

REGULAR SESSION

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, met in regular session on the 9th day of January, A.D. 1939, at the Court House of Titus County in the City of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and the following members were present, to-wit:

C. T. Neugent	County Judge
T. L. Garrett	Commissioner, Pre. 1
W. J. Cody	Commissioner, Pre. 2
Ernest Brown	Commissioner, Pre. 3
G. C. Lunsford	Commissioner, Pre. 4
A. B. Gilpin	County Clerk

The following proceedings were had, to-wit:

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MONTHLY REPORTS AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER, 1938:

Motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Cody to approve the monthly report and expense account of J. W. Edwards, Justice of the Peace. All voted "aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cody and seconded by Commissioner Lunsford to approve the monthly report and expense account of J. W. Spruill, Justice of the Peace. All voted "aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lunsford and seconded by Commissioner Cody to approve

the monthly report and expense account of Geo. Capehart, Justice of the Peace. All voted "aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lunsford and seconded by Commissioner Garrett to approve the monthly report and expense account of H. E. Wilhite, Justice of the Peace. All voted "aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lunsford and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the monthly expense account of A. B. Gilpin, County Clerk. All voted "aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lunsford and seconded by Commissioner Cody to approve the monthly expense account of Floyd Keith, District Clerk. All voted "aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lunsford and seconded by Commissioner Cody to approve the monthly expense account of Morris Holston, County Attorney. All voted "aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CERTAIN BONDS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Lunsford and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the following Bonds:

J. A. Glass	Deputy Tax Collector-Assessor
Lynch Harper	"
J. W. Spruill	Justice of the Peace, Precs. 2 & 3
A. F. Stracener	Deputy Tax Assessor
A. B. Lilly	Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector

All voted "aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING DEPUTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTORS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Lunsford and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve 2 office deputies for the Tax Assessor-Collector at a salary of \$3.00 per day, and 2 deputy assessors, at 15¢ per sheet. All voted "aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYING JANITOR FOR 1939:

The following written applications were read before the Court:

W. E. Kirkpatrick
James M. Williams
W. A. Williams
John Blackburn
Oliver Freeman
Henry Daughtry
Claud Morgan
Carl Harkrider
Quitty Mims
J. A. Brown
Jesse Boyd
Ed Huokeba
H. A. Plunkett
Alvis Franklin
Harry Johnson
Knox Rhea

~~W. E. Kirkpatrick~~
~~James M. Williams~~

Motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Lunsford to employ the present janitor, R. B. Allen, as janitor for the year 1939. Upon the said motion, Commissioners Brown, Cody, and Lunsford voted "Aye". Commissioner Garrett voted "No". The motion, then, carried.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYING A ROAD SUPERVISOR FOR YEAR 1939:

The following applications for Road Supervisor were read, as follows:

Grady A. Talley

Willie Isbell.

Motion was made by Commissioner Cody and seconded by Commissioner Brown to employ R. L. Thomas as Road Supervisor for the year 1939. Commissioners Brown, Lunsford and Cody voted "Aye". Commissioner Garrett voted "No." The motion carried.

IN MATTER OF PAYING BILLS OUT OF ROAD & BRIDGE FUND:

Motion was made by Commissioner Cody and seconded by Commissioner Brown that no bill be paid out of the Road & Bridge Fund for labor, unless three or more members sign the order, and each Commissioner shall not work over six men. All voted "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF C. M. BURT & COMPANY
RELATIVE TO REFUNDING ROAD & BRIDGE WARRANTS:

January 10, 1939.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lunsford and seconded by Commissioner Brown to accept the order of C. M. Burt & Co. as follows:

TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS COURT
TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

Gentlemen:

In accordance with various discussions relative to your Road & Bridge Fund we wish to set out herein our recommendations and proposal to readjust this indebtedness.

You have explained to us that practically all of the County's 15¢ constitutional tax is now required for the payment of the warrants consisting of nine different issues and maturing over a period of only three years.

You have also indicated to us that the demands for expenditures against the Road Fund have been great as the result of your County fostering W. P. A. projects in connection with lateral road work. Such expenditures have been a heavy drain on the Road and Bridge Fund, which in view of the 15¢ constitutional tax being pledged to the Warrant indebtedness leaves you only the automobile license fund with which to maintain the lateral roads and foster these W.P.A. projects. Many of your neighboring counties have in addition to the 15¢ constitutional tax the 15¢ special tax, which funds when levied and collected are used for lateral maintenance and improvements.

In view of the fact that the 15¢ constitutional tax is already pledged for warrant indebtedness there is no possible way for the County to issue time warrants for road improvements in connection with W. P. A. projects as has been done in several other counties.

Therefore, we recommend and submit in connection with the above the following proposal:

We will have prepared and furnished by a competent bond attorney the legal proceedings necessary to refund \$30,000 of the \$30,700 Road & Bridge Warrants as described in the attached sheet. The \$30,000 Refunding bonds to bear interest at a rate of 4% per annum, payable semi-annually and principal to mature approximately as follows:

\$4,000	1940	\$4,000	1944
\$4,000	1941	\$5,000	1945
4,000	1942	5,000	1946
4,000	1943		

We will pay all attorney's fees for preparing the legal proceedings, furnish the printed bonds and have the issue approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and by a recognized commercial bond attorney.

We will furnish the funds with which to take up all of the warrants maturing in 1939 with the exception of the \$200.00 warrant which will be paid with funds on hand. We agree further to use our best efforts to secure as quickly as possible the \$9,000 warrants which will mature in 1940 and the \$10,000 in 1941 and will exchange all of the \$30,000 warrants as fast as they are secured by us for like amounts of the 4½% refunding bonds. Each exchange will be made in the State Comptroller's office as we have obtained the old warrants for that purpose.

For the foregoing services we are to be paid a fee of 3% of the par amount of warrants exchanged for refunding bonds, which fee is to be paid pro-rata as the warrants are exchanged by the State Comptroller for the refunding bonds.

Should we fail to secure all of the warrants maturing in 1940 and 1941 prior to their maturity date, we obligate ourselves to use our best efforts to take them up at their respective maturity dates and exchange them for the refunding bonds at that time.

If the foregoing can be accomplished, then approximately \$12,000 can be released from the payment of the 6% warrants for 1939 and used as an available fund in connection with W. P. A. projects. In future years approximately 6% will be needed to pay the proposed refunding bonds, leaving 9% available for current operating expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

G. N. BURT & COMPANY

By G. N. Burt

After careful consideration and study of the present financial status of the Road & Bridge Fund and the recommendations set out above, the proposal included therein by G.N. Burt & Company, Dallas, Texas, is hereby accepted according to the terms set forth therein by order of the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, this the 10th day of Jan. 1939.

G. T. Neupert
County Judge

ATTEST: A. B. Gilpin
County Clerk

All members voted "aye" on the motion to accept the above order, and the motion therefore carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING BOND OF W. W. MASON:

Motion was made by Commissioner Lunsford and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the bond of W. W. Mason, Deputy Tax Assessor-Collector. All voted "aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM JURY FUND TO OPERATING FUND:

It appears to the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, that there is a surplus in the Jury Fund of Titus County, Texas, and that it is necessary and for the best interest of Titus County for the Operating Fund of Titus County to borrow from the Jury Fund of Titus County the sum of five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00), and the County Clerk is hereby directed to issue a warrant on the Jury Fund payable to the Operating Fund for said amount.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lunsford and seconded by Commissioner Brown to pass the said order. All members voted "Aye" and the judge declared the motion carried and the order passed.

IN THE MATTER OF INSURANCE ON COURT HOUSE AND JAIL:

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Brown to give the insurance on the Court House and Jail to Mr. Green Riddle for 12 months. All members voted "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously, provided premium is not more than quoted by other Ins. agencies.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYMENT OF WARRANTS OUT OF ROAD & BRIDGE FUND FOR CURRENT EXPENSES:

Motion was made by Commissioner Lunsford and seconded by Commissioner Gody that the Commissioners' Court of Titus County authorize the County Clerk to issue warrants against the Road and Bridge Fund in the following named amounts to the following named persons: (All members voted "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously).

Y. J. Narramore	\$ 131.04
J. T. McRoberts	79.92
Will Taylor	1.78
Cato's Magnolia Serv. Station	31.90
Texas Company	20.56
Humbis Oil & Ref. Co.	19.56
Herman Crane	3.60
Magnolia Petroleum Co.	108.29
Johnson-Justiss Motor Company	4.20
Wilson Hdw.	121.50
Millard McClinton	5.88
Arlie McGregor	7.00
Louis Parker	38.00
Bill Cant	33.40
Holly Banks	12.00
Bunton Reed	9.00
Geo. Campbell	4.50
Madden & Falle	23.80
F. D. Thomas	115.90
Hall Lbr. Co.	5.09
R. L. Thomas	20.25
Driggers Lbr. Co.	9.38
Bess Rogers	19.20
Irvin Chev. Co.	35.93
M. J. Wallace	75.00
Squars Deal Garage	49.20
G. G. Garrett	23.00
G. C. Clark	108.72
Gulf Oil Corp.	23.37
Ark.-La. Gas Co.	6.01
Talco Times-News	43.98