

## REGULAR TERM - March 9, 1953

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:

Harry Taylor	County Judge
Hollie Banks	Commissioner, Precinct 1
J. Q. Roper	Commissioner, Precinct 2
Eugene Mankins	Commissioner, Precinct 3
J. R. Ponder	Commissioner, Precinct 4
J. H. Rudd	County Clerk

and the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MONTHLY ACCOUNTS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Roper and Seconded by Commissioner Ponder to approve the monthly accounts as same appear of record in Warrant Book No. 1. Motion carried.

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OFFICERS MONTHLY EXPENSE ACCOUNTS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Banks and Seconded by Commissioner Mankins to approve the monthly expense accounts of County Officials as follows:

J. H. Rudd	County Clerk	\$ 405.84
Harry Taylor	County Judge	24.80
Grover Ard	Justice of Peace #1	32.00
Jimmie Barrett	Tax Assessor-Collector	888.41

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

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IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Commissioner Roper and Seconded by Commissioner Ponder to approve the monthly report of County Treasurer, Cecil Franklin, for the month of February. Motion carried.

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IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR 1953:

Motion was made by Commissioner Roper and Seconded by Commissioner Mankins to appoint the following election officials for the year 1953, and for the County Clerk to notify each official of their appointment. Upon being put to a vote, said motion carried unanimously.

BOX NO:	PLACE:	PRESIDING JUDGE:
1	Southwest Mt. Pleasant	O. L. Crigler
2	Green Hill	John Don Johnson
3	Marshall Springs	R. W. McCollum
4	Monticello	Charles Taylor
5	Maple Springs	Clarence Harris
6	Cookville	Morris Barrier
7	Hickory Hill	P. C. Lasater
8	Northeast Mt. Pleasant	T. C. Walker
9	Talco	Miss Beulah Smith
10	Argo	J. M. Bell
11	Winfield	A. P. King
12	Lone Star	Charlie Gilbreath
13	Northwest Mt. Pleasant	Arney Winton
14	Southeast Mt. Pleasant	Buster Holcomb
15	North Mt. Pleasant	C. C. Hinson
Absentee Box		E. T. Darby

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**IN THE MATTER OF BUYING NAIL KEYS FROM CITY:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ponder and Seconded by Commissioner Mankins to pay the City of Mt. Pleasant \$15.00 for two keys they had made for the County Jail while the City was using same. Upon being put to a vote, motion carried unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Ponder and Seconded by Commissioner Banks to appoint Dr. W. A. Taylor as County Health Officer for Titus County for 1953. Motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF RETAINING MR. W. P. TURNER AS AUDITOR FOR 1953:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mankins and Seconded by Commissioner Banks to retain Mr. W. P. Turner as auditor for the year 1953. Motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYING ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT COUNTY AGAINST CITY CONCERNING PARKING METERS:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mankins and Seconded by Commissioner Banks to employ Morris Rolston, Attorney, to represent County in restraining City from placing parking meters on county square. Motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF CANCELING OUTSTANDING SCRIPT:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mankins and Seconded by Commissioner Banks to cancel all old, outstanding script from December 31, 1952 -back. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF CLOSING ROAD RUNNING EAST AND WEST FROM HIGHWAY 271;**

THE STATE OF TEXAS |  
COUNTY OF TITUS |

TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF SAID COUNTY:

The undersigned freeholders in Precinct No. 1 in said County, citizens of said Precinct and County, represent that the hereinafter described road has served its purpose and is no longer needed as a public road; that it has ceased to be needed by the public due to the fact that other roads have been constructed and/or are going to be constructed which serves the public properly, and that said road sought to be closed should not be maintained by the County; that it would be to the best interest of the public to close said road. Said road sought to be closed is described as follows:

Being a lateral road running east and west from Highway 271,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Mt. Pleasant and passing by the city airport, said road being approximately 35 feet wide. Said road to be closed upon completion of an equally good road being constructed to handle the same traffic.

Wherefore, premises considered, they pray for an order of said court closing said road to the public.

\_\_\_\_\_ day of February, A. D. 1953.

Epps Griffin  
Mrs. T. M. Milam  
B. Gartman  
Mrs. Perry Rains  
Ollie Peters  
Connie Godbolt

Mrs. Epps Griffin  
D. E. McBeth  
Mrs. B. Gartman  
C. H. Latson  
Odessa Peters  
C. C. Searcy

T. M. Milam  
Mrs. D. E. McBeth  
James Nelson  
Gabriel Searcy  
D. L. Godbolt  
Vassie Searcy

Motion was made by Commissioner Banks and Seconded by Commissioner Ponder that the above road be closed as stated. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Banks and Seconded by Commissioner Mankins to transfer \$250.00 from each Precinct Fund into the Road and Bridge Fund. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PLACING COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS NAMES ON RECORD:

Motion was made by Commissioner Ponder and Seconded by Commissioner Roper to enter the names of the Board of Directors for County Hospital as selected in September, 1952 as follows:

- Traylor Ruesell
- Edgar Huffman
- Joe Steed
- Ferry Wilhite
- Dan Mitchell
- T. O. Raney
- Buster Holcomb

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS:

Motion was made by Commissioner Ponder and Seconded by Commissioner Roper to transfer \$1,000.00 from General County Fund into the Peace Officers Fund. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING RESULT OF BOND ELECTION STONEWALL COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3;

THE STATE OF TEXAS ]

COUNTY OF TITUS ]

STONEWALL COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3:

On this the 9th day of March, 1953, the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, convened in Regular Session with the following members present, to-wit:

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| Harry Taylor   | County Judge,                |
| Hollie Banks   | Commissioner Precinct No. 1, |
| J. Q. Roper    | Commissioner Precinct No. 2, |
| Eugene Mankins | Commissioner Precinct No. 3, |
| J. R. Ponder   | Commissioner Precinct No. 4, |
| J. H. Rudd     | County Clerk                 |

and the following absent; None, constituting a quorum, and among other proceedings, passed the following order:

There came on to be considered the returns of an election held on the 7th day of March, 1953, in Stonewall Common School District No. 3, on the proposition of issuing bonds as provided in the order calling said election and it appearing that said election was in all respects legally held and that said returns were duly and legally made and that there were cast at said election 19 valid and legal votes, of which number there were cast:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF" . . . . . 19 votes,

"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF" . . . . . 0 votes.

IT IS THEREFORE FOUND AND DECLARED AND SO ORDERED, by the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, that a majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters who owned taxable property in said School District and who had duly rendered the same for taxation, voting at said election, voted for the issuance of said bonds and the levying of the tax in payment thereof, and that therefore, this Court is authorized to issue said bonds and to levy and have assessed and collected said tax in payment thereof.

The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Court voted AYE:

BANKS, ROPER, MANKINS and PONDER, and the following voted: YEs. None.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this the 9th day of March, 1953.

Harry Taylor, County Judge.

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IN THE MATTER OF KEEPING COUNTY AND PRECINCT OFFICERS ON FEE BASIS FOR THE YEAR 1953:

The matter of compensation for County and Precinct Officers came up for consideration and motion was made by Commissioner Ponder 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 1953. The fact that the population of Titus County according to the last Federal Census, was less than 20,000, make 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.

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

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