

REGULAR TERM May 11, 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:

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING 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.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OFFICERS MONTHLY EXPENSE ACCOUNTS:

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

Harry Taylor	County Judge	\$ 33.00
J. H. Rudd	County Clerk	408.42
Jimmie Barrett	Tax Assessor-Collector	681.56
Grover Ard	Justice of Peace #1	32.00

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

IN THE MATTER OF CANVASSING RETURNS OF WINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT:
THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TITUS

On this the 12th day of January, 1953, the Commissioners Court of Titus County, convened in Regular Session with the following members present, to-wit:

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:

IN THE MATTER OF CANVASSING RETURNS OF WINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT:

The Commissioners' Court met in special session and canvassed the returns of the election to convert Winfield School to an Independent School Dist. The vote FOR Converting: 40;

AGAINST Converting: None.

Filed May 12, 1953.

IN THE MATTER OF ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 11th day of May, 1953, the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, was duly convened as a Board of Equalization, at the regular meeting place at the Court House in the town of Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, Texas, for the purpose of equalizing the values of all taxable property, located in said County, for the purposes of taxation for the year 1953, with all members of said Court, via:

Harry Taylor	County Judge,
Hollis Banke	Commissioner, Precinct #1
J. Q. Roper	Commissioner, Precinct #2
Eugene Mankins	Commissioner, Precinct #3
J. R. Ponder	Commissioner, Precinct #4

present and participating.

That upon convening of said Board, and prior to entering upon their duties as a Board of Equalization, each of the above named members took and subscribed to the following oath:

"I - - - , a member of the Board of Equalization of Titus County, Texas, for the year A. D., 1953, hereby solemnly swear:

That in the performance of my duties as a member of such Board for said year I will not vote to allow any taxable property to stand assessed on the tax rolls of said County for said year at any sum which I believe to be less than its true market value, or if it has no market value, then its real value; that I will faithfully endeavor, and as a member will move to have each item of taxable property which I believe to be assessed for said year at less than its true market value, or real value, raised on the tax rolls to what I believe to be its true market value, if it has a market value, and if not, then to its real value, and that I will faithfully endeavor to have the assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within said County, stand upon the tax rolls of said County for said year at its true cash market value, or if it has no market value, then its real value, I solemnly swear that I have read and understand the provisions contained in the Constitution and Laws of this State relative to the valuation of taxable property, and that I will faithfully perform all of the duties required of me under the Constitution and Laws of this State. So help me God."

Titus County, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

11th day of May, 1953.

OATH OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

"I, as a member of the Board of Equalization of Titus, Titus County, Texas, for the year A. D., 1953, hereby solemnly swear:

"That in the performance of my duties as a member of such Board for said year, I will not vote to allow any taxable property to stand assessed on the tax rolls of said County for said year at any sum which I believe to be less than its true market value, or if it has no market value, then its real value; that I will faithfully endeavor, and as a member will move to have each item of taxable property which I believe to be assessed for said year at less than its true market value, or real value, raised on the tax rolls to what I believe to be its true market value, if it has a market value, and if not, then to its real value; and that I will faithfully endeavor to have the assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation within said County, stand upon the tax rolls of said County for said year at its true cash market value, or if it has no market value, than its real value. I solemnly swear that I have read and understand the provisions contained in the Constitution and Laws of this State relative to the valuation of taxable property and that I will faithfully perform all of the duties required of me under the Constitution and Laws of this State, So help me God."

/s/ Harry Taylor, County Judge

/s/ Hollie Banks, Commissioner, Precinct #1

/s/ J. Q. Roper, Commissioner, Precinct #2

/s/ Eugene Mankins, Commissioner, Precinct #3

/s/ J. R. Ponder, Commissioner, Precinct #4

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, on this the 11th day of May, A. D., 1953, by 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; each.

/s/ J. H. Rudd, County Clerk, Titus County, Texas.
11th day of May, A. D., 1953.

ORDER DIRECTING THE COUNTY CLERK
TO ADVERTISE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Board of Equalization in and for Titus County, Texas, having been in session on this 11th day of May A. D., 1953, the following order was, upon motion of Commissioner Eugene Mankins, and duly seconded by Commissioner J. R. Ponder, unanimously carried and adopted, to-wit:

The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of meeting of the Board of Equalization by publication in a newspaper published in Titus County, Texas, for at least ten days prior to said meeting of said Board.

The County Clerk is also instructed to give individual notice to all tax payers whose properties are raised, if their addresses are known.

Harry Taylor, County Judge.

Titus County, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

11th day of May, A. D., 1953.

NOTICE OF EQUALIZATION

In obedience to the order of the Board of Equalization regularly convened and sitting, notice is hereby given that said Board of Equalization will be in session at its regular meeting place in the Court House in the town of Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, Texas, at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, the 26th day of May, 1953, for the purpose of determining, fixing and equalizing the value of any and all taxable property located in Titus County, Texas, for taxable purposes for the year 1953, and any and all persons interested or having business with said Board are hereby notified to be present.

/s/ J. H. Rudd, County Clerk, Titus County, Texas.

Titus County, Texas.

11th day of May, 1953.

ORDER RECESSING BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Board of Equalization for Titus County, Texas, having been regularly convened and being in session on this the 11th day of May A. D., 1953, the following order was upon motion of Commissioner J. R. Ponder, duly seconded by Commissioner J. Q. Roper, unanimously carried and adopted, to-wit:

There being no further business now necessary to be transacted by said Board of Equalization, it is ordered that said Board do now recess until 10:00 o'clock A.M., the 26th day of May, A. D. 1953, at which time said Board of equalization will further resume the transaction of such business as may then come before it.

/s/ Harry Taylor, County Judge

Titus County--11th day of May, A. D. 1953.

IN THE MATTER OF RATIFYING ORDER CONFIRMING THE CONVERSION OF WINFIELD SCHOOL:
 THE STATE OF TEXAS |
 COUNTY OF TITUS |

On this 11th day of May, 1953, the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, convened in Regular session at a May term of said Court, with the following named members thereof present, viz:

Harry Taylor	County Judge
Hollis Banks	Commissioner Pot. No. 1
J. Q. Roper	Commissioner Pot. No. 2
Eugene Mankins	Commissioner Pot. No. 3
J. R. Ponder	Commissioner Pot. No. 4
J. H. Rudd	County Clerk

There came on to be considered the matter of confirming the conversion of former Winfield Rural High School District of Titus County into an Independent school district;

AND IT APPEARS AFFIRMATIVELY TO THE COURT that an election was held on the 19th day of January, 1952, in said district, for the purpose of determining whether or not said Winfield Rural High School District should be converted into an independent school district, as provided by S.B. 316, 52nd Legislatures, 1951;

AND IT FURTHER APPEARS AFFIRMATIVELY TO THE COURT that said election was regularly ordered by the County Judge of Titus County upon a proper petition therefor, and that notice thereof was regularly given for the time and in the manner provided by law, and that said election was regularly held and that only duly qualified voters of said district voted thereat, and that returns of said election were regularly made to the Commissioners Court of Titus County, and that said election returns were regularly canvassed and the result thereof declared, showing the vote to be for converting, forty, and against converting, none, in all respects as required by law.

AND IT FURTHER APPEARS that the record of the order of the Commissioners Court canvassing said returns and declaring the result of said election is usually brief, same being as follows:

"IN THE MATTER OF CANVASSING RETURNS OF WINFIELD SCHOOL ELECTION: The Commissioners' Court met in special session and canvassed the returns of the election to convert Winfield School to an Independent School Dist. The vote was FOR Converting 40; AGAINST Converting None."

AND IT FURTHER APPEARS AFFIRMATIVELY TO THE COURT that, based upon the result of said election, since the date of said Commissioners Court order canvassing returns and declaring result of that election, said school district has regularly functioned in all respects as an independent school district, under the title of WINFIELD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, and that all of the business affairs of said school district have been performed in accordance with the laws and customs of independent school districts, and that said school district has been recognized by both State and County authorities as an independent school district.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS, that the hereinbefore mentioned order of the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, canvassing returns and declaring result of said election be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed, in all respects as though said order had been recorded in long form (instead of short form); and that the conversion of said Winfield Rural High School District into Winfield Independent School District, as a result of said election, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

The foregoing order was read, and it was moved by Commissioner Ponder and seconded by Commissioner Mankins that it be passed, and upon the question's being called it was unanimously carried, Commissioners Banks, Roper, Mankins and Ponder voting AYE; and no one voting NO.

Harry Taylor, County Judge

IN THE MATTER OF HEARING OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION:
STATE OF TEXAS |

COUNTY OF TITUS |

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this the 11th day of May, A. D., 1953, the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, duly convened, and now sitting as a Board of Equalization for the year 1953, convened for the purpose of reviewing all renditions made to Titus County, Texas, and after reviewing said renditions and hearing evidence pertaining to the values of the properties rendered, it is the opinion of the Board of Equalization of Titus County, that the persons, companies and corporations listed below should be cited to appear before the Board of Equalization of Titus County, Texas, to show cause why their renditions should not be raised or lowered and the County Clerk of Titus County is hereby notified and directed to cite the following named persons, companies, and corporations to be and appear before the Board of Equalization of Titus County, Texas, on the 26th day of May, A. D., 1953, as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Arcadia Refining Co.	Tyler, Texas
Bauchman, James B.	Seguin, Texas
Bauchman, John A.	Seguin, Texas
Broderick, Mrs. Elizabeth	Ft. Worth, Texas
Bryson, Myrtle et al	El Dorado, Ark.
Burke, J. Afton	Corsicana, Texas
Burke, J. Harry	Corsicana, Texas
Byrd, D. H.	Dallas, Texas
Canadian Exploration Co.	Denver, Colo.
Case-Pomeroy Oil Corp.	Midland, Texas
Davey, M. A. Jr.	Palestine, Texas
Edson Petroleum Co.	Houston, Texas
Fikes, Leland	Dallas, Texas
First Nat'l Bank, Tr.	Ft. Worth, Texas
Poster Petroleum Co.	Bartlesville, Okla.
Frost, Jack	Dallas, Texas
Great Expectations Oil Co.	Ft. Worth, Texas
Griffith, T. B. & W. Charlton	Terrell, Texas
Harrison & Dillard	Wichita Falls, Texas
Humble Oil & Refining Co.	Houston, Texas
Hyde, C. E.	Ft. Worth, Texas
Johnson, R. Murray	Dallas, Texas
Magnolia Petroleum Co.	Dallas, Texas
Midwest Oil Corp.	Midland, Texas
Monnig Dry Goods Co.	Ft. Worth, Texas
Reagan Houston IV	San Antonio, Texas
Lyles Houston	San Antonio, Texas
Newsoms, Mrs. Edna Louise	Ft. Worth, Texas
North Central Texas Oil Co., Inc.	Shreveport, La.
Patterson, J. D. Estate	Tyler, Texas
Ferryman, C. W.	Ft. Worth, Texas
Pawitt, P. H.	Longview, Texas
Phillips Petroleum Co.	Houston, Texas
Republic Supply Co.	Houston, Texas
Rushing, J. S.	El Dorado, Ark.
Rutherford, J. R.	Houston, Texas
Samuel, E. H.	Tyler, Texas
Shield, Fred W.	San Antonio, Texas
Shell Oil Co.	Houston, Texas
Smith, W. Burner	Longview, Texas
Stanolind Oil & Gas Co.	Ft. Worth, Texas
Three States Natural Gas Co.	Dallas, Texas
Tidewater Associated Oil Co.	Tulsa, Okla.
Toklan Royalty Corp	Tulsa, Okla.
Tyler State Bank & Trust Co., Tr.	Tyler, Texas
Tyler State Bank & Trust Co., Tr.	Tyler, Texas
Weinert, H. H.	Seguin, Texas
Weisner, Raymond A.	Salisbury, Md.
L. R. Carter & Co.	Dallas, Texas
Carlton Meredith	Dallas, Texas
A. D. Brinkerhoff	Kilgore, Texas
Shurmon & Kirkwood	Ft. Worth, Texas

IN THE MATTER OF PAYING A. J. GAUTNEY OUT OF GENERAL COUNTY FUND;

Motion was made by Commissioner Roper and Seconded by Commissioner Banks to pay A. J. Gautney out of General County Fund instead of Permanent Improvement Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS;

Motion was made by Commissioner Ponder and Seconded by Commissioner Roper to transfer \$250.00 from each precinct fund into Road and Bridge Fund. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYING COOK FOR JAIL;

Motion was made by Commissioner Mankins and Seconded by Commissioner Ponder to pay the cook for the jail \$45.00 per month. Upon being put to a vote, Commissioner's Mankins and Ponder voted AYE; Commissioner's Banks and Roper voted NO; County Judge Taylor voted No.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYING COOK FOR JAIL;

Motion was made by Commissioner Banks and Seconded by Commissioner Roper to pay the cook for the jail \$30.00 per month beginning June 1, 1953, payable twice a month out of Peace Officers Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF STONEWALL C.S.D. NO. 3 TITUS COUNTY BONDS;

Mt. Pleasant, Texas
May 19, 1953

Mr. Homer W. Griffitts,
State Comptroller's Office,
Austin, Texas

Re: Stonewall C.S.D. No. 3 Titus County Bonds

Dear Mr. Griffitts:

You will receive the approved bonds of this issue from the Attorney General's office within the next few days.

At the time the bonds are registered by you, please advise Mr. Vane C. Burnett, Investment Adviser, State Education Agency, that the bonds are ready for delivery to the State Permanent School Fund account. Mr. Burnett will take delivery of the bonds and forward payment to our depository bank.

Please send two copies each of the Attorney General's opinion to
C. D. Jessup
2207 Second National Bank Building
Houston, Texas

and your bill of charges to

C. W. Burt & Company
1121 Kirby Building
Dallas, Texas

Thanking you, we are

Very truly yours,
TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

By: Harry Taylor, County Judge

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Mt. Pleasant, Texas
May 19, 1953

Honorable Robert W. Spence,
Assistant Attorney General,
Bond Department,
Austin, Texas.

Re: Stonewall C.S.D. No. 3 Titus County Bonds

Dear Sir:

We are sending you the executed bonds of this issue, along with the final certificates.

At the time you have approved these bonds, kindly deliver them to the State Comptroller's office for registration and disposition.

Thanking you, we are

Very truly yours,
TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

By Harry Taylor, County Judge

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NON-LITIGATION CERTIFICATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF TITUS |

I, the undersigned Clerk of the District Court of Titus County, Texas, hereby certify that since the election which was held on the 7th day of March, 1953, in Stonewall Common School District No. 3 of Titus County, Texas, upon the question of authorizing the issuance of \$8,000.00 School-house Bonds for said District and levying a tax in payment thereof, no suit or other proceeding has been filed in the District Court of said County contesting that election on seeking to restrain or enjoin the issuance of such bonds or the levy, assessment and/or collection of taxes in payment thereof.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this the 19th day of May, 1953.

H. L. Bowden, Clerk of the District Court of
Titus County, Texas.

(SEAL)

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SIGNATURE CERTIFICATE - - with Non-Litigation Clause

THE STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF TITUS |

We, the undersigned officers of Titus County, Texas, hereby certify that we did officially sign the following described bonds:

TWENTY-TWO (22) STONEWALL COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 SCHOOLHOUSE BONDS, SERIES 1953, OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS, dated April 1, 1953, numbered from 1 to 22, inclusive, in the following denominations: Nos. 1 to 10, inc. \$300.00 each; Nos. 11 to 20, inc. \$400.00 each; Nos. 21 and 22, both inc. \$500.00 each, aggregating \$8,000.00, bearing 3-1/2% interest per annum, and maturing serially from 1954 to 1975, inc.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that at the time of signing said bonds and also at the time of executing this certificate, we were and are the duly elected, qualified and acting officers of said county as indicated on this certificate, and are authorized to execute said bonds.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that there is no litigation either pending or threatened restraining or enjoining the issuance and delivery of said bonds or the levy and collection of taxes in payment thereof, nor in any manner questioning the proceedings and authority by which said bonds are issued, and that none of the proceedings authorizing the issuance of said bonds have been repealed.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that neither the corporate existence nor the boundaries of said county nor the titles of the present officers to their respective offices are being contested.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that we are acquainted with the official seal of the Commissioners Court of said County, and that said seal is affixed to each of the said bonds, and that a correct impression of said seal is also affixed to this certificate.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that the coupons attached to said bonds are executed by the facsimile signatures of Harry Taylor, County Judge, and J. H. Rudd, County Clerk.

On each of said bonds there is endorsed a certificate to be signed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, that the opinion of the Attorney General of said State approving the validity of said bonds is on file in his office and that each of said bonds has been registered by him.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND OFFICIAL SEAL aforesaid, this 19 day of May, 1953.

Harry Taylor, County Judge
J. H. Rudd, County Clerk
Cecil Franklin, County Treasurer

(SEAL)

I hereby certify that the foregoing signature of the above named officers are true and genuine.

D. A. Brogotti, Cashier
The First National Bank
Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

(SEAL)

IN THE MATTER OF INVESTING CERTAIN SURPLUS SINKING FUNDS:

STATE OF TEXAS |

COUNTY OF TITUS |

On this the 25th day of May, 1953, the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, convened in special session with all members present thereof, and among other proceedings there came on to be considered the investment of certain surplus sinking funds held by the County and certain fund held by the permanent school fund of the County.

After careful consideration it was determined to be to the best interest of the county to invest certain surplus funds, and after motion and second the Court voted unanimously as follows:

1. To purchase from C. N. Burt & Company, Dallas, Texas, as an investment for 1947 road bond interest and sinking fund the following described bonds:

\$10,000 City of Mt. Pleasant, Texas Waterworks & Sewer System Revenue Bonds Dated: April 15, 1953, Int. 3-1/4% Due \$5,000 10/15/57; \$5,000 10/15/58 at 2.25% and accrued interest.

2. To purchase from C. N. Burt & Company, Dallas, Texas as an investment for the Permanent School Fund of Titus County, Texas, the following described bonds:


\$1,000.00 Fabens, Texas, Independent School District School Building Bond Dated: December 15, 1952, Int. 3-1/4% Due \$1,000 12/15/80, Oct. 12/15/62 at 98 and accrued interest.

The County Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to accept delivery of said bonds and to make payment to C. N. Burt & Company upon delivery of said bonds.

Harry Taylor, County Judge,
Titus County, Texas.

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

The above and foregoing minutes were read and approved this the 30th day of June, 1953.


Harry Taylor, County Judge

ATTEST:


J. H. Radd, County Clerk