

REGULAR TERM - July 12, 1948

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, met in Regular Session on the 12th day of July, 1948 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	Commissioner Prec. 1
W. C. Moore	Commissioner Prec. 2
Eugene Mankins	Commissioner Prec. 3
J. R. Ponder	Commissioner Prec. 4
Mrs. J. A. Glass	County Clerk

and the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MONTHLY ACCOUNTS:

Motion made by Commissioner Mankins, Seconded by Commissioner Moore to approve the monthly accounts as same appear of record in Volume 8, Minutes of Accounts Allowed. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OFFICERS MONTHLY EXPENSE ACCOUNTS:

Motion made by Commissioner Ponder, and Seconded by Commissioner Mankins to approve the monthly expense accounts of the following officers be approved, to-wit:

Coy Coker	Sheriff
Grover Ard	Justice of Peace
Thos. J. Hood	District Clerk

M. H. Gaddis	Constable
Mrs. J. A. Glass	County Clerk
Bird Old, Jr.	County Attorney
W. W. Mason	Tax Assessor-Collector

Upon being put to a vote, said motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING W. W. MASON'S MONTHLY REPORT OF COMMISSIONS COLLECTED:

Motion made by Commissioner Moore and Seconded by Commissioner Ponder to approve the report of Commissions collected for June, 1948 of W. W. Mason Tax-Assessor-Collector. Upon being put to a vote, said motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT OF FINES COLLECTED:

Motion made by Commissioner Jones and Seconded by Commissioner Mankins to approve the monthly report of fines collected by Mrs. J. A. Glass, County Clerk, for the month of June, 1948. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MONTHLY REPORT OF AD S. ROGERS, COUNTY TREASURER:

Motion made by Commissioner Mankins and Seconded by Commissioner Ponder to approve the monthly report of Ad S. Rogers, County Treasurer for the month of June, 1948. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING FULLY PAID JUSTICE COURT CASES FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1948:

Motion made by Commissioner Moore and Seconded by Commissioner Mankins to approve the report of Coy M. Coker, Sheriff, of fully paid Justice Court fines for the month of June, 1948. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF LEASING OFFICES TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR ARMY RECRUITING:

On this the 12th day of July, 1948 at a regular term of the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, with all members present, came on to be considered the advisability of entering into a contract with the United States Government for renting to the Army Recruiting Service two rooms on the fourth floor of the Titus County Court House in Mt. Pleasant. Motion made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Ponder that the County Judge be directed and authorized to enter into a rental contract with the Army Recruiting Service for the renting of two rooms in the Southwest corner of the Fourth Floor of the Courthouse for a term of 1 year beginning July 1, 1948 through June 30, 1949, in consideration of the sum of \$180.00. Upon being put to a vote, said motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO PRECINCT 1:

Motion made by Commissioner Mankins and Seconded by Commissioner Moore to transfer the following funds: Transfer from Road and Bridge Fund to Precinct No. 1 Special Road Fund-\$43.58; Transfer from Special Road Fund, Precinct 2 to Special Road Fund, Precinct 1 \$37.20. Upon being put to a vote, said motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION TO BE SENT TO GOVERNOR BEAUFORD JESTER:

At the regular term of the Commissioners' Court in and for Titus County, Texas, held in the regular meeting place of said Court in the County Courthouse at Mt. Pleasant, Texas, on the 12th day of July, 1948, with County Judge Morris Rolston, presiding, and Commissioners R. W. Jones, W. C. Moore, Eugene Mankins and J. H. Ponder present, and the County Clerk in attendance, the following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Ponder, who moved its

adoption by the court:

WHEREAS, the County is in dire need of additional funds to construct much needed rural and farm to market roads, and,

WHEREAS, the officers of the County, their deputies and assistants are inadequately compensated to meet the ever increasing cost of living as compared to officers and employees engaged in private enterprise, and,

WHEREAS, the General Fund and the Officers' Salary Fund of the County do not have sufficient revenue with which to pay the much needed increase in compensation due County officers, their deputies and assistants, and,

WHEREAS, the General Fund of the State of Texas has a surplus as of June 30th, 1948, in excess of Sixty-two Million Dollars and the revenue income to the General Fund of the State is exceeding the disbursements from said fund at the rate of several millions of dollars each month, and,

WHEREAS, the surplus in said General Fund of the State was created in a large measure by the failure of the State to pay its full share of the ordinary and necessary functions of government in Texas, particularly its failure to pay over to the counties the maximum of fourteen cents to twenty-five cents per capita for the Officers' Salary Fund of the counties as provided for in the Act establishing the Officers' Salary Fund, and by the failure of the State to pay the full expenses of various State Departments, who travel and administer State laws in the various counties, such as old age assistance and other public welfare work, health units, unemployment service, county service officers, county agricultural agents, home demonstration agents, state highway department officers, state highway patrol division of drivers' licenses, and similar state activities for which the counties are required to furnish without compensation office space, public utilities, and other operating expenses, and,

WHEREAS, the Governor has authority to call the Legislature into special session, and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature has the authority to appropriate the necessary funds to enable the counties to construct the much needed rural and farm to market roads, to appropriate the necessary funds to make up the State's deficit since 1936 in per capita payments to the counties for the Officers' Salary Fund, and to authorize the maximum per capita payments hereafter or increase them if they see fit to appropriate the funds to pay office rent, furnish utilities, and to pay other operating expenses of representatives of State departments and activities now functioning in the various counties at county expense, and,

WHEREAS, there is lying idle in the State Treasury, drawing no interest, millions of surplus dollars paid in by the taxpayers of Texas, and,

WHEREAS, these millions of dollars could be made available within thirty days to meet the emergency now existing in County Government if the Governor would call a special session of the Legislature, so that the Legislature would have the opportunity of passing laws to remedy the situation:

THEREFORE, BE IT REVOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS, IN REGULAR SESSION ON THIS, THE 12th DAY OF JULY, 1948:

THAT His Excellency Beauford Jester, Governor of the State of Texas, be, and he is hereby, petitioned to immediately call a special session of the Texas Legislature, to assemble as soon as it is legally possible for the purpose of enacting legislation necessary to remedy the situations herein complained of, and the County Clerk be, and he is hereby, ordered and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Texas without delay.

Commissioner Moore seconded the motion to adopt this resolution.

Question.
Motion Carried
It is so ordered

Morris Rolston, County Judge in and for
Titus County, Texas.

ATTEST:

Mrs. J. A. Glass, County Clerk and Ex-officio
Clerk of the Commissioners' Court, Titus County, Texas.

By Fay Barrett, Deputy.

There being no further business before the Court, Motion made by Commissioner Moore and
Seconded by Commissioner Ponder to adjourn. Motion carried.
