

SPECIAL SESSION

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Titus County Commissioners' Court met in Special Session on March 19, 1971 at 9:00 A.M. in the courthouse with the following present:

John W. Mason
Rayford Taylor
Bert B. Parr
T. O. Raney
Dan Bynum
Allen LaPrade

County Judge
Comm. Prec. #1
Comm. Prec. #2
Comm. Prec. #3
Comm. Prec. #4
County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF PAYING PREC. EMPLOYEES:

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Parr to pay Prec. employees. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING BID FOR \$500 FOR 1968 CHEV.:

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to accept bid from Odie Thomas for \$500.00 for 1968 Chev. automobile. Motion seconded by Commissioner Raney. Motion carried.

I BID \$500.00 FOR 1968 CHEV. CAR. /s/ Odie Thomas

The above and foregoing minutes were read and approved for March, 1971 this 31 day of March, 1971.

ATTEST:

Allen LaPrade
County Clerk, Titus County, Texas

John W. Mason
County Judge, Titus County, Texas

REGULAR SESSION

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Titus County Commissioners' Court met in regular session on April 12, 1971 at 9:00 A.M. in the courthouse with following members present:

John W. Mason
Rayford Taylor
Bert B. Parr
T. O. Raney
Dan Bynum
Allen LaPrade

County Judge
Co. Commissioner Prec. #1
Co. Commissioner Prec. #2
Co. Commissioner Prec. #3
Co. Commissioner Prec. #4
County Clerk

and the following proceedings were had to wit:

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & WILD LIFE COMMISSION PLACE RADIO EQUIPMENT IN COURTHOUSE:

Motion made to let Parks & Wild Life Commission place radio equipment in courthouse and use radio tower made by Commissioner Parr. Motion seconded by Commissioner Raney. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYING MONTHLY BILLS:

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Parr to pay bills. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MONTHLY REPORTS:

Motion made by Commissioner Bynum and seconded by Commissioner Raney to approve monthly reports and Treasurer's 1st. quarter report. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CANVASSING ELECTION RETURNS:

After canvassing election returns motion was made by Commissioner Bynum and seconded by Commissioner Taylor that the election for county election is as follows:

Cookville Three to be elected
Trustees
Buck Self - 44
Ray Reynolds - 44
Jim Driskill - 44

Old Union One to be elected
Trustees
Odis Thomas - 22
Co. Trustee Prec. #3 - 0

Winfield Three to be elected
Glenn Sisk - 18
James Thomas - 20
Den Bragg - 18
Albert Miller - 2
Eugene Narramore 1
Co. Trustee Prec. #1 - 0

Argo Two to be elected
Bob Smith - 13
Bascom Hargroves - 16
Clyde Arnos - 1
Co. Trustee Prec. #3
Jack Harvey - 14

Chapel Hill Three to be elected
Leonard Thompson - 14
L. D. Harris - 13
E. M. Bishop - 14

Mt. Pleasant
Co. Trustee Prec. #1
Ed Martin - 329
Jack Blackburn - 1
Co. Trustee Prec. #3
Jack Harvey - 252
Fred Bright, Jr. - 1

Harts Bluff Two to be elected
Bobby Stephenson - 39
Larry Reese - 20
Lee Hawkins - 23
Harry Tigert - 1
Co. Trustee Prec. #3
Jack Harvey - 28
Co. Trustee Prec. #1
Ed Martin - 19

TOTALS

Co. Trustee Prec. #1
Ed Martin - 357
Jack Blackburn - 1
Co. Trustee Prec. #3
Jack Harvey - 294
Fred Bright, Jr. - 1

Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH PUTCHARD-ABBOTT:

Motion made by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Raney to enter into contract with Putchard-Abbott to write oil and utility rolls for tax office. Motion carried.

PETITION FOR ROAD BOND ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TITUS

TO THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS:

We, the undersigned resident legally qualified voters, and resident legally qualified property taxpaying voters of Titus County who own taxable property in said County and who have duly rendered the same for taxation respectfully pray your Honorable Body to order an election to determine whether or not the bonds of said Titus County, Texas, shall be issued in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), bearing interest at such rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court, and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the Commissioners Court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty (30) years from their date, for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, in said County; and whether or not an ad valorem tax shall be levied

upon all the taxable property in Titus County for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and providing a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity, as authorized by Article 3, Section 52, of the Constitution of Texas, as amended at an election held on November 30, 1970.

We Furthermore pray your Honorable Body to submit the question of the issuance of said bonds in two propositions in the following amounts and for the following purposes:

I. The proposition of the issuance of \$600,000.00 of bonds, the proceeds of such bonds to be used for Hwy. #271 and Hwy. #49 .

II. The proposition of the issuance of \$400,000.00 of bonds, the proceeds of such bonds to be used for East Loop and Farm to Market Roads.

DATED the 9th day of April, 1971.

Geo. W. Sandefur
Landon F. Miller
Robert Cochran
Joe Ed Brown
Cecil Franklin
Pat Beck
Roy Roberson
Bill Harlin
John Greene
Wanda Greene
Roger A. Middleton
Jack W. Hall
Robert C. Mason
W. John Hunt
Glynda Neal
Nancy Witt
James L. Dennis
Curtis Bell
Elaine Morhead
Coy Barber
Aubrey S. Cross
Sandra Cooper
Billy Ramey
Gloria Holt
Fleet Cook
John V. Horn
Raymond B. Kennedy
R. L. Markin
Bill G. Jones
Patty Fleming
Louise C. Franklin
Tom Simons
Charles Bradley
Anne Surratt
Loyd Sinclair
J. O. Sinclair
Dwayne Chapman
C. S. Meyer
Mrs. J. D. Strother
Dan H. Mitchell
Kathy Ford
L. G. Mitchell
Mildred Perkins
Harry Reid
Joe E. G. Jamfortons
David Martin
Mary Jane Cannon
Sue Shumate
Reba Neal
Wayne Stuart
Mary Lucile Canton
Otis J. Roach
Clarice M. Hinson
Micky Sinclair
L. R. Clarey
I. M. Coffey
Norma Jagers
Eva Stroman
Kathleen Davis
Reba Clark
Donal Berry
Luia Faye Minter
Jean Martin
Frances Tillman
Willie May Rhymes
Edward Burleson
Honey Davis
Travis Gilbreath
Velma Edwards
Tomnie M. Schoenewolf
Nell Joyce
Sue Hays
Lucille Greeney
Mary Yancey

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Carney
Shirley Temple
Faye Richardson
Jeanette L. Moon
Harold Shaver
Barbara Bell
Daisy Newman
David R. Kniefel
Kayu Burleson
Charles Wilhite
Joe Mills
Hope Kidwell
Dr. James L. Stone
Jean Ward
Elizabeth Rutherford
A. T. Tarver
Maurice Nicholson
Clista Ward
Vennie Rea Penny
Carlos Kidwell
Bobbie Jean Jeffery
O. C. Neal, Jr.
C. E. Lee
Garvin Huggins
C. R. Short
Owen Brightwell
Norman R. Krisle
Jonice Crane
Alma L. Jones
Joyce Goolsby
Mildred Summers
Jenna Simons
Betty Bradley
Art Scharlock
Holsey Reed
Norvel B. Redfearn
James H. Thompson
Louis Gohmert
Mrs. Alvin Spann
Mrs. Earl Anderson
Mrs. G. E. Hearne
Joan Mitchell
Rita Justiss
Mrs. Norris Pope
Loyce Johnson
A. D. Taylor
Mamie Seaton
Adorlee Gandy
Stella Martin
Inga Barrett
LaVern Leggett
Alma R. Sinclair
Martha Clay
Iona Carpenter
Harold J. Smith
Albert Neal
Mrs. Donal Barry
Jay Chapel
Louise Barnett
Willard Cecil
Christina Hutson
Gracie Johnson
Mary Jane Brooks
Linda Edwards
Peggy Douglas
Thurman Stroman
Issac Johnson
Lynn Shaver
Charles W. Sinclair
Hazel Hendricks
Norveen H. Parker
Louis C. Logan
Margarine Hamilton
Lucille Gillean

Sallie L. Barison
Wynell Gilbreath
Nancy Grissom
Kay McGee
Carleen Harkrider
Evelyn S. Gray
Janice Bowers
Robert Gerhart
Kendyle Buchanan
R. J. Willson
Mrs. R. J. Willson
J. B. Davis
Odell M. Morrison
Curtis Seaton
Glen Heath
James L. Hutchings
W. R. Shaw
Mary Good
W. H. Owsley
Carla Rose
Darrell Cooper
James Smith
Homer Holt, Jr.
Mildred Huggins
James B. Acock
Rex Amerson
John Tarver
Horace Crane
Gene B. Fleming
Curtis H. Goolsby
Leonard Thompson
Jack Jagger
Kyle Roach
Sarah Moore
R. A.
O. L. Colley, Jr.
Everett Redfearn
M. Means
W. E. Spann
Harolyn White
Bobby Rankin
Jean Taylor
W. D. Phillips
Mrs. W. H. Staffey
Pat Nolen
Lanella Barker
Norma Lee
Faye Currey
Mrs. Jack Sandlin
Lelia A. K. Brown
Joan Shurtleff
Sara R. Short
Jake H. Chism
Mrs. W. F. Holcomb
Ladye Smith
Bill Cannon
Herbert C. Moore
Olga Weems
Betty Meriwether
Gary McCain
Red Viala
Pam Young
Josie Lee Mason
Doris Mason
Eloise Stroman
JoAnn Hammonds
Mary Vinyard
Larry Ward
H. D. Johnson
Douglas Parker
Pay L. Ogg
Robert Burgess
Johnnie Sellers
Mrs. Louis B. Gohmert

Mrs. Jack Hall
Peggy Cook
Belva Carney
Barbara Smitherman
Sidney Bullock
Dwain Fortenberry
Pearl Smith
Janet Legg
Terrall W. Ogg
Ardelia Gaunett
Janie Cochran

Oscar H. Robinson
R. Hardin Whitaker
Carolyn McCain
Johnnie M. Turner
Janice Jones
Clara Lisby
Bessie France
Frances Beck
Dorothy Hess
John W. Jennings
J. Travis Jackson

James B. Criscoe
Bessie Smith
Mildred B. Cage
Clyde Black
Bryant Rolf
Minnie Dunn
Marion Williams
Dorothy Lovett
Fern Eskins
Mable Gilpin
J. R. Hodge

ELECTION ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TITUS

On this the 12th day of April, 1971, the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, convened in regular session at a Regular Term of said Court at the regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, with the following members present, to-wit:

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| JOHN W. MASON, | County Judge |
| RAYFORD D. TAYLOR, | Commissioner Precinct No. 1 |
| BERT B. PARR, | Commissioner Precinct No. 2 |
| T. O. RANEY, | Commissioner Precinct No. 3 |
| DAN BYNUM, | Commissioner Precinct No. 4 |
| ALLEN LAPRADE, | County Clerk |

when, among other proceedings had, were the following:

Commissioner Raney introduced an order and moved its passage. The motion, was seconded by Commissioner Bynum. The motion, carrying with it the passage of the order, prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Taylor, Parr, Raney, and Bynum

NOES: NONE

The order is as follows:

WHEREAS; each and all of the members of the Commissioners Court was duly and sufficiently notified, officially and personally, in advance, of the time, place and purpose of this meeting; and
WHEREAS, proper notice of this meeting has been duly and timely posted as provided by law; and
WHEREAS, a petition signed by the resident property taxpaying voters of Titus County equivalent to one percent or more of the total votes cast in said County in the last preceding general election for Governor, and being more than fifty (50) such resident property taxpaying voters of said County, who own taxable property within said County and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, and signed by the resident qualified voters of Titus County equivalent to one percent or more of the total votes cast in said County in the last preceding general election for Governor, and being more than fifty (50) such resident qualified voters of Titus County, has been presented to this Court praying that an election be ordered to determine whether or not the Commissioners Court of Titus County shall be authorized to issue bonds of said County in the amount and for the purpose hereinafter stated; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court hereby finds and determines that said petition is signed by the requisite number of resident qualified property taxpaying voters of said County who own taxable property in said County and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, and by the requisite number of resident qualified voters of said County, and said petition is otherwise in conformity with law, and the Commissioners Court deems it advisable and to the best interest of said County that said election should be ordered on the question of the issuance of bonds as prayed for in said petition;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS:

That an election be held in Titus County on the 18th day of May, 1971, which is not less than thirty (30) day from the date of this order, at which election, in accordance with said petition, the following

propositions shall be submitted in accordance with law:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

SHALL the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, be authorized to issue bonds of said County in the sum of \$600,00.00, bearing interest at such rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court, and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the Commissioners Court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty (30) years from their date, for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, in said County, and to levy an ad valorem tax upon all the taxable property in Titus County for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and providing a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity, the proceeds of such bonds to be used for Hwy. #271 and Hwy. #49, as authorized by Article 3, Section 52, of the Constitution of Texas, as amended at an election held on November 3, 1970?

PROPOSITION NO. 2

SHALL the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, be authorized to issue bonds of said County in the sum of \$400,000.00, bearing interest at such rate or rates as shall be determined within the discretion of the Commissioners Court, and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the Commissioners Court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty (30) years from their date, for the purpose of the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, in said County, and to levy an ad valorem tax upon all the taxable property in Titus County for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and providing a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity, the proceeds of such bonds to be used for East Loop and Farm to Market Roads, as authorized by Article 3, Section 52, of the Constitution of Texas, as amended at an election held on November 3, 1970?

The said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 3, Title 22, Revised Statutes, 1925, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas.

The Ballots for said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

PROPOSITION NO. 1

- FOR
THE ISSUANCE OF \$600,000 BONDS AND THE
LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF
- AGAINST

PROPOSITION NO. 2

- FOR
THE ISSUANCE OF \$400,000 BONDS AND THE
LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF
- AGAINST

Each voter shall vote on the propositions hereby submitted by placing "X" or other clear mark in the square beside the statement indicating the way the voter wishes to vote on each proposition.

The polling places, Presiding Judges and Alternate Presiding Judges for said election shall be as follows:

| PRECINCT NUMBER | VOTING PLACE | JUDGES |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Corprew School Mt. Pleasant | John H. Brooks PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 3 | | F. E. Tucker ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 2 | Methodist Church Greenhill | W. E. Blackstone PRESIDING JUDGE |
| | | Frank Caldwell ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 3 | Methodist Church Bridges Chapel | Clay Thomas PRESIDING JUDGE |
| | | Roy Hensley ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 4 | Washateria Monticello | Mrs. Taft Narramore PRESIDING JUDGE |
| | | Mrs. Harold Smith ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |

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| 3 | School Wilkinson | Mrs. Christine Harris PRESIDING JUDGE Morris Blalock ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 6 | Cookville School Cookville, Texas | Mrs. J. B. Clawson PRESIDING JUDGE Mrs. A. W. Connor ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 7 | School-Chapel Hill | Mrs. Johnnie Harkrider PRESIDING JUDGE Mrs. J. T. Rust, Jr. ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 8 | County Clerk's Office Mt. Pleasant, Texas | Mrs. F. W. Stephenson PRESIDING JUDGE Mrs. Florine Conroy ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 9 | City Hall Talco, Texas | Mrs. Martha Gipson PRESIDING JUDGE Ivy Smith ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 10 | School-Argo | Mrs. J. M. Brown, Jr. PRESIDING JUDGE Willie Martin ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 11 | Fire Station Winfield, Texas | E. E. Roach PRESIDING JUDGE Mrs. Holmes ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 12 | County Superintendent's office, Mt. Pleasant | Burns Davis PRESIDING JUDGE Paul Arthur ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 13 | County Tax Office Mt. Pleasant | Bob Thacker PRESIDING JUDGE Homer Bowden ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 14 | County Agent's Office Mt. Pleasant | Sam Austin PRESIDING JUDGE John Willis ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 15 | Community Center Neville Chapel | Leo Wilson PRESIDING JUDGE Mrs. Fred Mercer ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 16 | Youth Center Mt. Pleasant | Mrs. Johnny Colley PRESIDING JUDGE Mrs. Irene Rutland ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 17 | Fowler School Mt. Pleasant | George Gilpin PRESIDING JUDGE Mrs. R. B. Lowellen ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 18 | Methodist Church Farmers Academy | Simp Hobbs PRESIDING JUDGE Daisy Harris ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |
| 19 | Annie Simms School Mt. Pleasant | Bob Palmer PRESIDING JUDGE Mrs. Jack Firmin ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE |

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E. C. Brice
Mt. PleasantFred Bright, Jr.
PRESIDING JUDGEMrs. Roger Reagan
ALTERNATE PRESIDING JUDGE

The Presiding Judge for each Precinct shall appoint the necessary number of Clerks to assist in holding said election, which number shall be not less than two.

That absentee voting shall be conducted at the Office of the County Clerk in the County Courthouse, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, for the period absentee voting is permitted by law, and the hours designated for absentee voting shall be from 8:00 o'clock, A.M., to 5:00 o'clock, P.M., each day except Saturdays, Sundays and official State holidays.

That the following persons are appointed to serve as a special canvassing board for canvassing ballots of absentee voters:

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| PAUL HARBOUR, | Presiding Judge |
| MRS. DAVID MYERS, | Clerk |
| MRS. NINA HARBOUR, | Clerk |

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the General Laws of The State of Texas for holding of general elections, except as herein otherwise provided.

That said election shall be held and conducted in effect as two separate but simultaneous elections, to-wit: one election at which only the resident qualified voters, who own taxable property in said County and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, shall be entitled to vote, and another election at which all other resident qualified voters of the County shall be entitled to vote. The votes cast at each of said separate but simultaneous elections shall be recorded, returned and canvassed separately. Where the term "election" is used in this order, it shall mean the separate but simultaneous elections. In further explanation, if need be, the taxpaying voters vote in one box and the non-paying voters vote in the other box. Both elections are to be considered as one for determining the outcome of same as to the qualified voters.

Notice of said election shall be given by publication of a copy of this order in a newspaper of general circulation published in Titus County, Texas, once each week for three successive weeks before the date of said election, the date of the first publication to be not less than twenty-one (21) full days prior to the date of said election, and in addition thereto, there shall be posted other copies of this order at four public places in the County, one of which shall be at the Courthouse door, for three weeks prior to said election. A copy of said notice shall also be filed with the County Clerk and another copy shall be posted on a bulletin board in the office of the County Clerk at least twenty (20) days before the election.

The County Clerk is hereby directed to cause said notice to be posted and published as hereinabove directed, and further orders are reserved until the returns of said election are made by the duly authorized election officers and received by this Court.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a meeting open to the public, this the 12th day of April, 1971, after public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given and posted as required by law.

/s/ John W. Mason
County Judge, Titus County, Texas

ATTEST:

/s/ Allen LaPrade
County Clerk

NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TITUS

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF TITUS COUNTY WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID COUNTY AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED THE SAME FOR TAXATION, AND TO ALL OTHER RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID COUNTY:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in Titus County, Texas, at the time and places and on the propositions as provided in the Election Order duly passed by the Commissioners Court of Titus County, which Election Order is substantially as follows:

SEE ELECTION ORDER ON PAGE 17

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TITUS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Allen LaPrade, County Clerk of Titus County, Texas, who, after being by me first duly sworn, says upon his oath:

1. That he caused to be posted a true copy of the NOTICE OF ELECTION hereto attached at four public places in said County, to-wit:

One at the Courthouse door in Mt. Pleasant, Texas;

One at City Hall, Dalco, Texas;

One at Post Office, Winfield, Texas; and

One at Post Office, Cookville, Texas.

2. That all of said notices were posted on the 12th day of April, 1971, which was not less than twenty-one (21) full days prior to the date of the election.

/s/ Allen LaPrade
County Clerk

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, this 12th day of April, 1971.

/s/ M. Key
NOTARY PUBLIC, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

(SEAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TEXAS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared R. B. Palmer, know to me, who being first duly sworn, says upon his oath:

1. That he is the publisher of Mt. Pleasant Daily Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation published in Titus County, Texas; that he caused the attached NOTICE OF ELECTION to be published in said newspaper on the following dates:

April 22, 1971
April 29, 1971
May 6, 1971

the date of the first publication being at least twenty-one (21) full days prior to the date of the election.

/s/ R. B. Palmer

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, on this the 10th day of May, 1971.

/s/ Allen LaPrade
County Clerk, Titus County, Texas

(SEAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TITUS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared W.M. Furey, known to me, who being first duly sworn, say upon his oath:

1. That he is the publisher of Mt. Pleasant Times, a newspaper of general circulation published in Titus County, Texas; that he caused the attached NOTICE OF ELECTION to be published in said newspaper on the following dates: April 22, 1971 April 29, 1971 May 6, 1971 the date of the first publication being at least twenty-one (21) full days prior to the date of the election

/s/ W. M. Furey

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, on this the 13th day of May, 1971.

/s/ Johnnie Strothers
Notary Public, Titus Co., Texas

(SEAL)

TAX ROLL CONTRACT

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TITUS

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, hereinafter styled First Party, in the performance of its duties as the governing body of such First Party, has contemplated the employment of experts possessing special skills, scientific knowledge, and technical ability and equipment, so as to perform for said First Party data processing services in the preparation of the tax rolls, tax statements, receipts, and inventories and/or furnishing supplies in connection therewith, and the printing of such tax rolls, tax statements, receipts, and inventories by the use of data processing equipment such as International Business Machines, and/or other electrical or electronic processing equipment for the years hereinafter set forth, and:

WHEREAS, First Party now finds and declares that there is a necessity that the tax officers of Said First Party be supplied with such data processing services and/or supplies used in connection therewith, so as to enable First Party and its tax officers to more economically perform their duties in connection with the preparation of such tax rolls, tax statements, receipts, and inventories, and:

WHEREAS, it has been ascertained and determined that Fritchard & Abbott, a partnership composed of E. S. Fritchard and John L. Abbott of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, hereinafter styled Second Party, has special skill and ability, and scientific and technical knowledge and equipment, so as to enable it to perform such data processing services and/or to furnish supplies in connection therewith, and it is purpose of First Party to employ the services of Second Party for said purposes:

IT IS, THEREFORE, AGREED by and between the parties hereto as follows:

I.

Second Party agrees to process all basic data and to prepare and print, using such data processing equipment as International Business Machines and/or other mechanical and/or electronic processing equipment, tax rolls, tax statements, receipts, and inventories, and all other necessary parts of complete tax rolls for First Party for the years 1971, and/or furnish all supplies necessary for the preparation of the same, and to print and record, upon forms approved by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, such tax rolls, tax statements, receipts, and inventories, and other necessary parts of complete tax rolls for said years.

II.

Second Party agrees to cooperate with taxing officers of said First Party and to deliver completed tax rolls, tax statements, receipts, and inventories, and other necessary parts of complete tax rolls to said First Party as soon after being supplied with the basic information to be recorded thereon, as

shall be reasonably practicable for said years.

III.

It is distinctly understood and agreed, any word, phrase, or sentence hereof to the contrary notwithstanding, that it is not the intention of the parties hereto to invade or usurp the powers, duties, or prerogatives of the Tax Assessor-Collector of First Party, said Tax Assessor-Collector having heretofore approved the execution of this contract, the same being executed for the purpose of enabling First Party to take advantage of the opportunity for the most economical preparation of such tax rolls, tax statements, receipts, and inventories, as herein provided.

First Party finds and determines that special, scientific skill, knowledge and ability, and scientific and technical equipment are essential to the performance of the services by Second Party under the terms of this contract, and that the employment of said Second Party constitutes the employment of skilled experts, in special instances to prepare tax records of said First Party.

IV.

For and in Consideration of the skilled services, technical knowledge, ability, experience, and use of equipment, and/or the materials to be supplied by Second Party in the performance of the services herein provided for, First Party agree to compensate Second Party on the basis of 20 cents per item of property appearing upon the tax rolls of said First Party, for each of the years 1971, to be paid out of the lawful funds of said First Party. An item of property exists wherever a value is shown on the oil tax roll.

V.

It is further understood and agreed that First Party will issue or cause to be issued to Second Party, warrants drawn against the lawful funds of said First Party, and payable out of current revenues for each of the years of this contract, in payment for the services performed and/or materials supplied as provided for herein.

VI.

First Party specifically obligates itself to, at any time same may become necessary, pass and enter of record such other or further orders as may be proper and necessary to fully authorize and lawfully facilitate the payment of all sums due Second Party for performance of services and/or furnishing supplies as provided for herein.

It is further distinctly understood and agreed that although First Party is creating by the terms hereof a debt and obligation on the part of First Party, said First Party does hereby undertake and obligate itself to levy a tax sufficient to make payment of the sum herein provided to be paid out of current revenues for the tax years covered by this contract, and thereby does here and now make provision for the payment of the debt thus created.

VII.

Second party agrees that First Party will in no way be obligated or indebted to said Second Party or its agents, servants, or employees, for salaries, expenses, materials, or other charges, except only as herein specifically otherwise provided.

VIII.

It is further distinctly understood and agreed that if any word, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or provision of this contract shall be, for any reason, declared or adjudicated to be invalid, such declaration or adjudication shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, and it is additionally distinctly understood and agreed that this is a divisible contract and the services herein provided to be performed and the compensation herein provided to be paid for the tax years 1971 are each hereby found and declared to be separate and distinct, and divisible from the services to be performed and the compensation to be paid for each of such other years.

The execution of this contract is authorized by proper Resolution duly adopted by First Party and duly entered upon its minutes.

Executed in duplicate this the 12th day of April, 1971.

Titus County, Texas
 First Party
 John W. Mason
 Rayford Taylor
 Bert B. Parr
 T. O. Raney
 Dan Bynum

Fritchard & Abbott
 Second Party

By /s/ E.S. Pritchard

APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF TITUS

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT, WHEREAS, I Pat Beck, the TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR of county taxes of Titus County, Texas am charged by law with certain responsibilities in connection with the annual preparation of tax rolls, tax statements, tax receipts, and tax inventories of the said county of Titus County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, it has come to my attention that in recent years computers using electronic data processing techniques have been programmed to perform the mechanical and mathematical details in connection with the preparation of tax rolls, tax statements, tax receipts, and tax inventories, and that these electronic data processing techniques are now being made available to tax offices by companies possessing technical skill, ability and equipment necessary for the preparation of tax rolls, tax statements, tax receipts and tax inventories; and

WHEREAS, Fritchard and Abbott, a partnership composed of E. S. Pritchard and John L. Abbott of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, is a company possessing such technical skill, ability and equipment and has offered its professional tax roll services to me and my office; and

WHEREAS, I find that these services will provide me and my office with a convenient and efficient method of handling the purely mechanical and mathematical details for the preparation of tax rolls, tax statements, tax receipts, and tax inventories and will in no way invade or usurp the powers, duties, or prerogatives of me and my office.

NOW, THEREFORE, having considered all the above, I hereby approve of the governing body of this taxing jurisdiction entering into a contract with Fritchard and Abbott for the preparation of tax rolls, tax statements, tax receipts, and tax inventories, oil & utility rolls.

/s/ Pat Beck
 Tax Assessor-Collector

CALLED SESSION

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas met in called session on the 20th day of April, 1971, after due notice to all members. The following were present:

John W. Mason
 Rayford Taylor
 Bert B. Parr
 T. O. (Buck) Raney
 Dan Bynum
 Allen LaPrade

County Judge
 Comm., Prec. No. 1
 Comm., Prec. No. 2
 Comm., Prec. No. 3
 Comm., Prec. No. 4
 County Clerk

Absent: None.

Commissioner Parr offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, and which was seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to-wit: