

November Term 1897

The State of Texas }
 County of Titus }
 Regular Term of the Honorable
 Commissioners Court of Titus
 County, Texas was begun and holden at the
 and for said county at the Court House thereof in
 the town of Moss Blount on the second
 Monday in November 1897 the same being the
 8th day of said month. Presiding the Honorable
 P. B. Argue County Judge of Titus County Grand
 Mr. J. Delafield, J. S. Harper, E. G. Brown and
 J. M. Hale Commissioners - S. B. Dickson Sheriff
 and S. S. Williams County Clerk when and
 where the following proceedings were had to wit:

In the Matter of the petition } November 8th 1897
 of F. W. Ward and others } This day came on to
 for stock election in Justice } be heard the petition
 Precinct No. 6, Titus Co. Texas } of F. W. Ward and others
 Justice Precinct No. 6, Titus County, Texas 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. 6, Titus County, Texas. It ap-
 pearing to the Court that petition is in proper form
 and has the required number of names as signers
 it is therefore ordered by the Court that said pe-
 tition be granted and that said election be held
 on Tuesday the 21st day of December 1897.
 at Harbory Hill Monticello the voting place in
 said Justice Precinct No. 6.

In the Matter of the returns } November 8th 1897
 of an election held at Argos for } This day came on to
 Trustees of said Argos } be opened and counted
 Incorporated public school } the vote for Trustees
 District District - } for the Argos In-
 corporation public school
 district held in said school District on the
 day of October 1897 - And the Court found

proceeded to count the same which numbered
as follows. to wit - votes cast -

James Franklin	48 votes
James Staley	31 "
G. W. Wagon	47 "
G. L. Wallen	38 "
R. J. Gray	37 "

In the matter of the petition of J. M. Tabb & others
of T. M. Tabb & others } November 8th 1877
} This day came on to
} be heard and re-
} amined the petition of J. M. Tabb and others
for an order of Court to have the Mt Pleasant
and ~~Leason~~ ^{Leason} road changed in the following
manner to wit. Commencing at a point where the
Mt Pleasant and Leason Road intersects the Mt.
Pleasant and Pittsburg road the same being a
point about 40 yards north of the N. W. corner of
a tract or lot of land No. 3. sued by Mrs. E. F. Tabb to
S. V. Brown running in a southeasterly direction
and leaving said lot No. 3. at the S. E. corner -
Commencing at the said point of intersection
of Mt Pleasant & Pittsburg road by Mt Pleasant
Leason road - thence south west boundary line of
lot No. 3. of said subdivision a distance of 275 yds.
to the S. W. corner of said lot No. 3. thence East with
S. W. line of said lot No. 3. a distance of 667 yds. to
the south east corner of same intersecting the old
run of said Leason road. It appearing to the Court
that said change is necessary - It is therefore
ordered by the Court that said petition
be granted upon petitioners cutting out and
opening up said road without any expense
to the County -

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

Tuesday Nov. 9th 1877

Court met pursuant to adjournment pro
ceeding and present as on yesterday

Issue In the matter of the account of C. B. Story for \$42⁰⁰ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that C. B. Story be allowed the sum of \$42⁰⁰ for publishing the hog election notice of Precinct No. 5 and that draft issue to him for same on the General County funds -

Issue In the matter of the account of Miller & McCaslin for \$27⁵⁰ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that Mess Miller & McCaslin be allowed the sum of \$27⁵⁰ material used in repairing bridge at Hines Crossing and being one half of bill said repairing done by Camp Pitts counties and that draft issue to them on the Road & Bridge fund

Issue In the matter of the account of John Hargrove for \$10⁰⁰ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that John Hargrove be allowed the sum of \$10⁰⁰ for whiskey furnished Mrs. Dyer per order C. B. Rogers and that draft issue to him for said sum on the General County fund -

In the matter of paying Managers, Clerks for holding hog election November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that the following named persons be allowed the amounts set opposite their respective names for holding election in justice precincts nos. 2 & 5 to wit:

Issue	A. A. Holman	\$4.00	J. H. B. Brown	2.00
+	W. M. West	2.00	Hannon Moulton	2.00
+	W. S. Holman	2.00	J. S. Wilkinson	2.00
+	D. J. Blavin	2.00	W. S. Davis	2.00
+	J. S. Merritt	2.00	W. H. Parsons	2.00
+	Earnest Grayson	2.00	J. S. Lesley	2.00
+	J. M. Davis	4 ⁰⁰		

In the matter of the account of Dr. J. S. Miller for \$19.⁰⁰ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that Dr. J. S. Miller be allowed the sum of \$19.⁰⁰ for Medical services &c for Mrs. Mrs. Em. in wife and prisoner in jail and that draft issue on the General County fund for same.

In the matter of the account of W. J. Moon for \$1.⁰⁰ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that W. J. Moon be allowed the sum of \$1.⁰⁰ for hauling dead pork who died at depot to grain yard and that draft issue to him on the General County fund for same.

In the matter of the account of Mess Black & Co for \$21.⁰⁰ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that Mess Black & Co be allowed the sum of \$21.⁰⁰ for Stationery for Ditto County and that draft issue to them on the General County fund for same.

In the matter of the account of Masnick - Blake Lithograph Co for \$43.⁰⁰ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that Masnick - Blake Lithograph Co be allowed the sum of \$43.⁰⁰ for Stationery furnished Ditto Co and that draft issue on the General County fund for same.

In the matter of the account of Mess Geo. B. Barnard & Co for \$50.⁰⁰ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that the account of Mess Geo. B. Barnard & Co for the sum of \$50.⁰⁰ be allowed and the same is hereby rejected.

issued In the matter of the account of John Opieen for \$3⁵⁴ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the Court that John Opieen be allowed the sum of \$3⁵⁴ for lumber for bridge over Mt Pleasant & Stephenson Ferry Roads and that draft issue to him on the Road & Bridge funds.

issued In the matter of the account of L. M. Brooke J. P. Precinct No. 1 - for \$13¹⁰ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the Court that L. M. Brooke Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1. be allowed the sum of \$13¹⁰ costs due in convict cases - and that draft issue to him on the General County funds.

issued In the matter of the account of L. M. Brooke J. P. for \$5⁰⁰ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the Court that L. M. Brooke be allowed the sum of \$5⁰⁰ for holding inquest over the dead body of J. C. Beasley and that draft issue to him on the General County funds -

issued In the matter of the account of G. B. Dickson Sheriff for \$196⁰⁰ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the Court that G. B. Dickson Sheriff be allowed the sum of \$196⁰⁰ for board of prisoners confined in jail from Aug 10th to Nov 8th 1897 and that draft issue to him for same on the General County funds.

issued In the matter of the account of G. B. Dickson Sheriff for \$14²⁵ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the Court that G. B. Dickson Sheriff be allowed the sum of \$14²⁵ for 7 1/2 cords of wood for Court House & jail and that draft issue to him on the General County funds.

Decid In the matter of the account of G. B. Dickson for \$10⁰⁰ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that G. B. Dickson Sheriff be allowed the sum of \$10⁰⁰ for traveling on County Court 5 days and that draft issue to him for same on the General County funds

Decid In the matter of the account of Sam Porten for \$20⁰⁰ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that Sam Porten Constable be allowed the sum of \$20⁰⁰ for costs in Constable suits and that draft issue to him on the General County funds

Decid In the matter of the account of J. S. Southland J. P. for \$5⁰⁰ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that J. S. Southland J. P. be allowed the sum of \$5⁰⁰ for holding a fine inquest on Centerville School House and that draft issue to him on the General County funds

Decid In the matter of the account of Mess Willson Bros for \$75⁰⁰ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that Mess - Willson Bros be allowed the sum of seventy five cents for wire, needles & spines and that draft issue on the General County funds for same -

Decid In the matter of the account of Dr J. P. Mathews for \$2⁰⁰ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that Dr J. P. Mathews be allowed the sum of \$2⁰⁰ for visit to Nancy Knapp prisoner and that draft issue to him on General County funds for same

Decid In the matter of the account of Mess H. B. Aldridge & Co for \$3²⁵ November 9th 1897
 It is ordered that H. B. Aldridge & Co be allowed the sum of \$3²⁵ for same
 Messrs Aldridge & Co are to be paid on Gen. County funds

Issue In the matter of the account of James Fleming for \$37²⁰ November 9th 1897 It is ordered by the Court that the James Fleming be allowed the sum of \$37²⁰ for stationery for DeWitt County, Texas and that draft issue for same on the General County funds -

Issue In the matter of the account of J. H. Rogers County Judge for \$98⁰⁰ November 9th 1897 It is ordered by the Court that J. H. Rogers County Judge be allowed the sum of \$98⁰⁰ for disposing of 31 cases in County Court October term 1897 and that draft issue to him on the General County fund for same -

Issue In the matter of the account of Mr. J. Delafield Commissioner for \$3⁰⁰ November 9th 1897 It is ordered by the Court that Mr. J. Delafield be allowed the sum of \$3⁰⁰ for one days service in receiving and letting bridge on Clephar Springs Road and that draft issue to him on the Road and Bridge fund for same

Issue In the matter of the account of J. M. Ball Commissioner for \$6⁰⁰ November 9th 1897 It is ordered by the Court that J. M. Ball be allowed the sum of \$6⁰⁰ for letting and receiving bridges and that draft issue to him on the Road and Bridge fund for same

Issue In the matter of the account of J. S. Harpers Com^r for \$3⁰⁰ November 9th 1897 It is ordered by the Court that J. S. Harpers be allowed the sum of \$3⁰⁰ for one days service in letting

bridge and that draft issue on the Road & Bridge fund for said sum -

In the matter of the account of J. R. Grison & Co for 1897
 November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that Messrs J. R. Grison & Co be allowed the sum of \$89.48 for close piping & iron nails &c and that draft issue to them on the Road & Bridge fund for same

In the matter of Reports of County and Precinct officers
 November 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that the report of the following named County and Precinct officers filed at this term of Court be and the same are hereby approved and orders entered upon the Estimated ledgers
 G. B. Beckson Sheriff P. W. Rogers County Judge
 E. Y. Brown J. P. - L. H. Armstrong Const
 J. H. Hargood Const - M. H. Roston Con-
 J. M. Brown J. P. - J. H. Hargood J. P.
 L. W. Roach J. P. - G. J. Barron Const
 L. M. Crooka J. P. - J. S. Southerland J. P.
 J. B. Oliver Const - Sam Porter Const

In the matter of Road Precinct
 Na-40 A. C. Donaldson
 Nov 9th 1897
 It is ordered by the court that A. C. Donaldson be and he is hereby directed and required to work his road to the 5 mile post on his said road precinct Na-40 and that said road be extended to said 5 mile post on said road

It is ordered that court adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock A.
 Wednesday Morning - Nov 10th 1897 -
 Court met pursuant to adjournment preceding and present as on yesterday -

In the Matter of Salary of County Judge of Titus County as Ex-officia Superintendent of Schools - November 10th 1897
 It is ordered by the Court that P. W. Rogers County Judge of Titus County, Texas be allowed the sum of \$300.00 per annum from August Term 1897 of this Court and that drafts issue to him quarterly as Ex-officia Superintendent of Titus County - said drafts to issue to him on the Available School fund - until further order of Court

In the Matter of the Report of A. J. Moulton Treasurer - November 10th 1897
 It is ordered by the Court that the report of A. J. Moulton County Treasurer made at this term of Court be and the same is hereby approved and ordered entered in the Finance Ledger

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In the Matter of the Report of B. G. Williams County Clerk - November 10th 1897
 It is ordered by the Court that the report made by B. G. Williams County Clerk at this term of Court be and the same is hereby approved. It is further ordered by the Court that B. G. Williams be allowed the sum of \$25.00 for making report and keeping Finance Ledger and the further sum of \$3.00 for expense charges on Lunacy judgments and that draft issue to him on the General County fund for same -

In the Matter of purchasing County Map - November 10th 1897
 It is ordered by the Court that J. G. Riddle County Surveyor be and he is hereby directed to purchase a map showing the surveys and vacant lands to the present date said map to cost not more than Fifty (\$50) dollars

It is ordered that court adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock
Thursday November 11th 1897. Court met pursuant to adjournment presiding and present as on yesterday.

In the matter of the reports of A. J. Moulton of Treasurer of School funds of Ditto County
November 11th 1897
It is ordered by the court that the ^{Annual} reports of A. J. Moulton County Treasurer of the available and permanent school funds of Ditto County made at this term of court be and the same are hereby approved.

used In the matter of the account of M. J. Wallace for \$13.⁰⁰
November 11th 1897
It is ordered by the court that M. J. Wallace be allowed the sum of \$13.⁰⁰ for stationery & medicine for Ditto County and that draft issue on General County Fund for same.

In the matter of support of Paupers of Ditto County
November 11th 1897
It is ordered by the court that O. H. Rogers give notice in newspapers of the meeting of this court on the 6th day of Dec. 1897 for the purpose of having all paupers taken care of by one person and to receive bills for same.

In the matter of having the Surveyors of Ditto County meet the Surveyor of Franklin County for the purpose of running the division line between said counties.
November 11th 1897
Whereas Franklin County has notified this court that said County intends on the 22nd day of November 1897. To survey and establish the division line between Franklin & Ditto Counties and asks that Ditto County be represented. It is therefore ordered by the court that O. H. Rogers County Judge and W. J. DeLoe Field Commissioner be and they are hereby directed to employ J. S. Riddle County Surveyor to meet the surveyor of Franklin County. And to begin said line as specified in the Statute creating said Ditto & Franklin Counties.

In the matter of the Quarterly Report of A. J. Moulton Treasurer of DeWitt County Texas for the quarter beginning on the 2nd day of August 1897 - and ending on the 2nd day of Nov^r 1897, filed herein on the 10th day of Nov^r 1897 and the same having been compared and examined by the court and found to be correct; it is therefore ordered by the court that the same be and is hereby approved; and it is further appearing to the court, that during said time the County Treasurer has received and paid out of the several funds amounts as below set out showing balance to the credit of each fund as follows

July Funds -

Aug 2 nd 1897. By cash on hand	\$ 23.68	
" and received during quarter	228.50	
By " paid out "	"	127.00
" " " Treasurer receipt	"	8.88
" " to balance		116.35
	\$ 252.23	\$ 252.23

Nov^r 2nd Balance on hand \$ 116.35 -

Road and Bridge Funds

Aug 2 nd 1897. Do Balance on hand	\$ 74.41	
" and received during quarter	117.50	
By " paid out "	"	165.90
" " " Treasurer receipt	"	6.94
" " to balance		19.07
	\$ 191.91	\$ 191.91

Nov. 2nd 1897 73 \$ 19.07

Court House & Jail Funds

Aug. 2 nd 1897. By Balance deficit		494.05
Do and received during quarter	490.77	
By " paid out "	"	750.00
Do " to balance	753.28	
	\$ 1244.05	\$ 1244.05

Do Balance deficit \$ 753.28

And that said amounts were received and paid

out of each of the said funds since the filing of the preceding Quarterly Report of said County Treasurer and during the time stated, and that the said separate amounts as therein shown are correct, it is, therefore, further ordered by the court, that the said detailed report be and the same is hereby in all things approved, and the Clerk of this Court is hereby ordered to enter the said report, together with this order, upon the Minutes of the Commissioners Court, and that the proper credits be made on the accounts of the said County Treasurer in accordance with this order. Witness our hands this 11 day of Nov. 1897 -

P. H. Rogers County Judge
 W. J. Belafield Commissioner No. 1
 J. S. Harper " " 2
 E. G. Brown " " 3
 J. W. Bull " " 4

see 11th of Bellie & Minnie Norrell Lunatics
 In the Matter of the support of Bellie & Minnie Norrell Lunatics
 November 11th 1897
 It is ordered by the Court that Saml. S. Johnson take charge of Bellie and Minnie Norrell Lunatics until further order of this Court and that he be allowed the sum of \$10.⁰⁰ per month for their support and that drafts issue monthly on the General County fund.

see 11th of pay of Court Sheriff
 In the Matter of the pay of Court Sheriff
 November 11th 1897
 It is ordered by the Court that P. H. Rogers County Judge, W. J. Belafield, J. S. Harper, E. G. Brown & J. W. Bull Commissioners be allowed the sum of \$12.⁰⁰ each for holding the court at this term and that S. B. Dickson Sheriff be allowed \$8.⁰⁰ for waiting on this Court and that drafts issue on the General County funds for same -

The business before the Court having been disposed of and the foregoing Minutes read and in all things approved it is ordered that Court adjourn until next regular term -
 P. H. Rogers
 County Judge
 Attest - D. G. Williams County Clerk