land used by road the sum
of \$25⁰⁰ and that draft issue to her on the
Road and bridge fund for said sum -
- issued In the Matter of the account of August 10th 1897
of M. J. Wallace for \$15⁰⁰ } It is ordered by the
Court that M. J. Wallace
be allowed the sum of \$15⁰⁰ for fuel and that
draft issue to him for said sum on the General
County fund -
- issued In the Matter of the account of August 10th 1897
of B. G. Williams County Clerk } It is ordered by the
Court that B. G. Wil-
liams County Clerk
be allowed the sum of \$27⁰⁰ for making re-
port, keeping Finances Ledgers and Judgment
etc in cost of J. R. Jones Survey and that
draft issue on the General County fund
for said sum -
- issued In the Matter of the account of August 10th 1897
of J. W. Ball for \$6⁰⁰ } It is ordered by the
Court that J. W. Ball
be allowed the sum of \$6⁰⁰ for 2 days service
in setting out and receiving bridge and that
draft issue to him for said sum on the Road
& Bridge fund -
- issued In the Matter of the account of August 10th 1897
of W. J. Delapell for \$3⁰⁰ } It is ordered by the
Court that W. J. Delapell
be allowed the sum of \$3⁰⁰ for rebuilding bridge
on Dragon Creek and that draft issue to him
on the Road & Bridge fund for said sum

In the matter of allowing $\$5^{\text{--}}$ for support of Ernie wife
 August 10th 1897
 It appearing to the Court that Ernie wife an
 down sick and has no
 means of support - It is ordered by the Court that
 the sum of $\$5^{\text{--}}$ be appropriated for food for them
 and that draft issue to M. W. Collier to be used
 by him for said purpose -

In the matter of allowing $\$3^{\text{--}}$ for support of Jack Short
 August 10th 1897
 It appearing to the
 Court that Jack Short
 is old, decrepid and has no means of support
 It is ordered by the Court that he be allowed
 the sum of $\$3^{\text{--}}$ and that draft issue for
 said sum and be delivered to J. M. Hall
 Commissioner of Precinct No. 4.

In the matter of the pe-
 tition of J. W. Myers
 August 10th 1897
 It is ordered by the
 Court that the peti-
 tion of J. W. Myers
 and others to attach a part of Morris County
 to school district in Ditch County be and
 the same is hereby rejected -

In the matter of the per diem
 pay of Court and Sheriff
 August 10th 1897
 It is ordered by the Court
 that P. H. Rogan County Judge
 M. J. De lafield, J. S. Harper, E. W. Brown of M. W. Ball Commissioner
 be allowed $\$4^{\text{--}}$ each for holding Court and G. B. Dickson Sheriff
 be allowed $\$4^{\text{--}}$ for waiting on this Court and drafts issue on the Court

The business before the Court having been disposed of and
 the foregoing minutes read it is ordered that Court adjourn
 until
 County Clerk
 County Judge