

REGULAR TERM - August 9, 1948.

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, met in Regular Session on the 9 day of August, 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. Fonder	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 Jones and Seconded by Commissioner Fonder 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 Moore and Seconded by Commissioner Mankins to approve the monthly expense accounts of the following officers be approved, to-wit:

Grover Ard	Justice of Peace
Coy M. Coker	Sheriff
Mrs. J. A. Glass	County Clerk
M. H. Gaddis	Constable
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 Jones to approve the monthly report of W. W. Mason, Tax Assessor-Collector of commissions collected for July, 1948. Upon being put to a vote, said motion carried.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Moore and Seconded by Commissioner Jones, 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 JULY, 1948:

Motion made by Commissioner Moore and Seconded by Commissioner Fonder 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 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 July, 1948. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF BORROWING FUNDS:

Motion made by Commissioner Ponder and Seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Road and Bridge Fund borrow the sum of \$5,500.00 from the Permanent Improvement Fund and that the County Clerk and County Treasurer be directed to issue warrant in the sum of \$5,500.00, dated August 9, 1948, drawn on the Permanent Improvement Fund payable to the Road and Bridge Fund and in order that such indebtedness be evidenced that the County Clerk and County Treasurer be directed to issue warrant in the sum of \$5,500.00, drawn on the Road and Bridge, dated August 9, 1948 and payable to the Permanent Improvement Fund on December 13, 1948. Upon being put to a vote, said motion unanimously carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PURCHASING ROAD MACHINERY:

Whereas on July 14, 1948, Titus County, Texas, purchased from D. M. McClure Equipment Company of Tyler, Texas, four (4) Allis-Chalmers Model W. Speed Patrol Motor Graders for the total sum of \$8,500.00, and agreed to pay half of the purchase price at its regular meeting date of August 9, 1948, and issue time warrant for the residue bearing 6% per annum and in order to carry out such agreement motion made by Commissioner Mankins and seconded by Commissioner Jones that the County Clerk and County Treasurer issue warrant dated August 9, 1948, in the sum of \$4,250.00 drawn on the Road and Bridge Fund payable to D. M. McClure Equipment Company, and a time warrant in the sum of \$4,250.00, dated August 9, 1948, be drawn on the Road and Bridge Fund of Titus County, Texas, payable to D. M. McClure Equipment Company or order on December 13, 1948, bearing interest at 6% per annum from date. Upon being put to a vote, said motion unanimously carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES VALUATION CONTRACT WITH FRICHARD & ABBOTT:

Motion made by Commissioner Ponder and Seconded by Commissioner Mankins that contract be awarded to Fritchard and Abbott for 1949 and 1950 for tax valuation. Motion submitted for a vote, Commissioners Jones, Moore, Mankins and Ponder voted "Aye". Motion declared carried by a 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 1949 and 1950, 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 Fritchard 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, Fritchard 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, 1949 and January 1, 1950, 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 said properties properly coming before it for consideration; and will charge

for their services a sum equal to Five 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, 1949, and January 1, 1950, 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 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 1949 and 1950, 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 1949 and 1950, 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 Five 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 1949 and 1950, 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 1949 and 1950.

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 9th day of August, A. D. 1948.

ATTEST:

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

COUNTY OF TITUS
Party of the First Part

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

PRITCHARD & ABBOTT
Parties of the Second Part
By Sam Reeves

IN THE MATTER OF SETTING TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 1948:

Motion made by Commissioner Mankins, Seconded by Commissioner Moore to set the County Tax Levy for the year 1948 on the One Hundred Dollar valuation as follows:

Jury Fund - - - - -	.07
General Fund - - - - -	.25
General Co. Int. & Sinking Fund - - - - -	.06
Permanent Improvement Fund - - - - -	.18
Special Road and Bridge Fund - - - - -	.15
Road and Bridge - - - - -	.30
Road Bond Indebtedness Sinking Fund - - - - -	.18
Total Levy	<u>1.13</u>

IN THE MATTER OF MILEAGE ON SHERIFF'S AUTOMOBILES:

Whereas, by order made and entered at the March term of the Commissioners Court, March 8, 1948 setting the mileage allowed the Sheriff for the use of his automobiles at 8¢ per mile in the discharge of his official duties, and whereas it is considered that 6¢ per mile would adequately compensate him for the use of his automobiles, Motion was accordingly made by Commissioner Mankins and Seconded by Commissioner Moore that in compliance with the provisions of Art. 6877-1, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, that the Sheriff of Titus County, Texas, be allowed the sum of 6¢ per mile for the use of his two automobiles in the performance of his official duties of his office, beginning August 10, 1948. This order is not a repeal of the order passed at the March term 1948 but is amended to the extent of providing for compensation of 6¢ per mile rather than 8¢ per mile. Upon being put to a vote said motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF PURCHASING ROAD MACHINERY:

BE IT REMEMBERED on this the 9th day of August, 1948, at a regular term of the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, held at its regular place of sitting in the Courthouse at Mt. Pleasant, Texas, with the following members present, to-wit:

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| Morris Holston | County Judge |
| R. W. Jones | Commissioner, Prec. 1 |
| W. C. Moore | Commissioner, Prec. 2 |
| Eugene Mankins | Commissioner, Prec. 3 |
| Jim Ponder | Commissioner, Prec. 4 |
| Mrs. J. A. Glass | County Clerk. |

came on to be considered the purchase of Two (2) P. G. -10 Diesel Motor Graders from Hobbs Equipment Company of Tyler, Texas, by Precincts 2 and 4, and the issuance of time warrants in payment thereof. Whereupon motion made by Commissioner Ponder and Seconded by Commissioner Moore that Precincts Number 2 and 4 of Titus County, Texas, be authorized and empowered to purchase each one P. G. 10 Diesel Motor Grader from Hobbs Equipment Company of Tyler, Texas, for a consideration of \$6,875.00 each, less a credit of \$2,175.00 for trade in allowance each for 2 Allis-Chalmers W/Patrol Motor Graders, and that the County Clerk and County Treasurer be directed to issue two time warrants in the sum of \$4,500.00 each, dated August 9, 1948, bearing 6% interest from date and payable on April 15, 1959, to Hobbs Equipment Company or order; one warrant to be drawn on the funds of Titus County Special Road Fund, Precinct 2 and one warrant to be drawn on the funds of Titus County Special Road Fund, Precinct 4, which warrants will constitute a legal and binding obligation on the funds of the respective precincts of Titus County, Texas, to which charged. UPON being put to a vote by the County Judge said motion was carried unanimously and declared adopted.

IN THE MATTER OF DISPOSITION OF AVAILABLE LATERAL ROAD FUNDS:

BE IT REMEMBERED on this the 9th day of August, 1948, at a regular term of the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, at its regular place of sitting in the Court-house at Mt. Pleasant, Texas, with the following members present, to-wit:

Morris Rolston	County Judge
M. W. Jones	Commissioner, Prec. 1
W. C. Moore	Commissioner, Prec. 2
Eugene Mankins	Commissioner, Prec. 3
Jim Ponder	Commissioner, Prec. 4
Mrs. J. A. Glass	County Clerk

came on to be considered the disposition of available lateral road funds of Titus County, Texas, now being held by the Board of County and District Road Indebtedness, Austin, Texas, in the approximate amount of \$2,731.24, and whereas it appearing that Titus County could advantageously use said sum of money for improvement of its lateral roads and that a request for said sum of money should be made to the Board of County and District Road Indebtedness to forward same to Titus County, Whereupon motion made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Moore that the Board of County and District Road Indebtedness be requested to forward the funds to Titus County to be used for lateral road improvements and that the funds when received should be placed in a separate fund to be known as Titus County Road Improvement Fund. UPON being put to a vote by the County Judge the motion carried unanimously and was declared adopted.

IN THE MATTER OF SETTING COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX:

Motion made by Commissioner Mankins and seconded by Commissioner Ponder that the tax rate for Common School Districts of Titus County be set as recommended by County School Superintendent as follows:

No.	District	L. M.	I. & S.	TOTAL
2	Maple Springs	.80	.20	\$1.00
3	Stonewall	.75	---	.75
4	Blodgett	.50	.50	1.00
6	Farmers Academy	1.00	---	1.00
7	Monticello	.50	.25	.75
8	Concord	.50	---	.50
10	Oak Grove	.50	.40	.90
11	Midway	.50	.50	1.00
12	Old Union	.75	---	.75
14	Chapel Hill	.65	.10	.75
15	Wilkinson	1.00	---	1.00
16	Overland	.75	---	.75
18	Marshall Springs	.50	---	.50
19	Panther's Chapel	.50	.25	.75
20	Hickory Hill	.50	.25	.75
21	Progress	1.00	---	1.00
22	Liberty Hill	.50	.50	1.00
24	Green Hill	.75	---	.75
27	County Line	.50	---	.50
29	Lone Star	.50	.50	1.00
30	Nevill's Chapel	.75	---	.75
32	Forest Grove	.50	---	.50
	Independent Argo	.50	.50	1.00
"	Winfield	.50	.50	1.00
"	Cookville	.50	.50	1.00

IN THE MATTER OF ISSUANCE OF TIME WARRANTS IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$9,500.00
 THE STATE OF TEXAS |
 COUNTY OF TITUS |

On this the 9th day of August, 1948, the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, convened in regular session at a regular term of said Court with the following named members present, viz:

Morris Rolston	County Judge
R. W. Jones	Commissioner, Precinct #1
Neal Moore	Commissioner, Precinct #2
Eugene Mankins	Commissioner, Precinct #3
Jim Ponder	Commissioner, Precinct #4
Mrs. J. A. Glase	County Clerk

and with the following absent, none, constituting the entire Court, at which time the following among other proceedings were had:

It appearing to the Court that it is to the best interest of Titus County and to its citizens that Titus County purchase road machinery for use in the construction, improvement and maintenance of public roads of Titus County, as hereinafter described;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Court hereby declare its intention to purchase:

One (1) Diesel Powered Motor Grader of not less than 40 H.P.

And to pay therefor by the issuance of time warrants in the maximum amount of not exceeding \$9,500.00, bearing interest at the rate of not exceeding 4% per annum, and maturing serially over a maximum period of not exceeding 3 years from their date and the County Judge is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice to be published according to law.

The foregoing order was read and it was moved by Commissioner Mankins, and seconded by Commissioner Ponder that it be passed, and upon the question being called it was unanimously passed, Commissioners, Jones, Moore, Mankins and Ponder voting "Aye" and no one voting "No."

Morris Rolston, County Judge

 IN THE MATTER OF NOTICE TO ACCEPT SEALED BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF ROAD MACHINERY:

THE STATE OF TEXAS |
 COUNTY OF TITUS |

TO BIDDERS, AND TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the sealed bids addressed to Morris Rolston, County Judge, at Mt. Pleasant, Texas, will be received until ten o'clock a.m. on the 13th day of September, 1948, for the purchase of the following described road machinery to be used in the construction, improvement and maintenance of the public roads of Titus County, Texas:

One (1) Diesel Powered Motor Grader of not less than 40 H.P.

The County reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive formalities. The successful bidder will be required to furnish 100% performance bond.

It is the intention of the Commissioners' Court, if any bid is accepted, to make payment for such road machinery and the contract therefor by the issuance of Time Warrants in the maximum amount of not exceeding \$9,500.00, bearing interest at the rate of not exceeding 4% per annum, with maximum maturity date not exceeding 3 years from the date of such warrants,

Morris Rolston, County Judge

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

 The above and foregoing minutes read and approved this the 1st day of September, 1948.

ATTEST:

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

Morris Rolston
 County Judge, Titus County, Texas.