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MAY 17, 1974

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

Gentlemen:

Your approval is respectfully requested for permission for Mr. C.A. Black, Jr., Agent, acting as agent for a major oil company located in Houston, Texas and his address is 1218 C & I Building, Houston, Texas 77002, telephone number 713-227-0994; to have core holes drilled in the bar ditches along your County roads during a period of one year from the date of such permit be approved with the following understanding:

1. \$25.00 will be paid to this Court for each core hole drilled.
2. \$25.00 will also be paid to the adjacent landowner for each hole drilled and his permission will be secured in advanced.
3. Holes will be filled and the area restored to as near original condition as possible.
4. A light weight truck water well type drilling machine will be used, traffic will not be blocked and load limits on all bridges will be observed.
5. Explosives will not be used.

C.A. BLACK, JR., AGENT

BY /s/ Truett Helms, Jr.
TRUETT HELMS, JR.

APPROVED MAY 24, 1974, provided however, that prior to the commencement of any core drilling, a performance bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 will be posted with this Commissioners' Court to insure satisfactory repair of any damages caused by operations hereunder.

/s/ RAYFORD TAYLOR
Commissioner Precinct #1 - Rayford Taylor
/s/ HUBERT MARTIN
Commissioner Precinct #3 - Hubert Martin

/s/ WILLIAM WAYNE LANDRUM
Wayne Landrum, County Judge
/s/ BERT B. PARR
Commissioner Precinct #2 - Bert B. Parr
/s/ DAN BYNUM
Commissioner Precinct #4 - Dan Bynum

Motion by Commissioner Bynum and seconded by Commissioner Parr to approve the above request. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PAY RAISE FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR

Motion by County Judge Landrum and seconded by Commissioner Bynum to approve a 5% pay raise for District Attorney Investigator. Retroactive to February 1, 1974. Motion carried.

SPECIAL SESSION
MAY 29, 1974

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Titus County Commissioners' Court met in Special Session Wednesday, May 29, 1974 in the Titus County Courtroom 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:

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 29th day of May A.D., 1974, the following order was upon motion of Commissioner Parr, duly seconded by Commissioner Taylor 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 recalled by chairman thereof at which time said Board of Equalization will further resume the transaction of such business as may then come before it.

/s/ WILLIAM WAYNE LANDRUM
County Judge

Titus County, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. 29th day of May A.D., 1974.

CONTRACT FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES OIL AND GAS - UTILITIES - INDUSTRIES

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TITUS

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into by and between Titus County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, acting by and through its governing body, the Commissioners' Court, (hereinafter referred to as "County") and PRITCHARD & ABBOTT, a professional appraisal partnership composed of E.S. Pritchard and John L. Abbott, 200 Seminary South Office Building, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas (hereinafter referred to as "Appraisal Firm").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article V, Section 18 of the Constitution of Texas, the Commissioners' Court is established as the governing body of the County, and by the provisions of Article VIII, Section 18 of the Constitution said Court is constituted as a Board of Equalization for said county; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Texas specifically provides that taxation shall be equal and uniform and that all property shall be taxed in proportion to its value to be ascertained as provided by law, and the statutes enacted pursuant to such Constitutional provisions require said Court, as a Board of Equalization, to inspect, correct, and equalize assessments made on renditions by the owner or owners of property, or made on renditions by the tax assessor-collector where the owner or owners may fail to render the same, and as such Board is invested with broad powers of investigation in order to ascertain that the Constitutional requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, by reason of Article 7212, V.A.T.C.S., this Court has express statutory authority to employ an individual, firm, or company deemed to have special skill and experience to compile taxation data for use by the Court while sitting as a Board of Equalization, and to pay for such services out of the proper fund or funds of the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it would be wise and to the best interest of the County for it to employ experts skilled in the matter of appraising and valuing certain hereinafter described property located within the boundaries of the County and subject to ad valorem taxation in said County, and to compile taxation data relating thereto for use of the Court sitting as a Board of Equalization; and

WHEREAS, this Court has found and determined and does hereby find and determine that the Appraisal Firm has special skill and experience so as to enable the Appraisal Firm to compile such taxation data and that the Appraisal Firm should be retained by this Court to assist it when it is acting as a Board of Equalization by the performance of the services hereinafter specified.

NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE AGREED AND DO CONTRACT AS FOLLOWS:

- A. "County" shall mean the Commissioners' Court of Titus County, Texas, composed of the County Judge and four commissioners of said County.
- B. "Appraisal Firm" shall mean Pritchard & Abbott, a professional appraisal partnership composed of E.S. Pritchard and John L. Abbott of 200 Seminary South Office Building, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.
- C. Properties to be appraised by the Appraisal Firm under the terms of this contract shall mean all interests in producing oil and gas leases, including working interest, oil payments, overriding royalties and royalty interests; and shall also include all personal property used or employed in connection with such producing oil and gas leases. Also included within the terms of this contract are all pipelines, pump stations, compressor stations, refineries, gasoline plants, oil field supply companies, well service companies, public utilities, telephone companies, railroads, manufacturing plants and other major industries; such other major industries being: (list industries where applicable.)

The Appraisal Firm agrees as follows:

- (1) That it is well and fully advised as to the meaning and application of the statutes and laws of the State of Texas relating to ad valorem taxation and that its appraisals will comply with such statutes and laws.
- (2) That it will for the tax years 1975 and 1976 all of the above-listed and described properties located in the County, for ad valorem tax purposes, and in the process of so doing, will gather and compile as of January 1st of each of said years all information and data reasonably needed and reasonably available pertaining to the values of such properties, and furnish said data and information to the Commissioners' Court sitting as a Board of Equalization for the purpose of equalizing valuations of such properties with other properties in said County for each of the years covered by this contract; said data and information to be made available with respect to all of such properties properly and lawfully coming before the Board of Equalization for consideration and equalization upon renditions made by the owner or owners thereof or upon renditions made by the Tax Assessor-Collector where the owner or owners may fail to render the same.
- (3) That it will meet with the Commissioners' Court sitting as a Board of Equalization at its preliminary meeting when the values shall be compared with the rendered values of the above-mentioned properties and to assist the Board of Equalization in such manner as it may desire in determining which persons, firms or corporations owning any of the above-mentioned properties shall be cited to appear at the final meeting of the Board of Equalization.
- (4) That it will meet with the Board of Equalization at its final meeting and when necessary and desirable will present testimony as to the value of the above-mentioned properties, and will assist the Board of Equalization in equalizing the taxable values of properties subject to taxes in said County, in such manner as the Board of Equalization may see fit, and it will, generally, assist the Board of Equalization until final action is taken, fixing and equalizing the values of the above-mentioned properties for taxation for the years 1975 and 1976.
- (5) That the Appraisal Firm will furnish and pay for all supplies needed for the proper execution of this contract.
- (6) It is understood by both parties to this contract that Appraisal Firm will furnish expert testimony defending their values, at no additional cost to County, in the event of any court action resulting from such valuations.

The County agrees as follows:

- (1) That it will employ the Appraisal Firm to perform the services as outlined hereinabove for the tax years 1975 and 1976, and in consideration for the performance of these services by the Appraisal Firm, the County agrees and obligates itself to pay the Appraisal Firm out of the proper fund or funds of the County, as provided in Article 7212, V.A.T.C.S. and approved by the Supreme Court of Texas, *s.r.c.*, in *White, et al, v. Pickett, et al*, 355 SW 2d 848, a sum of money equal to SIX (.06%) CENTS on each one

Executed in duplicate this the 29th day of May, 1974.

TITUS County, Texas
Party of the First Part

/s/ WILLIAM WAYNE LANDRUM
County Judge

/s/ RAYFORD TAYLOR
Commissioner, Precinct #1

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

/s/ HUBERT MARTIN
Commissioner, Precinct #3

/s/ DAN BYNUM
Commissioner, Precinct #4

ATTEST:

/s/ ALLEN LAPRADE
County Clerk, TITUS County
TEXAS

FRITCHARD & ABBOTT,
Party of the Second Part

BY /s/ WAYLAND IRVIN

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

William Wayne Landrum
County Judge William Wayne Landrum

ATTEST:

Allen LaPrade
County Clerk Allen LaPrade

REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 10, 1974

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Titus County Commissioner's Court met in Regular Session, Monday, June 10, 1974 at 9:00 A.M. in the Courtroom of Titus County with the following members present:

William W. Landrum
Rayford Taylor
Bert B. Parr
Hubert Martin
Dan Bynum
Allen LaPrade

County Judge
Commissioner Precinct #1
Commissioner Precinct #2
Commissioner Precinct #3
Commissioner Precinct #4
County Clerk

and the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

IN THE MATTER OF PAYING COUNTY ROAD HANDS

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

IN THE MATTER OF PAYING MONTHLY BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Parr 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 officers' monthly reports. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING OFFICERS' EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

Motion by Commissioner Bynum and seconded by Commissioner Parr to approve officers' expense accounts upon approval of county auditor. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING DEPUTATION AND BOND FOR BARBARA MORRIS

Motion by Commissioner Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Parr to approve deputation and bond of Barbara Morris as deputy in Tax office. Motion carried.