

## REGULAR SESSION - January 13, 1941

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 13th day of January, 1941, the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, met in Regular Session, and the following members were present, to-wit:

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| Ed Dickson    | County Judge         |
| T. L. Garrett | Commissioner, Pre. 1 |
| Morris White  | Commissioner, Pre. 2 |
| E. E. Nugent  | Commissioner, Pre. 3 |
| C. H. Goodwin | Commissioner, Pre. 4 |

and the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

## IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MONTHLY REPORTS &amp; EXPENSE ACCOUNTS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, to approve the report of J. W. Spruill, Justice of the Peace. All voted "aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Nugent to approve the monthly report of Loyd Graf, Constable. All voted "aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Nugent and seconded by Commissioner Garrett to approve the monthly <sup>2</sup>report and Annual Expense Account of J. W. Edwards, Justice of the Peace, said expense account to be deducted from his fees of office for the year 1940. All voted "aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

IN MATTER OF CUTTING OUT ALL TELEPHONES IN COURT HOUSE:

Motion was made by Commissioner Nugent and seconded by Commissioner White, that the County cease paying all telephone bills in the courthouse on and after February 5, 1941, save and except the Welfare Office and the County Judge's Office. That all county officers that desire a telephone can have them installed at their expense and deduct same from their fees of office; the County Clerk to notify by letter by sending a copy of this order to all concerned. All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYING ROAD & BRIDGE ACCOUNTS FOR JANUARY, 1941:

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 13th day of January, 1941, the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, met in Regular Session at the Court House in the City of Mt. Pleasant, with the following members present, to-wit:

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| Ed Dickson    | County Judge         |
| T. L. Garrett | Commissioner, Pre. 1 |
| Morris White  | Commissioner, Pre. 2 |
| Ed Nugent     | Commissioner, Pre. 3 |
| C. M. Goodwin | Commissioner, Pre. 4 |

There came on to be considered the matter of payment of certain scrip warrant issued by the said Titus County, Texas, against the Road & Bridge Fund of said County.

Commissioner Garrett presented for consideration an order and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. After due consideration and discussion of said order by the Court, the County Judge put the motion for a vote of the members of said court and the said vote is as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Garrett, Goodwin, White, Nugent.

NOES: None.

The said order is in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

"WHEREAS, certain scrip warrants are ordered issued by Titus County, Texas, in payment of accounts for current expenses, and which scrip warrants are described as follows:

| Warrant No. | Date    | Payee              | What For | Amount |
|-------------|---------|--------------------|----------|--------|
| 5984        | 1-13-41 | Nolan Hays         | Lumber   | 190.50 |
| 5985        | "       | Claud Part         | Labor    | 27.00  |
| 5986        | "       | Eugene Mankins     | "        | 34.20  |
| 5987        | "       | C. H. Reese        | "        | 44.89  |
| 5988        | "       | Gus Thompson       | "        | 36.00  |
| 5989        | "       | Malvin Store       | "        | 10.50  |
| 5990        | "       | Hardy Jones        | Lumber   | 17.46  |
| 5991        | "       | Homer Floyd        | Labor    | 27.00  |
| 5992        | "       | Sol Percell        | "        | 19.53  |
| 5993        | "       | Hubert Martin      | "        | 13.50  |
| 5994        | "       | Howard Morris      | "        | 13.50  |
| 5995        | "       | C. W. Graf         | Gravel   | 6.60   |
| 5997        | "       | Walter Welch       | Labor    | 23.25  |
| 5998        | "       | Ollie Hatfield     | "        | 29.00  |
| 5999        | "       | Orange Justice     | "        | 21.00  |
| 6000        | "       | Mrs. Louise Blythe | Gravel   | 4.50   |

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| 6001 | "       | Geo. Campbell            | Labor                                       | 47.93  |
| 6002 | "       | Durwood Stanley          | "   | 19.50  |
| 6003 | "       | W. R. Conkle             | "   | 9.00   |
| 6004 | "       | Ed Cook                  | Gravel                                      | 7.05   |
| 6005 | "       | John Traylor             | Labor                                       | 39.00  |
| 6006 | "       | Lonnie Landrum           | "   | 13.50  |
| 6007 | "       | Robert Price             | "   | 19.50  |
| 6008 | "       | Earl Cook                | "   | 27.00  |
| 6009 | "       | A. C. Blackburn          | Gravel                                      | 15.60  |
| 6010 | "       | W. F. Grant              | "   | 52.35  |
| 6011 | "       | Frank Cox                | Labor                                       | 36.00  |
| 6012 | "       | Lloyd Eller              | "   | 12.00  |
| 6013 | "       | Reed Johnson             | "   | 9.00   |
| 6014 | "       | B. A. Smith              | "   | 12.00  |
| 6015 | "       | J. H. Weaver             | "   | 31.00  |
| 6016 | "       | Luther Banks             | "   | 18.50  |
| 6017 | "       | Hollie Banks             | "   | 28.00  |
| 6018 | "       | Johnnie Bowden           | "   | 12.00  |
| 6019 | "       | Robert Crow              | "   | 15.00  |
| 6020 | "       | Buck Self                | Gas & Oil                                   | 5.83   |
| 6021 | "       | H. S. Stanley            | Coal Oil & Staples                          | 2.00   |
| 6022 | "       | Gus Presley              | Nails                                       | 29.20  |
| 6023 | "       | Tommie Grisson           | Lumber                                      | 15.50  |
| 6024 | "       | J. T. McRoberts          | "   | 21.92  |
| 6025 | "       | Thos. R. Roberts         | Care of Joyce<br>Roberts                    | 3.50   |
| 6026 | "       | E. H. Meadows            | Hardware                                    | 33.30  |
| 6027 | "       | Wallace Willson          | Gas & Oil                                   | 5.79   |
| 6028 | "       | Ark. Fuel Oil Co.        | Gas & Oil                                   | 457.28 |
| 6029 | "       | Continental Oil Co.      | "   | 3.29   |
| 6030 | "       | Magnolia Petroleum Co.   | "   | 21.23  |
| 6031 | "       | Humble Oil & Ref. Co.    | "   | 87.72  |
| 6035 | "       | Vernon Sinclair          | Labor                                       | 9.72   |
| 6036 | "       | Fay Barrett              | Stenographic work<br>- Commissioners' Court | 8.00   |
| 6037 | "       | Loyd Graf                | Transporting<br>Prisoners                   | 13.20  |
| 6038 | "       | J. T. Thomas             | "   | 45.60  |
| 6041 | "       | R. G. Nicholson          | "   | 168.28 |
| 6043 | "       | Vernie Stotts            | Labor                                       | 9.98   |
| 6044 | "       | L. O. Bowden             | Gas & Oil                                   | 38.95  |
| 6045 | "       | John Riddle              | Wood  | 12.00  |
| 6047 | 1-14-41 | Daffer Truck & Imp. Co.  | Parts                                       | 103.07 |
| 6049 | "       | S. W. Bell Telephone Co. | Telephones                                  | 138.81 |
| 6050 | "       | "                        | Talco Stl phones                            | 24.69  |
| 6051 | "       | Driggers Lumber Co.      | Materials                                   | 7.68   |
| 6052 | "       | Geo. Lillianstern        | Misc. for McNeil                            | 17.62  |
| 6053 | "       | Sinclair Ref. Co.        | Gas & Oil                                   | 103.60 |

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| 6054 | 1-14-41 | The Texas Co.             | Gas & Oil                    | 23.30  |
| 6055 | "       | Pauline Dale              | Work                         | 9.63   |
| 6056 | "       | Lowry Hdw. & Furn. Store  | Rent on sewing machines      | 27.50  |
| 6057 | "       | Madden & Falls            | Blacksmith work              | 11.70  |
| 6058 | "       | C. E. Jones Dry Goods     | Drygoods                     | 114.20 |
| 6059 | "       | Turner Bros. Undertaking  | Funeral - of Llena Mae Rimes | 15.00  |
| 6060 | "       | Harry Grissom             | Rent - sewing rma            | 20.00  |
| 6061 | "       | Mt. Pleasant Mattress Co. | Mattress work                | 16.20  |
| 6062 | "       | W. W. Fryor               | Rent - Mec. Relief Off.      | 20.00  |
| 6063 | "       | Ed Jones                  | Janitor Supp.                | .65    |
| 6064 | "       | The Texas Co.             | Gas & Oil                    | 63.85  |
| 6065 | "       | Western Auto Associate    | Misc.                        | 4.61   |
| 6066 | "       | Humble Oil & Ref. Co.     | Gas & Oil                    | 22.61  |
| 6067 | "       | Continental Oil Co.       | "                            | 20.30  |
| 6068 | "       | Pete Gaddis               | Oil                          | 2.10   |
| 6069 | "       | Gulf Oil Corp.            | Gas & Oil                    | .96    |
| 6070 | "       | Bees Rogers Co.           | Wire                         | 7.95   |
| 6071 | "       | Mt. Pleasant Motors, Inc. | Repairs                      | 6.12   |
| 6072 | "       | Wilson Hardware           | Misc.                        | 26.35  |
| 6073 | "       | O. B. Goolby              | Repair Work                  | 18.45  |
| 6074 | "       | Mt. Pleasant Battery Co.  | Acid for Tractor             | .50    |
| 6075 | "       | Talco Asphalt & Ref. Co.  | Asphalt                      | 1.50   |
| 6076 | "       | Proctor Drug Store        | Misc.                        | 12.00  |
| 6077 | "       | W. H. Johnson             | Repair Work                  | 6.50   |
| 6079 | "       | Times Review Pub. Co.     | Stationery                   | 21.10  |
| 6081 | "       | L. D. Johnson             | Labor                        | 9.00   |
| 6083 | 1-15-41 | Walter Justies            | Use of team & equipment      | 39.50  |
| 6084 | "       | Geo. Lillienstern         | Misc. - sewing rm.           | 315.69 |
| 6087 | "       | Ark.-La. Gas Co.          | Gas bills                    | 53.40  |
| 6088 | "       | Ross Hargrove             | Wood for relief office       | 1.50   |

WHEREAS, all of the above mentioned scrip warrants were and are valid obligations upon the Road & Bridge Fund of said County; and there may not be sufficient funds on hand in said Road and Bridge Fund to pay said warrants when presented, and The First National Bank in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, being the depository for said County, will in due course have such scrip warrants presented to it for payment; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that said County will receive about the month of April, 1941, prior thereto and thereafter, certain funds and monies as its part or portion due for automobile licenses and registrations in said County for said year, and it will become a part of the Road and Bridge Fund of said County.

NOW, THEREFORE, be, and it is, hereby ordered by the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, that there be and is hereby pledged unto The First National Bank in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, its successors and assigns, all of the first funds that may be hereafter collected from and of current revenues for the year 1940, not heretofore pledged and not legally due for sinking fund requirements therefrom, and/or the first monies and revenues due and owing and that may be paid and collected as the County's part or portion of the automobile licenses and/or

registrations for and on automobiles or other motor vehicles paid in said County for the year 1941 from and with which to re-pay said Bank for the amounts of the above mentioned scrip warrants, with interest as herein provided, which said Bank has paid, or may hereafter pay, to the holders thereof; and the said Commissioners' Court hereby obligates said County to pay unto the said The First National Bank in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, its successors and assigns, the amount of its aforesaid scrip warrants obligations which said Bank has paid or may hereafter pay unto the holders thereof, together with interest upon each of said warrants from the date of the paying of same by said Bank to the holders thereof at the rate of 6% per annum.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 16th day of January, 1941.

ATTEST: Floyd Keith  
County Clerk.

Ed Dickson  
County Judge.

By Arlene Russell, Deputy.

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January 14, 1941

**RESOLUTIONS**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING TELEPHONE BILLS:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Nugent and seconded by Commissioner Goodwin to approve the January telephone bills. All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING COUNTY TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner White to approve D. O. Morgan's quarterly report. All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLISHING FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Nugent and seconded by Commissioner Goodwin to have a financial statement for the county published in the newspaper each quarter. All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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**IN MATTER OF APPROVING BOND OF T. C. SMITH, DEPUTY TAX ASSESSOR:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Nugent, to approve the bond of T. C. Smith, as deputy tax assessor. All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING BOND OF R. A. STINSON, COUNTY SURVEYOR:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner White to approve the bond of R. A. Stinson, as County Surveyor. All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING BOND OF R. W. McCOLLUM, DEPUTY TAX ASSESSOR:

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner White to approve the bond of R. W. McCollum, as deputy tax assessor. All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING BOARD BILL FOR CITY OF TALCO:

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Nugent to approve the City of Talco Board Bill for prisoners. All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER:

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Goodwin to appoint Dr. J. M. Ellis as County Health officer. All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING ANNUAL REPORTS OF COUNTY AGENT AND COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT:

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, to approve the Annual Reports of Susie Brabham, County Home Demonstration Agent, and Jas. W. McCown, County Agent.

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IN MATTER OF KEEPING COUNTY AND PRECINCT OFFICERS ON FEE BASIS FOR 1941:

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Goodwin to compensate all county and precinct officers, exclusive of Registrars of Vital Statistics, County Surveyors, Notaries Public, by fees earned by them in the official duties.

The following order was passed:

"On this the 14th day of January, 1941, came on to be considered the matter of keeping County and Precinct Officers on a fee basis, or on a salary. It appearing to the Commissioners' Court that the population of Titus County, according to the last Federal Census, is under twenty thousand, and that it be to the best interest of the County to remain on the fee system for the year 1941, Commissioner Garrett made a motion that the Court adopt an order to that effect. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. The County Judge put the motion before the Court, and all members voting "aye", the motion carried unanimously, and the order was passed.

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IN THE MATTER OF RETURNING CASHIER'S CHECK TO J. M. CAUDLE (BID ON MACHINERY):

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Nugent that County Judge Ed Dickson endorse and return cashier's check to Mr. J. M. Caudle for bid on machinery. All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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IN THE MATTER OF CANCELING WARRANT NO. 5945 TO GEO. LILLENSTERN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Goodwin to cancel against the General County Fund, Warrant No. 5945/issued to Geo. Lillienstern Dept. Store, December 31, 1940, in the amount of \$315.69, for merchandises purchased for the sewing room. This warrant was issued in error and a new warrant will be issued out of a cash fund. All voted "aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

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IN THE MATTER OF ENLARGING STORAGE ROOM AT SEWING ROOM:

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Nugent to enlarge the storage room at the sewing room 5 feet. All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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IN THE MATTER OF ALLOWING POSTAGE FOR WELFARE OFFICE:

Motion was made by Commissioner Goodwin and seconded by Commissioner White to allow Mrs. Jessie Johnson \$2.00 per month for postage for the Welfare Office. All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMIT TO GEOPHYSICAL SERVICE, INC. FOR SEISMOGRAPH TESTS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Goodwin to grant a permit to the Geophysical Service, Inc., to make seismograph tests on the right of way in the County. All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMIT TO GULF OIL CORPORATION FOR GRAVITY TESTS IN COUNTY:

Motion was made by Commissioner Nugent and seconded by Commissioner White to grant a permit to the Gulf Oil Corporation to make exploration by gravity tests on the county right of way in Titus County. All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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IN THE MATTER OF ALLOWING POSTAGE FOR COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS' COURT:

Motion was made by Commissioner Nugent and seconded by Commissioner Goodwin to allow the County Judge \$5.00 per month for postage. All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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IN THE MATTER OF SETTING EX-OFFICIO AND SALARIES FOR THE YEAR 1941:

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, to set the ex-officio and salaries of officials for the year 1941 ONLY, as follows:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| County Judge             | Per Year                  | \$ 2800.00 | Mo. R&B Fund | \$ 175.00 | Mo. Gen. Co. | \$ 58.33 |
| Comm. Pre. 1             | "                         | 1400.00    |              | 116.66    |              |          |
| Comm. Pre. 2             | "                         | 1400.00    |              | 116.66    |              |          |
| Comm. Pre. 3             | "                         | 1400.00    |              | 116.66    |              |          |
| Comm. Pre. 4             | "                         | 1400.00    |              | 116.66    |              |          |
| Road Supervisor          |                           |            |              | 75.00     |              |          |
| Sheriff                  |                           |            |              |           |              | 75.00    |
| District Clerk           |                           |            |              |           |              | 55.00    |
| County Clerk             |                           |            |              |           |              | 95.00    |
| County Attorney          |                           |            |              |           |              | 30.00    |
| Home Demonstration Agent |                           |            |              |           |              | 75.00    |
| County Agent             |                           |            |              |           |              | 100.00   |
| Relief Supt.             |                           |            |              |           |              | 60.00    |
| County Treasurer         | 2½% of Receipts to        | \$1,000.00 | ) Not to     |           |              |          |
|                          | 2½% " Paid Out "          | 1,000.00   | ) exceed     |           |              |          |
|                          |                           |            | ) maximum    |           |              |          |
|                          |                           |            | ) \$2,000    |           |              |          |
| Court Reporter -         | Out of Jury Fund, per mo. | \$65.63    |              |           |              |          |

All voted "aye" on the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING FOR DEPOSITORY BIDS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Goodwin to authorize the County Judge to advertise for depository bids, to be considered at the February Term of court. All voted "aye" and the motion carried.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Commissioner Goodwin and seconded by Commissioner White to adjourn. All voted "aye" and the court was adjourned.

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The above minutes read and approved.

ATTEST: Floyd Keith  
County Clerk.

Ed Wilson  
County Judge.

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