

**SPECIAL SESSION  
JANUARY 25, 1974**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Titus County Commissioner's Court met in Special Session Friday, January 25, 1974 at 9:00 AM in the Courtroom, Titus County, Texas, with the following members present:

William W. Landrum	County Judge
Rayford D. Taylor	Commissioner Precinct #1
Bert B. Parr	Commissioner Precinct #2
Hubert Martin	Commissioner Precinct #3
Dan Bynum	Commissioner Precinct #4
Allen LaPrade	County Clerk

and the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

**IN THE MATTER OF PAYING ROAD HANDS**

Motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Bynum to pay Road Hands upon approval of County Auditor. Motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING DEEDS FOR  
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Parr to approve purchase of land and easement from Sam Blankenship et ux to State of Texas in the amount of \$20,563.00 upon approval of County Auditor. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Parr to approve purchase of land from Viva Simpson et al to State of Texas in the amount of \$1,770.00 upon approval of County Auditor. Motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING BID FOR SALE OF  
DUMP TRUCK, PRECINCT #3**

Motion by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Bynum to accept bid of L.B. Brown, Talco, Texas of \$1,101.35 for one 1966 Flat bed Dump Truck for Precinct #3. Motion carried. Bid as follows:

11-30-73

Bid on 1966 flat bed dump truck in Talco, Texas, Precinct #3. \$1,101.35.  
Address Talco, Texas P.O. Box 7, Phone 379-3241

L.B. Brown

**RESOLUTION**

In the matter of the 1974 Budget Hearing and Employee and County Officials Pay Increase.

Be it resolved that a budget hearing be held at the February Term of the Commissioner's Court, the same being the 11th day of February, 1974, at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom, Titus County Courthouse. Notice to be published once each week for two weeks prior thereto in the local newspaper.

Be it further resolved that pay increases be considered for approval and to be included in said budget. Amounts to be published in said notice.

Motion by Commissioner Parr that resolution be passed. Second by Commissioner Bynum. Carried.

The above and foregoing minutes for the month of January were read and approved on this the 31st day of January, 1974.

  
County Judge William Wayne Landrum

ATTEST:

  
Allen LaPrade, County Clerk

**REGULAR SESSION  
FEBRUARY 11, 1974**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Titus County Commissioner's Court met in regular session Monday, February 11, 1974, in the Titus County Courtroom at 9:00 AM with the following members present:

William W. Landrum	County Judge
Rayford Taylor	Commissioner Precinct #1
Bert B. Parr	Commissioner Precinct #2
Hubert Martin	Commissioner Precinct #3
Dan Bynum	Commissioner Precinct #4
Allen LaPrade	County Clerk

and the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

IN THE MATTER OF PAYING ROAD HANDS

Motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Martin to pay Road Hands upon approval of County Auditor. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYING MONTHLY BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Martin to pay monthly bills upon approval of County Auditor. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AND PAYING OFFICER'S MONTHLY EXPENSE

Motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Martin to pay officer's monthly expense accounts upon approval of County Auditor. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Bynum to approve officer's monthly reports. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF  
WILLIAM WAYNE LANDRUM  
COUNTY JUDGE  
TITUS COUNTY  
MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS 75453

Precinct 1 - Rayford Taylor  
Precinct 2 - Bert B. Farr

Precinct 3 - Robert Martin  
Precinct 4 - Dan Bynum

RESOLUTION

Resolved that Titus County will continue to participate in the Northeast Texas Comprehensive Probation Services Program.

Be it further resolved that Titus County will continue to support such program after the Criminal Justice grant is terminated.

Be it further resolved that since Titus County has no juvenile detention center that the facilities existing in Bowie County will continue to be used by Titus County.

Passed this the 11th day of February, 1974, in regular session.

/s/ WILLIAM WAYNE LANDRUM  
William Wayne Landrum, County Judge

/s/ RAYFORD TAYLOR  
Commissioner, Precinct #1

/s/ BERT B. FARR  
Commissioner, Precinct #2

/s/ HUBERT MARTIN  
Commissioner, Precinct #3

/s/ DAN BYNUM  
Commissioner, Precinct #4

CONTRACT FOR DATA PROCESSING SERVICES

STATE OF TEXAS X  
COUNTY OF TITUS X

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 for the years hereinafter set out by the use of electronic data processing equipment, such services to include the preparation and/or printing of such tax records as are hereinafter specifically set out, 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 records, and;

WHEREAS, it has been ascertained and determined that Pritchard & Abbott, a partnership composed of E.S. Pritchard 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 furnish supplies in connection therewith, and it is the purpose of the 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, print, and record, by use of electronic data processing equipment, upon forms approved by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas,

- 1. Mineral, "K", "G", & "H" Tax Rolls
- 2. Tax Statements & Receipts on above rolls

for First Party for the years 1974, -, -.

II.

Second Party agrees to cooperate with the taxing officers of said First Party and to deliver the tax records hereinabove listed 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 records, 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 agrees to compensate Second Party on the following basis:

Twenty-Three (.23c) Cents per item of property.

to be paid out of the lawful funds of said First Party. An item of property exists wherever a value is shown on the 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 1974, \_\_, and \_\_ 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 11th day of February, 1974.

- TITUS County, Texas  
Party of the First Part

/s/ WILLIAM WAYNE LANDRUM  
County Judge

/s/ BERT B. PARR  
Commissioner Precinct #2

/s/ DAN BYNUM  
Commissioner Precinct #4

/s/ RAYFORD TAYLOR  
Commissioner Precinct #1  
/s/ HUBERT MARTIN  
Commissioner Precinct #3

ATTEST, Allen LaPrade  
County Clerk, Titus County, Texas

PRITCHARD & ABBOTT, Party of the Second Part  
BY /s/ WAYLAND IRWIN

WT. PLEASANT, TEXAS  
FEBRUARY 11, 1974

TO THE HONORABLE COUNTY JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TITUS COUNTY:

Gentlemen:

In the near future, Texas Utilities Generating Company will commence the mining of coal and lignite on lands lying east and north of Winfield, in Titus County; and in order to facilitate the mining and removing process, it requests the closing of certain county roads, to-wit:

- (1) That road running generally East from the Barrett Cemetery in the Joseph Matthews Survey, and then turning North to intersect F.M. Highway 1734 at or near the Northeast corner of lands out of the Evander Leach Survey formerly owned by L.D. Pepper;
- (2) That road running generally South from the Barrett Cemetery to its intersection with the North line of the J.J. Wall Survey near the Northwest corner of this survey; and
- (3) That road beginning at the Northwest corner of the J.J. Wall Survey and running East to the Northeast corner of said survey, and continuing East and then South to the Northwest corner of the John Drago Survey.

Texas Utilities Generating Company would show that the closing of these roads will not be denying access to any tract of land which it does not own or have the right of possession under Coal & Lignite Leases, except the Barrett Cemetery. In order to provide access to this cemetery, Texas Utilities Generating Company will open and maintain at its expense and on its lands a road passable at all times and running South from F.M. Highway 1734 commencing at a point near the Northeast corner of a tract of land out of the Joseph Matthews Survey formerly owned by A.P. King, and running generally South to the cemetery; and until such time as this road is opened, that road running South from the cemetery described above will remain open in order that there may be access to the cemetery. The road to be opened by Texas Utilities Generating Company is not to be a permanent easement, but it will be left open and maintained by Texas Utilities Generating Company until such time as lignite mining in the area of the Barrett Cemetery is completed; and at which time Texas Utilities Generating Company will provide a permanent easement as a part of the county road system to the cemetery; and, when the easement is designated and accepted by the Commissioners' Court, will construct a road over this easement to the cemetery; the type of construction to be the same as that of other county roads in the area. Thereafter, this road will be a part of the county road system and will be maintained by the County.

There is attached hereto a map marked EXHIBIT "A". On this map the roads to be closed are shown in red, and the temporary road to be built and maintained by the Company to the Barrett Cemetery is shown in orange.

Respectfully submitted,

TEXAS UTILITIES GENERATING COMPANY

BY /s/ TRAYLOR RUSSELL  
Attorney

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RESOLUTION OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT CLOSING ROADS

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TITUS

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioner's Court of Titus County, Texas met in called session on the 11th day of February, 1974 after due notice to all members. The following were present:

William Wayne Landrum	County Judge
Rayford Taylor	Commissioner Precinct #1
Bert B. Farr	Commissioner Precinct #2
Hubert Martin	Commissioner Precinct #3
Dan Bynum	Commissioner Precinct #4
Allen LaPrade	County Clerk

Absent: NONE.

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

"WHEREAS, Texas Utilities Generating Company has filed a petition with the Commissioner's Court of Titus County requesting that certain roads which are a part of the county road system, described in the petition and hereinafter described, be closed; and the Court finding that the closing of said roads and the opening of a road to the Barrett Cemetery hereinafter described will not in any manner inconvenience the traveling public, nor deprive any person of access to their land; and the Court being of the opinion that the petition should be granted:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioner's Court of Titus County, Texas that the following county roads be, and they are hereby closed and discontinued as a part of the county road system, to-wit:

- (1) That road running generally East from the Barrett Cemetery in the Joseph Matthews Survey, and then turning North to intersect F.M. Highway 1734 at or near the Northeast corner of lands out of the Evander Leach Survey formerly owned by L.D. Pepper;
- (2) That road running generally South from the Barrett Cemetery to its intersection with the North line of the J.J. Wall Survey near the Northwest corner of this survey. However, this segment shall not be closed until such time as Texas Utilities Generating Company will open and maintain at its expense and on its lands, a road running South from F.M. Highway 1734 commencing at a point near the Northeast corner of a tract of land out of the Joseph Matthews Survey formerly owned by A.P. King and running generally South and terminating at the Barrett Cemetery, in order that access may be provided to the Barrett Cemetery; this to be a temporary road and not to be considered as a part of the county road system; and
- (3) That road beginning at the Northwest corner of the J.J. Wall Survey and running East to the Northeast corner of said survey, and continuing East and then South to the Northwest corner of the John Drago Survey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Texas Utilities Generating Company will, at its expense, maintain in a good usable condition the road which it is to construct from F.M. Highway 1734 to the Barrett Cemetery, which road is above described in (2), and which road will be left open and maintained by Texas Utilities Generating Company until such time as lignite mining in the area of the Barrett Cemetery is completed; and at which time Texas Utilities Generating Company will provide a permanent easement as a part of the county road system to the Barrett Cemetery and will construct a road over this easement with the type of construction to be the same as that of other county roads in the area; and when the easement has been designated and accepted by the Commissioners' Court and the road constructed as herein provided, the Commissioners' Court will accept this road as a part of the county road system and thereafter the same will be maintained by Titus County. When this has been done, the temporary road herein described may be abandoned if the permanent easement is at a different location.

Upon a vote, all voted "AYE" and none voted "NO", and the County Judge declared the resolution adopted.

TITUS COUNTY

BY /s/ WILLIAM WAYNE LANDRUM  
County Judge

ATTEST:

/s/ ALLEN LAPRADE  
County Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING APPROVING 1974 BUDGET

A public hearing was held at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on February 11, 1974, after due notice was given by publishing once each week from two weeks, for the purpose of approving the 1974 budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bynum and seconded by Commissioner Parr to approve the 1974 Budget which includes pay raises for county officials and road hands and follows:

OFFICE	INCREASE	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	SEMI-MONTHLY	ADJUSTMENT
County Judge	\$None	\$8,431.23	\$702.60	\$351.30	+ 03
Secretary	247.16	5,190.44	432.53	216.26	+ 20
Commissioner	212.72	8,100.00	675.00		
Auditor	380.77	7,996.07	666.33		+ 11
Tax Collector	380.77	7,996.07	666.33	333.16	+ 23
Tax Deputy	216.40	4,544.44	378.70	189.35	+ 04
County Attorney	353.57	7,424.92	618.74	309.37	+ 04
Treasurer	353.57	7,424.92	618.74	309.37	+ 04
Sheriff	367.17	7,710.50	642.54	321.27	+ 02
Sheriff, Chief Dep.	301.54	6,332.38	527.69	263.84	+ 12
Sheriff, Reg. Dep.	283.80	5,959.80	496.65	248.32	+ 22
Sheriff, Part Time	148.80	3,124.80	260.40	130.20	
Sheriff, Office Dep.	216.40	4,544.44	378.70	189.35	+ 04
County Clerk	367.17	7,710.50	642.54	321.27	+ 02
Co. Clerk Deputy	216.40	4,544.44	378.70	189.35	+ 04
District Clerk	326.37	6,853.77	571.14	285.57	+ 09
Dist. Clerk Deputy	216.40	4,544.44	378.70	189.35	+ 04
Justice-Peace 1	728.98	4,808.61	400.72	200.36	- 03
Justice-Peace 2	728.98	4,808.61	400.72	200.36	- 03
J.P. Secretary	944.44	4,544.44	378.70	189.35	+ 04
Veterans S. O.	735.00	4,935.00	411.25	205.62	+ 12
County Agent	130.57	2,741.89	228.49		+ 01
Co. Agent-Travel	240.00	840.00	70.00		
Home Demo. Agent	91.87	1,929.19	160.76		+ 07
Home Agent-Travel	240.00	840.00	70.00		
Co. Agent Sect.	216.40	4,544.44	378.70	189.35	+ 04
Janitor	230.59	4,842.34	403.52	201.76	+ 10
D.A. Secretary	72.89	1,530.77	127.56		+ 05
Road Hands:					
Operators	(Per Hr) .14	2.75			
Laborer	(Per Hr) .13	2.50			
Part Time-Tax	(Per Hr) .11	2.00			
Janitor-Welfare Off.	24.48	512.88	42.74	21.37	
Jail Cook	90.00	1,890.00	157.50	78.75	
Phillip Crowwell-Tax Office	360.00	7,570.00	630.00	315.00	
Amber Johnson-Vet. Sect.	217.20	4,561.20	380.10	190.05	

IN THE MATTER OF RAISING THE COMPENSATION OF  
THE COUNTY AUDITOR OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

Whereas the Honorable Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, has recently raised the annual salary of the Tax Assessor-Collector from \$7613.30 to \$7,996.07 effective January 1, 1974; and where the undersigned is of the opinion the County Auditor, Robert S. Baker, should receive the same raise.

It is therefore ordered that Robert S. Baker, County Auditor, shall be compensated for his services in the sum of \$7,996.07 per annum effective January 1, 1974, payable in 12 equal payments out of funds appropriated for such purposes.

Signed and entered this 14th day of February 1974.

/s/ MORRIS ROLSTON  
DISTRICT JUDGE, 76TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

SPECIAL SESSION  
FEBRUARY 22, 1974

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioner's Court of Titus County, Texas met in Special Session, Friday February 22, 1974 at 9:00 o'clock A.M. in the Titus County Courtroom with the following members present:

William W. Landrum	County Judge
Rayford Taylor	Commissioner Precinct #1
Hubert Martin	Commissioner Precinct #3
Den Bynum	Commissioner Precinct #4
Allen LaPrade	County Clerk

and the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

IN THE MATTER OF PAYING BILLS AND ROAD HANDS

Motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Martin to pay bills and road hands upon approval of County Auditor. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD  
INSURANCE CONTRACT, 1974

Motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Bynum to continue Blue Cross-Blue Shield Insurance Contract for 1974. Contract will remain the same as the 1973 Contract except for the increase in benefits. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING DEED FOR  
STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Motion by Judge Landrum and seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve purchase of land from Dean Parker in the amount of \$249.00 and from Isora Barry et al in the amount of \$1,465.00 upon approval of County Auditor. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION  
MARCH 11, 1974

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Commissioner's Court of Titus County, Texas met in Regular Session, Monday March 11, 1974 at 9:00 o'clock A.M. in the Titus County Courtroom with the following members present:

William W. Landrum	County Judge
Rayford Taylor	Commissioner Precinct #1
Bert E. Parr	Commissioner Precinct #2
Hubert Martin	Commissioner Precinct #3
Den Bynum	Commissioner Precinct #4
Allen LaPrade	County Clerk

and the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

IN THE MATTER OF PAYING MONTHLY BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Bynum and seconded by Commissioner Martin to pay monthly bills upon approval of County Auditor. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Bynum to approve officer's monthly reports upon approval of County Auditor. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYING COUNTY ROAD HANDS

Motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Martin to pay road hands upon approval of County Auditor. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AND PAYING OFFICERS EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

Motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Bynum to approve and pay officer's Expense Accounts for the month of February, 1974 upon approval of County Auditor. Motion carried.