

REGULAR TERM- January 14, 1952

BE IT REMEMBERED That the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, met in Regular Session at the Courthouse in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, with the following members present, to-wit:

W. W. Mason	County Judge
R. W. Jones	Commissioner Precinct 1
J. Q. Roper	Commissioner Precinct 2
Eugene Mankins	Commissioner Precinct 3
J. R. Ponder	Commissioner Precinct 4
Thomas J. Hood	County Clerk

and the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

 IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MONTHLY ACCOUNTS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Jones and Seconded by Commissioner Ponder to approve the monthly accounts as same appear of record in Warrant Book 1. Motion carried.

 IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OFFICERS MONTHLY EXPENSE ACCOUNTS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Mankins and Seconded by Commissioner Ponder to approve the officers monthly expense accounts as follows:

Lynch Harper	Tax Assessor-Collector	\$ 604.16
Thomas J. Hood	County Clerk	560.70
Grover Ard	Justice of Peace	32.00
W. W. Mason	County Judge	12.00
Alford H. Flanagan	County Attorney	120.54

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

 IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING COUNTY TREASURER ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1951:

Motion was made by Commissioner Roper and Seconded by Commissioner Mankins to approve the annual report of Cecil Franklin, County Treasurer for the year of 1951. Motion carried.

 IN THE MATTER OF SETTING SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 1952:

Motion was made by Commissioner Ponder and Seconded by Commissioner Roper to set salaries of County Officials and employees for the year 1952 as follows:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u>	<u>ANNUALLY</u>
Comm. Prec. 1	Road & Bridge #1	204.16	\$ 2,450.00
Comm. Prec. 2	Road & Bridge #2	204.16	2,450.00
Comm. Prec. 3	Road & Bridge #3	204.16	2,450.00
Comm. Prec. 4	Road & Bridge #4	204.16	2,450.00
County Judge	Road & Bridge	185.42	
County Judge	General County	135.41	3,850.00
Sheriff	Sheriff P.O.S.	333.33	4,000.00
Constable #1	Constable P.O.S.	225.00	2,700.00
District Clerk	General County	170.83	2,050.00
County Clerk	General County	140.83	1,690.00
County Attorney	General County	120.83	1,450.00
Home Dem. Agent	General County	145.83	1,750.00
County Agent	General County	170.83	2,050.00
Court Reporter	Jury	114.37	1,372.44
County Treas.	Treas. Comm.	229.16	2,750.00
Justice of Peace #1	Trial Fee	35.00	420.00

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

IN THE MATTER OF KEEPING COUNTY AND PRECINCT OFFICERS ON FEE BASIS FOR THE YEAR 1952:

The matter of compensation for County and Precinct Officers came up for consideration and motion was made by Commissioner Jones to keep all officers of the County (excluding Sheriff, Constable, County Surveyor, Registrars of Vital Statistics and Notaries Public) on a fee basis for the year 1952. The fact that the population of Titus County according to the last Federal Census, was less than 20,000, makes it necessary for the Commissioners' Court to determine whether officers shall be compensated on a salary or fee basis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roper and upon being put before the Court by the County Judge, was unanimously adopted and declared carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SETTING SALARY OF STENOGRAPHER FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

January 1, 1952

TO THE HON. COMMISSIONERS COURTS OF TITUS, FRANKLIN, CAMP, MARION AND MORRIS COUNTIES:

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of an opinion rendered by the Attorney General, dated October 11, 1951, to John Dowdy, District Attorney, Athens, Texas, concerning the appointment of a stenographer or clerk for a district Attorney under the provisions of Article 328K-19, V.C.S.

You will see from a reading of the opinion that the Attorney General holds that the article in question is mandatory on the various Commissioners Courts, but that the compensation to be paid is left to their sound discretion, based upon what is a reasonable salary.

Acting pursuant to the above article, I have appointed Frances G. Presley as my stenographer on a part time basis at a salary of \$100.00 per month. Following is a schedule that I have figured as to the apportionment among the respective counties:

COUNTY	POPULATION	AMOUNT TO BE PAID
Titus	17,302	\$ 33.34
Marion	10,172	19.60
Morris	9,433	18.17
Camp	8,740	16.84
Franklin	6,257	12.05
TOTAL		\$100.00

This appointment effective January 1, 1952, and warrants can be mailed to the appointee at Box 446, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Trusting that you will enter an order approving this appointment and salary, and if I have erred in my figures, please make the proper correction for your county. Titus County will be requested to withhold income tax payments.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Morris Rolston
District Attorney
76th Judicial District,
Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ponder and Seconded by Commissioner Jones to accept the above request and that Mrs. Frances G. Presley be paid \$33.34 out of the General County Fund. Upon being put to a vote, said motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION TO CONVERT RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT INTO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

THE STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF TITUS |

TO THE HONORABLE W. W. MASON, COUNTY JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY:

We, the undersigned, legally qualified property taxpaying voters residing in Winfield Rural High School District of Titus County, Texas, which said School District maintains a first-class High School of twalvs grades, offering sixteen or more credits, respectfully

pray that an election be ordered in said School District for the purpose of determining if said Winfield Rural High School District shall be converted into an Independent School District, as provided by Senate Bill No. 316, 52nd Legislature, 1951.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 12th day of December, 1951.

Joe B. Nebane	A. Fox	J. Q. Roper
J. W. Spruill	Griffin Smith	H. S. Cody, Jr.
Nell Taylor	F. W. Banks	C. S. Taylor
C. M. Hutson	J. B. Thomas	J. D. Shumate
W. D. Hollingsworth	M. B. Summerlin	A. B. Cody
Mrs. Eula Smith	Mrs. A. B. Cody	G. H. Garretson
W. W. Stanley	Jack Bankhead	Pat Beck
B. O. Kinder	Chae. L. Brantley	A. P. King

IN THE MATTER OF ORDER FOR ELECTION TO CONVERT RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT INTO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

THE STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF TITUS |

WHEREAS, on the 20 day of December, 1951, there was presented to me the petition of 24 persons asking that an election be ordered to determine whether or not Winfield #706 Rural High School District, of Titus County, Texas, shall be converted into an Independent School District as provided by S. B. 316, 52nd Legislature, 1951.

It appearing that said petition is signed by at least twenty (or a majority) of the legally qualified voters residing in said Rural High School District, and that said Rural High School District maintains a first-class High School of twelve grades, offering sixteen or more credits, and said petition is otherwise in conformity with law;

Therefore I, W. W. Mason, in my capacity as County Judge of Titus County, Texas, do hereby order that an election be held in said Rural High School District on the 19 day of January, 1952, which date is not less than twenty days, nor more than thirty days from the date of the filing of said above mentioned petition, for the purpose of determining whether said Winfield #706 Rural High School District shall be converted into an Independent School District as provided by S.B. 316, 52nd Legislature, 1951. Said election shall be held at the following place in said Rural High School District, and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers for said election.

At Cody Building next to Post Office Building, in Winfield #706, Texas, in said School District, with Mrs. Nora Beck as Presiding Judge, and D. W. Hollingsworth and B. E. Reed Clerks.

The ballots for said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:
"FOR CONVERTING"
"AGAINST CONVERTING"

Each voter shall mark out with black ink or black pencil one of the above expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his vote.

None but legally qualified voters residing in said Rural High School District shall be allowed to vote at said election. The sheriff of this County shall give notice of said election by posting three copies of this order at three different places within the boundaries of said Rural High School District, which posting shall be done not less than twenty-one days prior to the date fixed for said election. Immediately after said election has been held the officers holding the same shall make returns of the result thereof to the Commissioners' Court of this county and return the ballot box to the County Clerk for safe-keeping.

Dated this the 21 day of December, 1951.


W. W. Mason, County Judge, Titus County, Texas.

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

The above and foregoing minutes were read and approved this the 31st day of January, 1952.

ATTEST:


Thomas J. Hood, County Clerk


W. W. Mason, County Judge, Titus Co. Texas.

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