

SPECIAL SESSION - January 1, 1947

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, met in called session on the 1st day of January, 1947, at the Court House of said County in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, with members present as follows, to-wit:

Morris Rolston	County Judge
R. W. Jones	Comm. Prec. #1
W. C. Moore	Comm. Prec. #2
Eugene Mankins	Comm. Prec. #3
J. R. Ponder	Comm. Prec. #4
Mrs. J.A. Glass	County Clerk

and the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING BONDS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS AND THEIR DEPUTIES:

Motion was made by Commissioner Ponder and seconded by Commissioner Mankins to approve bonds as follows:

Morris Rolston	County Judge	\$ 1,000.00
R. W. Jones	Comm. Prec. #1	3,000.00
W. C. Moore	Comm. Prec. #2	3,000.00
Eugene Mankins	Comm. Prec. #3	3,000.00
J. R. Ponder	Comm. Prec. #4	3,000.00
Ad S. Rogers	County Treasurer	10,000.00
Coy M. Coker	Sheriff	5,000.00
W. A. Burton	County Surveyor	1,000.00
Bird Old, Jr.	County Attorney	2,500.00
Marvin E. Amerson	County Superintendent	1,000.00
M. O. Combs	County Public Weigher	2,500.00
M. H. Gaddis	Constable, Prec. #1	1,000.00
Grover Ard	Justice of the Peace Prec. #1	1,000.00
D. C. Morgan	Deputy Sheriff	1,000.00
Louis C. Riddle	Deputy Sheriff	1,000.00

On submission of motion, Commissioners Jones, Moore, Mankins and Ponder voted to approve the bonds. Motion declared carried.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYING DEPUTY SHERIFFS:

TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS.

I, Coy Coker, Sheriff of Titus County, Texas, hereby make application for the appointment of D. C. Morgan and Louis Carr Riddle, as Deputy Sheriff at a salary of \$150.00 per month to be set by the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

Coy M. Coker, Sheriff, Titus County, Texas.

Motion was made by Commissioner Moore, Seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve above application. Motion submitted by County Judge, all commissioners voted "aye". Motion declared carried and application granted.

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING CONTRACT TO PRITCHARD & ABBOTT FOR VALUATION OF OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES:

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones, Seconded by Commissioner Ponder that contract be awarded to Pritchard and Abbott for 1947 & 1948 for tax valuation. Motion submitted for a vote, Commissioners Jones, Moore, Mankins and Ponder voted "Aye". Motion declared carried by unanimous vote. The contract is as follows:

STATE OF TEXAS |
 COUNTY OF TITUS | KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court of TITUS COUNTY, Texas, has determined that it would be wise and to the best interest of said County for it to employ experts skilled in the matter of appraising and valuing oil and gas properties in said County, said experts to compile and furnish data and information to said Court sitting as a Board of Equalization for the purpose of equalizing valuations of such properties as compared with other property valuations in said County for tax purposes for the years 1947 and 1948, and said data and information to be made available in respect to all of such properties properly and lawfully coming before it for consideration in the equalization of values upon renditions made by the owners thereof, or upon renditions made by the tax assessor where the owner or owners may fail to render the same; and,

WHEREAS, said Court finds that Pritchard and Abbott, a partnership of Fort Worth, Texas, are skilled in such matters and have scientific and technical knowledge in respect to the appraising and valuing of such properties and many years experience in the matter of appraising and valuing such properties; and,

WHEREAS, Pritchard and Abbott, have proposed to said Commissioners' Court of Titus County that they will gather and compile information relating to the value of oil and gas properties as of January 1, 1947, and January 1, 1948, and make said information completely available to said Court, to be used by it as it may see fit in determining what values should be assigned to the properties properly coming before it for consideration; and will charge for their services a sum equal to Four (4¢) Cents on each One Hundred Dollars valuation as finally ascertained and determined for Titus County of oil and gas properties, or other mineral interests.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED by and between Titus County, Texas, acting herein by and through its Commissioners' Court, Party of the First Part, and Pritchard and Abbott, of Tarrant County, Texas, Parties of the Second part as follows:

Parties of the Second Part agree to compile a complete list of the record owners of all oil and gas producing properties wherever situated and located in Titus County, Texas, and all undeveloped leases and royalty interests adjacent thereto, as of January 1, 1947 and January 1, 1948, said compilation and record to show the particular interest or interests therein owned, also to make a survey of all pipe lines, refineries, tank farms, tankage, transportation facilities, etc.

Parties of the Second Part also agree to secure and make available for the use of the Party of the First Part information showing the values of said properties to be considered by Party of the First Part as it may deem fit in determining the proper values for tax assessment purposes for 1947 and 1948, to be assigned to such of said properties as may come before the Party of the First Part sitting as a Board of Equalization for consideration upon renditions made by the owners thereof, or upon renditions made by the tax assessor where the owner, or owners, fail or refuse to render the same.

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the skilled services, technical knowledge and experience of Parties of the Second Part in the performance of the obligations devolving upon them hereunder, and in consideration of the information given and assistance furnished by them to Party of the First Part in undertaking to value and equalize the values of the said properties properly coming before it for consideration at its equalization hearings in the years 1947 and 1948, Party of the First Part agrees and obligates itself to compensate Parties of the Second part as follows:

FOR THE SERVICES HEREIN AGREED to be performed, Second Party shall receive the said

sum equal to Four (4¢) cents on each One Hundred Dollars valuation on all oil properties, and mineral interests, ascertained and determined by the Commissioners' Court for tax purposes for Titus County for the years 1947 and 1948, to be paid out of the General Fund of Titus County.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and understood by both Parties that Titus County, Texas, will issue, or cause to be issued to Pritchard and Abbott warrants drawn against the General Fund of said Titus County, Texas, and payable out of the current revenues for each respective year, 1947 and 1948.

PARTY OF THE FIRST PART hereby specially contracts and obligates itself, to, at any time same may become necessary, pass and enter of record such orders as may be proper and necessary to legalize and facilitate the payment of all sums due Party of the second part.

SAID PRITCHARD AND ABBOTT, further agree that in no way will the said Titus County be obligated to said Pritchard and Abbott, or their assistants, for salaries, expense, or material, except as above stated.

WITNESS our hands in duplicate this the 1st day of Jan., A. D. 1947.

COUNTY OF TITUS
Party of the First Part

By Morris Rolston, County Judge
R. W. Jones, Commissioner, Precinct #1
W. C. Moore, Commissioner, Precinct #2
Eugene Mankins, Commissioner, Precinct #3
J. R. Ponder, Commissioner, Precinct #4

ATTEST:

Mrs. J. A. Glass, County Clerk, Titus County, Texas.

PRITCHARD AND ABBOTT
Parties of the Second Part

By Sam Reeves

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYING ROAD SUPERINTENDENT:

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones, Seconded by Commissioner Moore to employ E. L. Thomas as Road Superintendent for the month of January, 1947 at a salary of \$140.00 per month. Upon being put to a vote, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business before the Court, motion was made by Commissioner Ponder, Seconded by Commissioner Mankins, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
