

Be it remembered that on the 5th day of February A. D. 1909 there was begun and holden within and for the County of Titus, a regular term of the Hon. Commissioners Court, Presiding the Hon W. E. Riddle, County Judge, Present R. B. White, J. W. Vest A. O. Brown and J. J. Smith, Commissioners, A. S. Mitchell County Clerk, and W. D. Sanders Sheriff when the following proceedings were had to-wit:

In the Matter of the application of D. A. Russell et als for a change in the Pittsburg and Cason Public Road.

Feb 5th A. D. 1909. On this day came on to be considered the application of D. A. Russell et als for a change in the Pittsburg and Cason Road Beginning at the Bridge on Cypress creek where the Road crosses the M. K. & T. Ry and continue on the South Side of the said M. K. & T Ry to Mill Swansons Creek and there intersect the old Pittsburg and Cason Public Road where it crosses the M. K. & T Ry. The Application being considered and it appearing that said petition was not signed by the people living on said road and appeared to be signed by parties wholly disinterested. and that it would not be to the best interest of most people concerned to grant said petition. It is therefore ordered and adjudged that said petition be and the same is rejected and said change in the Pittsburg and Cason Public Road is not allowed.

In the Matter of Approving Official reports of the various officers of Titus County.

Feb 5th A. D. 1909.

On this day came on to be examined and considered the officials reports of the various County and precinct officials of the County, and the following reports of the officers below named were approved.

J. A. Shurtliff
O. T. Gess
A. S. Mitchell County Clerk.
Sam Porter J. P. Precinct No. I.
W. H. Proctor. J. P.
W. L. Kelley District Cler.
L. H. Armstrong J. P.
J. S. Southerland J P
W. E. Riddle County Judge.
A. O. Brown J. P.
R. J. Freeman County Road Superintendent.
R. J. Gray J., P.
E. V. Broadstreet County Treasurer.
J. A. Cooper Constable Precinct No. I.
J. J. Smith J. P.
H. C. Arnold Constable.
T. C. Hitchings County Attorney.

In the Matter of Accounts against Titus County.

Feb 5th A. D. 1909.

On this day came on to be examined and considered the various accounts against Titus County, when the following accounts in favor of the following named persons were allowed for the sums set opposite the names.

L. H. Old.	\$3.00
City of Mt. Pleasant	2.50
J. A. Pollard	.55
Dorsey Printing Co.	2.00
A. Z. Hays	325.00
A. Z. Hays	25.00
G. M. Roberts	20.30
E. V. Broadstreet	12.50
E. V. Broadstreet	6.00
Seb F. Caldwell	3.00
A. S. Mitchell	9.30
W. D. Sanders	166.40
W. D. Sanders	134.80
W. D. Sanders	9.60
W. D. Sanders	34.00
Worrell Mfg. Co.	20.00
C. Werner	2.98
Denam Lumber Co.	16.08.
A. Z. Hays	25.00
Willson Bros.	48.70
Willson Bros.	2.25.
Geo Lillianstern	47.25
R. H. Fuller	14.00
R. H. Fuller	13.35
Branch and Ellis	4.25
Branch and Ellis	38.95
W. L. Kelley	.75

Tom Carpenter	.50
D. J. Stith	19.50
J. M. Badt	23.25
Dr. W. H. Blythe	35.00
Sam Porter	32.10

In the matter of letting the contract for deposit of County's money.

Feb 8th 1909. On this day came on to be heard by the commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, sitting as provided by law at a regular term of said court. The matter of seal bids as provided by law for the County depository. The First National Bank of Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Having bid a bid of 3 per cent and the Merchants and Planters National Bank of Mt. Pleasant, Texas having made a bid of 3-1/4 per cent per annum both of said bidders having filed certified checks as provided by law and both of said bids were publicly opened by the court and caused to be spread upon the docket of said court. The Court being of the opinion that the bid of the Merchants and Planters National Bank of Mt. Pleasant was the highest legal bid and therefore ought to be awarded the custody of all the funds of Titus County, Texas from the date hereof until the regular term Feb Term A. D. 1911 of said Court as provided by law, and selected as the depository of Titus County, Texas for said time. It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that the Merchants and Planters National Bank of Mt. Pleasant, Texas. be awarded the custody of all the funds of Titus County, Texas, and selected as the County depository from the date hereof until the regular Feb Term 1911 of said Court upon it complying with the conditions of the law regulating and related to County depositories.

In the Matter of Levying Tax rate for Titus County for the year A. D. 1909.

Feb 9th A. D. 1909, on this day all the members of the Commissioners Court being present in open Court when came on to be considered the matter of levying taxes for Titus county for the Year A. D. 1909. Whereupon it is ordered and adjudged by the Court that the following taxes shall be levied and collected for the year 1909 on all property subject to an ad valorem tax in Titus County, Texas; to-wit:

There shall be levied and collected for General County purposes 25 cent on the one Hundred dollars worth of property.
 There shall be levied and collected for the Road and bridge fund 15 cents on the One Hundred dollars worth of property.
 There shall be levied and collected for the Jury fund 15 cents on the One Hundred Dollars worth of property
 There shall be levied and collected for the Court House and Jail Fund 10 cents on the One Hundred Dollars worth of property.

There shall be levied and collected in each School District the rate of taxes that has been voted by each district to be collected and used for such purposes as has been designated by the schools.

There shall be levied and collected a Road Tax from each and every male person in Titus County of \$3.50 who is subject to road duty.

In the matter of appointing elections managers and officers for the various voting precincts of Titus County,

Feb, 8th on this day came on to be considered the matter of appointing elections managers and officer for the various voting precincts in Titus County, and it is ordered by the court that the following named qualified voters be and the same are hereby appointed to hold elections in the several voting precincts for the next year.

Mt. Pleasant, Precinct No. 1. R. A. Willson Judge, Geo. F. Hays, R. F. Lindsay and D. M. Shumate.

Green Hill No. 2. J. H. Barnett Judge, W. W. Wood

Marshall Springs No. 3. L. E. Croxton, R. W. McCollum, S. A. Thomas, D. R. Marton.

Monticello. No. 4. Jno. Benton Judge, Jno. Gregory, Jno. Burnett, Jno. Thompson.

Maple Springs No. 5. Frank Blalock, R. W. Pittman.

Geokville No. 6. Bud Haygood Judge, Fred Witt, D. C. Myers Jim Sutherland

Hickory Hill No. 7. G. W. Harkrider, Judge T. J. Barber, L. E. Old, Bob Presley.

Mt. Pleasant No. 8. Jno. Hargrove Judge Bill Garm R. J. Hays, S. W. Seay.

Gelesboro No. 9. J. W. Kelley Judge, H. C. Glass.

Argo No. 10. C. P. Nancy Judge, Pete Terrell, Burl Tigert, F. L. Waller.

Winfield No. 11. E. C. Bryant Judge, J. T. Amerson, J. W. Cody, G. B. Holmes.

Lonestar No. 12. Bob Dale, Judge Henry Grasson.

In the matter of appointing Election holders for the various school districts in Titus County.

Feb, 8th 1909 on this day came on to be considered the matter of appointing Elections holders for the various School Districts. It is ordered that the present School Trustees in each school district be and they are hereby appointed to hold the Election for School trustees and any other elections that may be held during the year 1909.

In the matter of Setting the Bond of the Merchants and Planters National

Bank as the County's Depository.

Feb 8th, 1909, On this day came on to be considered the matter of setting the bond of the Merchants and Planters National Bank as a depository for Titus County, in as much as the said Bank has been awarded the custody of the funds of the County, and it appearing to the court that a bond in the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars is sufficient it is ordered and adjudged by the court that the said bond of the Merchants and Planters National Bank of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, as the County's depository be and the same is set at the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars.

Bond of the Merchants and Planters National Bank of Mt. Pleasant, as Depository for Titus County, Texas.

State of Texas, County of Titus.

Know all men by these presents: That we, Merchants & Planters National Bank of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, as principal and _____ as sureties, acknowledge ourselves indebted to and bound to pay to W. E. Riddle County Judge, Titus County, Texas, and his successors in office the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars conditioned that the said principal hereof, who has been awarded all of the funds of Titus County, Texas, from the 8th day of February 1909 until the time of the regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas in February 1911, The said Principal hereof having been the successful bidder (Its bid having been 3-4 % per annum, for the custody of said funds at the February term of said Court, 1909, shall faithfully perform all the duties required of it by law as Custodian and depository for said funds, and for the payment of all checks drawn upon it as such custodian or depository by the County Treasurer of said Titus County, Texas, whenever any County Funds shall be faithfully kept by said principal and accounted for according to law, and that any suits arising thereon shall be tried in the County of Titus and State of Texas.

Witness our hands this February 8th 1909.

Merchants & Planters National Bank of Mt. Pleasant, Texas,

by W. H. Seay, Cashier

T. H. Caldwell Pres.
T. M. Fleming V. Pres.
F. W. Fitzpatrick
W. H. Seay
C. S. Perkins.
Chas. O. Lide
R. H. Fuller.

In the matter of approving the Bond of the Merchants and Planters National Bank of Mt. Pleasant, As depository.

Feb 9th, 1909. On this day came on to be examined and considered the bond of the Merchants and Planters National Bank of Mt. Pleasant, Texas as depository for all the funds of the County of Titus, and it appearing to the Court the bond had been made in the sum set by the court and also that the said bond is a good and sufficient bond and well secured, It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the court that it be and the same is approved by the Court and ordered spread on the minutes of the Court. It is further ordered and adjudged by the Court that the Merchants and Planters National Bank of Mt. Pleasant be and the same is designated as a depository for all the funds of the said County of Titus for the next two years or until the Feb. term 1911 of the Hon Commissioner court of Titus County, Texas. And It is further ordered that all funds be transferred to the said Merchants and Planters National Bank . and

In the matter of the application of W. H. Proctor et al for a special Tax in School District No. 20.

Feb 9th, 1909, on this day came on to be considered the application of W. H. Proctor et als for an election to be held in Common School District No. 20 to determine whether or not there shall be levied and collected a special tax of 20 cents on the \$100 worth of property . And it Appearing to the Court th t the application conforms to law and that there is a majority of the free holders of the District who signed the said petition. It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court the Court that the said application be and the same is hereby granted and the election is hereby ordered to be held in School District No. 20, at Hickory Hill School House On March 6th A. D. 1909 for the purpose of voting a special Tax of 20 cents on the \$100 dollars of property in said District. and W. H. Proctor is appointed by the Court to as manager of said election and the Sheriff of Titus County is directed and required to give notice of said election by posing up three notices in said District No. 20 no two of which shall be at the same place.

In the matter of New Hope School District No. 33.

Feb 9th, 1909, on this day came on to be considered the matter of adding the territory formerly belonging to Flora Bluff School in Franklin County, and it appearing to the court that the County Line Districts have been held unconstitutional and that the territory out off belonging to this county is not sufficient for a school District. It ordered by the Court and the same Is added to New District No 33.

In the matter of New Hope School District No. 33.
Establishing Boundaries.

To the Honorable commissioner court of Titus County, and to the Honorable County, Judge.
Petition For School District Boundary Lines: For New Hope School District:
Beginning at the N. W. corner of the Winfield Independent School District Line—the same being on the Titus and Franklin County Line—Thence North four miles to the N. W. Corner of the Sam Reese Tract The same being the N. W. Corner of the Marshall Springs Old School District—Thence East with the N. Boundary line of the Jack Moulton tract to the West Boundary line of the Stone Wall School District beyond the L. corner of the said Stone Wall School District the same being the N. W. Corner of the John R. Brown tract—Thence South the N. E. Cor. of the Sike tract—Thence South with the E. V. Floyd east B. line to the S. E. cor of the said Floyd tract.—Thence S. to the S. E. Corner of the Jim Stephens tract.—Thence South to the J. C. Murdock N. B. line—Thence W. to C. H. Owen E. B. line—Thence South to C. R. Owen's S. E. corner—Thence N. W. with C. R. Owen S. B. Line to the S. W. corner of Owen's tract—Thence South the Independent School district of Winfield line.—Thence West with said line to the place of beginning

J. W. Dillard
H. S. Sumnerlin
S. W. Nebane
Trustees New Hope School District.

The above application coming on for consideration by the Court and it appearing to the court that the territory mentioned in the above application does not interfere with the adjoining School Districts. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the boundaries of the said District of New Hope No. 33 be and the same are hereby established as above described in the application of the Trustees of said District.

In the matter of Hickory Hill, Spring Hill
Lone Star School Districts.

Feb 9th, 1909, on this day came on to be considered the County Line School Districts in Titus County, and it appearing to the Court that it has been held unconstitutional to maintain County Line Districts with the territory of the District in two or more Counties, It is therefore ordered by the Court that the territory now in Casson Morris County Independent School district which was formerly a part of Hickory Hill and Spring Hill be Placed back in each respective district, and Lone Star District be made a District with the territory solely in Titus County which now belongs to it.

In the Matter of appointing A Road Superintendent.

Feb 9th, 1909, on this day came on to be considered the matter of appointing a County Road Superintendent, and there having been three applications made, Ist by Yancy Parsons at a salary of \$50.00 per month, B. B. Garrett at a salary of \$65.00 per month, and R. J. Freeman at a salary of \$75.00 per month, after the said applications were duly considered R. J. Freeman was appointed by the Court for the Next Year at a Salary of \$75.00 per month, and \$5.00 per month for taking care of the Stock.

In the Matter of Appointing Sub- Road Superintendants.

Feb 9th, 1909, On this day came on to be considered the matter of appointing four sub-Road Superintendants; according to law. Whereupon R. J. Freeman County Road Superintendent and recommended that the Court appoint N. B. Irvin, Geo. Parsons Jno. Ard and Jno. Long as sub Road Superintendants, and it appearing to the Court that the said four named parties are good men for the place well qualified etc. It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that N. B. Irvin, Geo. Parsons John Ard and John Long be and they are hereby appointed by the Court as Sub Road Superintendants as the law provides.

In the matter of Setting Ex-Officio Salaries of County Officials of Titus County.

Feb 9th 1909, on this day came on to be considered the ex-officio salaries of the officials of Titus County, after duly considering the matter the Court Set the Ex-officio salary of W. E. Riddle, County Judge at \$500.00, W. D. Sanders, Sheriff, at \$400.00 W. L. Kelley District Clerk at \$400.00 and A. E. Mitchell, County Clerk at \$250.00

In the matter of Furnishing J. H. Cargile with an office.

Feb 10th, 1909, on this day came on to be considered the matter of furnishing to J. H. Cargile, County Survey an office in the Court House, and the office of the District Clerk was designated as an office for said Surveyor.

In the matter of repairing Court Yard Fence.

On this day came on to be considered the matter of repairing the Court Yard Fence, and it appearing to the Court that said fence is badly in need of repair, and that W. D. Sanders offered to repair the said fence Putting in New 6x8 post and making a good fence around the Court yard for \$75.00 It is ordered by the Court that said W. D. Sanders be authorized to build said fence and the Clerk of this Court is authorized to draw warrant for \$75.00 to pay for same.

In the matter of appointing an agent for the Commissioners Court.
Feb 11th, 1909 On this day came on to be considered the matter of appointing an agent for Titus County Commissioners Court, to collect funds due the County and R. B. White was appointed.

In the Matter of Building a cage for Convicts.
Feb 11th 1909 on this day came on to be considered the matter of building an Iron cage to be carried on the roads for the convicts etc. And it appearing to the Court that it would be a great saving of time that is lost in carrying convicts back and forwards to and from the jail and would be more safe in which to keep the convicts at night. It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed by the Court that R. J. Freeman have the said cage builded.

In the matter of substituting J. J. Hays
in contract let to W. D. Sanders Building Court Yard Fence.
Feb. 22nd. 1909. On this day came on the matter of letting Contract to build Court Yard Fence to W. D. Sanders to be reconsidered and it appearing to the court that it would be illegal to let such contract to a County Official. It was decided to substitute J. J. Hays. It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the court that said contract to W. D. Sanders is null and void and J. J. Hays is granted the said contract to build said fence as heretofore specified.

In the matter of allowing accounts against Titus County.
Feb. 22nd. 1909. On this day came on to be considered the matter of allowing accounts against Titus County in favor of various parties. And it appearing to the court that the following accounts are just and due. It is therefore ordered and adjudged they they be allowed and warrants drawn for the said amounts.

G. M. Roberts	\$10.00
J. G. Riddle	10.00
Wm. M. Tabb	6.00
E. V. Broadstreet	2.45.

In the matter of County Official Reports.
Feb. 22 1909 On this day came on to be considered the matter of approving officials Reports of Q. C. Gaddis A. C. Miller and C. C. Cleland and after duly considering and examining same they are each and all found to be correct. It is therefore ordered and decreed by the court that the said reports of Q. C. Gaddis, A. C. Miller and the monthly reports of C. C. Cleland be as the same are approved.

Application of Mrs. Epps To be placed on Pauper List.
Feb. 24th, On this day came on to be considered the application of Mrs. Epps. to be placed on the Pauper list of said County, After considering said application on the Court is of the opinion that said application should be granted. It is therefore ordered by the court that Mrs. Epps be allowed the sum of \$5.00 per month.

In the Matter of Publishing A summary Statement of County Treasurers Report.
Feb. 25th, 1909. On this day came on to be considered the matter of publishing Quarterly report of County Treasurers And it appearing to the Court it the law requires only a summary statement to be published. And that it would be very expensive to publish the entire report of said County Treasurer. It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the court that only a summary statement be published.

In the Matter of Appointing a County Purchasing Agent and Clock Keeper.

Feb 25 1909. On this day came on to be considered the matter of appointing a purchasing agent for Titus County, and also of appointing some one to wind the Court House Clock and keep it in running condition. And W. E. Riddle offered to perform both said duties for the sum of \$5.00 per quarter. It is therefore ordered and adjudged that Said W. E. Riddle be and he is hereby appointed Purchasing agent for said County and also appointed to wind and keep in good condition the Court House Clock for the Next Twelve Months. For the said sum of \$5.00 per quarter.

In the Matter of cutting or lowering some of the Paupers.
Feb 25, 1909. On this day came on to be considered the matter of the amounts paid to certain paupers, and after considering the pauper list and investigatin the same thoroughly the Court is of the opinion that the following named paupers should be lowered. Henry Allen lowered from \$12.00 to \$7.50, John Brown from \$7.00 to \$5.00 and John Elliott from \$10.00 to \$7.00 It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that said Henry Allan, Jno. Brown and John Elliott be allowed the Amounts aforesaid.

In the Matter of Insuring Court House against Tornadoes etc.

Feb 25th, 1909. On this day came on to be considered the matter of taking out insurance on County Court House against Tornadoes and all kinds of winds etc. and it appearing to the Court that it would be advisable to take out such insurance to the amount of \$15000.00 It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that Dunoan and Lindsay may write said insurance in the sum of \$15000.00 and that a warrant be drawn for \$75.00 to cover the premium of same.

In the matter of Pecos County School Lands.

On this 25th day of February 1909 came on to be considered the matter of investigating the School land in Pecos County belonging to said Titus County, and it appearing to the Court that the only intelligent way of investigating the matter is to send some representative down there and let him thoroughly investigate said lands and report to the Court. And upon motion and second the Court Voted to send J. J. Smith. It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that J. J. Smith investigate said lands and report to the Court. He is made agent of the Court and granted the permission to sell said lands at \$2.00 per acre and is also granted the right to lease said lands for a period of five years. And his expenses are to be paid out of the proceeds of said lands.

WITNESSES
J. J. Smith
J. J. Smith
J. J. Smith

Done at