

REGULAR SESSION  
FEBRUARY 14, 1977

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT met in Regular Session, Monday February 14, 1977 in the Titus County Courtroom with following members present.

William Wayne Landrum	County Judge
C.H. Reese	Commissioner Precinct #1
Bert Parr	Commissioner Precinct #2
Alvin Parrish, Jr.	Commissioner Precinct #3
Bill Reynolds	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 Parr and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to pay County road hands upon approval of County Auditor. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PAYING MONTHLY BILLS

Motion by Commissioner Reese and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to pay monthly bills upon approval of county auditor. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCEPTING OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion by Commissioner Reese and seconded by Commissioner Parr to accept officers monthly reports. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SHELVES FOR COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Motion by Judge Landrum and seconded by Commissioner Parrish to accept bids from Walraven for 4 units of roller shelves for the County Clerk's office upon approval of County Auditor. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF  
APPOINTING HOSPITAL BOARD

Motion by Judge Landrum and seconded by Commissioner Parr to re-appoint Buck Self, James Clark and Harold Smith to the hospital board. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF  
BOARD OF MANAGER FOR CIVIC CENTER

Motion by Judge Landrum and seconded by Commissioner Parr to re-appoint Charles H. Meyer to the Board of Manager for the Titus County Civic Center. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ACCEPTING ROW FOR HWY 1735

Motion by Judge Landrum and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to accept bids from following land holders for ROW for Hwy. 1735

Parcel 27 from Ruth Lula Cozart for the amount \$3,000.00  
Parcel 15 from Dale Sims Lenhardt for the amount of \$233.00  
Parcel 10 from J.C. Bench etux for the amount of \$100.00  
Parcel 25 B from Bobbie Sims Card for the amount of \$239.00  
Parcel 25 A from William M. Durr etux Avis E. Durr for the amount of \$1,205.00  
Parcel 25 A E from William M. Durr etux for the amount of \$200.00  
Parcel 31 from Mildred Joan Blackburn for the amount of \$511.00  
Parcel 12 from Dorothy Sims Range and husband Buel E. Range for the amount of \$300.00  
Parcel 13 from Dorothy Sims Range and husband Buel E. Range for the amount of \$700.00

IN THE MATTER OF  
PAYING FOR FENCES

Motion by Judge Landrum and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to pay Bird Old Jr. & Bird Old III & Roosevelt Moore for fences removed for Hwy. 1735.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PAYING LANDMARK REALTY

Motion by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Parr to pay landmark Realty 90 percent of salary for ROW of Hwy. 1735 amount of which \$7200.00. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CROSSING  
ROADS OR TRENCHING RIGHT OF WAY  
BY ANY UTILITY

Motion by Judge Landrum and seconded by Commissioner Parr that permission to cut across any county road be refused and to trench a right of way or bore under any county road, any utility be required to make application for permit to Commissioners Court prior to commencing job. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PURCHASING TYPEWRITER FOR TAX OFFICE

Motion by Judge Landrum and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to purchase 4 IBM & Olympia typewriters for Tax Assessor upon approval of county auditor. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF  
HAYS SUB DIVISION PLAT

Motion by Commissioner Parr and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to accept plat of Hays' Sub Division. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF  
OFFICERS EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

Motion by Judge Landrum and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to pay officers expense accounts upon approval of county auditor. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF  
MOWERS FOR PRECINCT 1&3

Motion by Commissioner Parrish and seconded by Commissioner Reese to advertise for bids of 2 brush-hog mowers for Prec. 1&3. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF  
WELFARE BOARD

Motion by Judge Landrum and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to appoint the following people to the Titus County Child Welfare Board: Mrs. Charles Ellis, Mrs. Jerry Stansell, Mrs. Houston Brooks. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYMENT  
IN CONDEMNATION SUIT

Motion by Judge Landrum and seconded by Commissioner Parr to deposit to the District Clerk account the amount of \$1000.00 for A.D. Dunn & Zelma R. Dunn, and \$1000.00 for V.A. Chapman and wife Glenda Nell Chapman in settlement of condemnation suit. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SCHOOL TAX ELECTION

Motion by Judge Landrum and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to call a school election to allow Argo, Old Union and Harts Bluff schools to vote on a percentage of its appraised value other than the percentage used for State and County purposes. Election to be held on April 2, 1977. Motion carried.

TRUSTEES OF THE HARTS BLUFF COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT, NO. 225-030

We, the undersigned persons, being all of the Trustees of Harts Bluff Common School District, No. 225-030, do hereby respectfully request the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, to call an election in this School District under the provisions of House Bill No. 426, Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas, which is also known as Section 20.03 of the Texas Education Code, at which there will be submitted to the voters the following proposition:

"May the taxable property in the Harts Bluff Common School District, No. 225-030, be assessed by the School District at a percentage of its appraised value other than the percentage used for state and county purposes?"

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ William M. Blevins, President

/s/ Ralph Day, Vice President

/s/ Mack Reddin, Secretary

/s/ Jerry Dill

/s/ James J. Wilhite

/s/ M.E. Shurbet

/s/ Ray T. Lilly

Trustees of the Harts Bluff Common School District,  
No. 225-030

PETITION

WE, the undersigned persons, each of whom is a resident, qualified elector residing in Harts Bluff Common School District, No. 225-030, and each of whom own taxable property therein, and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, respectfully request the Board of Trustees of said Common School District to petition the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, to call an at which there shall be submitted to the qualified voters residing within the District the following proposition:

May the taxable property in the Harts Bluff Common School District, No. 225-030, be assessed by the School District at a percentage of its appraised value other than the percentage used for State and county purposes?

/s/ Julia Williams

/s/ Clovis O. Williams

/s/ Mr & Mrs. D. A. Riley

/s/ Guy & Berta Farris

/s/ E.W. Albright

/s/ W.C. Hammack

/s/ Mrs. Leonard Teetz

/s/ Wesley Hines

/s/ J.W. Hines

/s/ Joe Wilhite

/s/ Orlando L. Hawkins

/s/ Maxine Foster

/s/ Newman W. Surratt

/s/ Reva Smith

/s/ Calvin Smith

/s/ Margaret Kittle

/s/ Harold Martin

/s/ Albert Stewart

/s/ Mamie Smith

/s/ Wesley Clubb

/s/ Don W. Clark

/s/ Bobby Morris

/s/ Howard Robertson

/s/ Edd Martin

/s/ Frances Shurbet

/s/ Mrs. I. T. Moon

/s/ Mrs. Ellis Tedder

/s/ Mrs. Tommie Newman

/s/ Eunice Morris

/s/ Helen Morris

/s/ M. Gill

/s/ Margaret Sims

/s/ Larry Phillips

/s/ Charlett R. McKelvey

/s/ Wanda Milner

/s/ Marvin Taylor

/s/ Jane M. Taylor

/s/ C.D. Eakins

/s/ Mrs. Mack Reddin

/s/ Frances P. DeRenne

/s/ Leon Philpot

/s/ Mrs. H. L. Willson

/s/ Dorothy Morris

/s/ Larry M. Reese

/s/ Wanda Logan

/s/ Mr. & Mrs. A.N. Pepper

/s/ Olin Wise

/s/ Mrs. E.W. Albright

/s/ Mrs. W.C. Hammack

/s/ Leonard Teetz

/s/ Janice Hines

/s/ Melba Hines

/s/ Winfred Logan

/s/ Hilton Covey

/s/ Billy Gene Allen

/s/ Rondy Smith

/s/ Mildred Smith

/s/ Mrs. Clyde Thomas

/s/ Jackie Lee Campbell

/s/ Tannie Johnson

/s/ Helen Stewart

/s/ Frances Covey

/s/ William M. Blevins

/s/ Hazel I. Clark

/s/ Venita Robertson

/s/ Virginia L. Harrin

/s/ M.E. Shurbet

/s/ I.T. Moon

/s/ Ellis Tedder

/s/ C.D. Brown

/s/ Jack Morris

/s/ Jerry Morris

/s/ F. Gill

/s/ Kenneth Sims

/s/ Jean Phillips

/s/ Earvert J. McKelvey

/s/ Clayton T. Cox

/s/ Horace Milner Jr.

/s/ Frankie Nell Taylor

/s/ C.D. Eakins

/s/ Mary A. Eakins

/s/ Lela R. Philpot

Howard W. DeRenne

/s/ Mrs. Jerry Tigert

/s/ Mrs. Will McKelvey

ORDER OF ELECTION

On this the 14 day of February, 1977, come on to be heard by the Commissioner's Court of Titus County, Texas, at this the regular term of such Court, after the filing of the petition of Trustees of the Harts Bluff Common School District #225-030 of said Titus County, Texas, filed herein, praying that this Court order an election to be held in such school district to determine the following question:

May the taxable property in the Harts Bluff Common School District #225-030 be assessed by the School District at a percentage of its appraised value other than the percentage used for State and County purposes?

and such petition being heard, and it appearing to the Court that such petition is in due form, that no election for such purpose has ever been called in said subdivision, and that no election to determine said question has been held therein within twelve months prior to the filing of such petition; that the Harts Bluff Common School District stands designated as one within which such an election may be held, and that such petition should be granted.

IT IS ACCORDINGLY ORDERED that on the 1st Saturday of April, being April 2, 1977, an election shall be held throughout the Harts Bluff Common School District, and that such election shall be held and conducted and returns thereof made in accordance with the laws regulating elections in the State of Texas, in so far as the same are applicable, and that the laws applicable to determine the above proposition, were not in conflict with the general law, and the County Judge shall issue an order thereof, cause public notice thereof to be given, as provided by law, and order and where advisable, provide forms for and cause to be duly attended to publication and return of notice of election.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County Judge shall appoint three (3) qualified voters to hold the election at the school in said School District.

SIGNED this the 14 day of February, 1977.

/s/ William Wayne Landrum  
County Judge of Titus County, Texas.

OLD UNION COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT

WE, the undersigned persons, being all of the Trustees of Old Union Common School District, No. 225-012, do hereby respectfully request the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, to call an election in this School District under the provisions of House Bill No. 426, Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas, which is also known as Section 20.03 of the Texas Education Code, at which there will be submitted to the voters the following proposition:

"May the taxable property in the Old Union Common School District, No. 225-012, be assessed by the School District at a percentage of its appraised value other than the percentage used for state and county purposes?"

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Hiller L. Hess III, President  
/s/ J. D. Reynolds, Vice President  
/s/ Thomas Ragsdale, Secretary  
TRUSTEES OF THE OLD UNION COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT, NO. 225-012

PETITION

WE, the undersigned persons, each of whom is a resident, qualified elector residing in Old Union Common School District, No. 225-012, and each of whom own taxable property therein, and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, respectfully request the Board of Trustees of said Common School District to petition the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, to call an election at which there shall be submitted to the qualified voters residing within the District the following proposition:

May the taxable property in the Old Union Common School District, No. 225-012, be assessed by the School District at a percentage of its appraised value other than the percentage used for state and county purposes?

<u>/s/ Hiller L. Hess III</u>	<u>/s/ J. D. Reynolds</u>
<u>/s/ Nelda Ragsdale</u>	<u>/s/ Thomas Ragsdale</u>
<u>/s/ Jennifer Reynolds</u>	<u>/s/ Phyllis Thacker</u>
<u>/s/ Earl Thacker</u>	<u>/s/ Mrs. Harold Suckow</u>
<u>/s/ Mrs. Hiller L. Hess III</u>	<u>/s/ Mrs. Dale Rozell</u>
<u>/s/ Ruth Blalock</u>	<u>/s/ Frank Blalock</u>
<u>/s/ Don Harvey</u>	<u>/s/ Ann Harvey</u>
<u>/s/ Doris Logue</u>	<u>/s/ Charles Logue</u>
<u>/s/ Earl Reese</u>	<u>/s/ Mrs. Earl Reese</u>
<u>/s/ Orella Butler</u>	<u>/s/ Lou Ann Harbour</u>
<u>/s/ Pat Harbour</u>	<u>/s/ Darrell Worthey</u>
<u>/s/ Linda Worthey</u>	<u>/s/ Roger Harbour</u>
<u>/s/ Mrs. Millie Harbour</u>	<u>/s/ Brenda Reynolds</u>
<u>/s/ Bobby Reynolds</u>	<u>/s/ Curtis Cameron</u>
<u>/s/ Coy Cameron</u>	<u>/s/ Norman Moore</u>
<u>/s/ Mary Moore</u>	

ORDER OF ELECTION

On this the 14 day of February, 1977, came on to be heard by the Commissioner's Court of Titus County, Texas, at this the regular term of such Court, after the filing of the petition of Trustees of the Old Union Common School District #225-012 of said Titus County, Texas, filed herein, praying that this Court order an election to be held in such school district to determine the following question:

May the taxable property in the Old Union Common School District #225-012 be assessed by the School District at a percentage of its appraised value other than the percentage used for State and County purposes?

and such petition being heard, and it appearing to the Court that such petition is in due form, that no election for such purpose has ever been called in said subdivision, and that no election to determine said question has been held therein within twelve months prior to the filing of such petition; that the Old Union Common School District stands designated as one within which such an election may be held, and that such petition should be granted.

IT IS ACCORDINGLY ORDERED that on the 1st Saturday of April, being April 2, 1977, an election shall be held throughout the Old Union Common School District, and that such election shall be held and conducted and returns thereof made in accordance with the laws regulating elections in the State of Texas, in so far as the same are applicable, and that the laws applicable to determine the above proposition, were not in conflict with the general law, and the County Judge shall issue an order thereof, cause public notice thereof to be given, as provided by law, and order and where advisable, provide forms for and cause to be duly attended to publication and return of notice of election.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County Judge shall appoint three (3) qualified voters to hold the election at the school in said School District.

SIGNED this the 14 day of February, 1977.

/s/ William Wayne Landrum  
County Judge of Titus County, Texas.

ARGO COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT

WE, the undersigned persons, being all of the Trustees of Argo Common School District, No. 225-804, do hereby respectfully request the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, to call an election in this School District under the provisions of House Bill No. 426, Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas, which is also known as Section 20.03 of the Texas Education Code, at which there will be submitted to the voters the following proposition:

"May the taxable property in the Argo Common School District, No. 225-804, be assessed by the School District at a percentage of its appraised value other than the percentage used for state and county purposes?"

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Earl Anderson, President
/s/ Bascom Hargrove, Vice President
/s/ Jerry D. Domino, Secretary
/s/ Clyde Amos
/s/ Julian Counts
/s/ John R. Grimes
/s/ David Ellis

PETITION

WE, the undersigned persons, each of whom is a resident, qualified elector residing in Argo Common School District, No. 225-804, and each of whom own taxable property therein, and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, respectfully request the Board of Trustees of said Common School District to petition the Commissioners Court of Titus County, Texas, to call an election at which there shall be submitted to the qualified voters residing with the District the following proposition:

May the taxable property in the Argo Common School District, No. 225-804, be assessed by the School District at a percentage of its appraised value other than the percentage used for state and county purposes?

/s/ Earl Anderson
/s/ Jimmy Ellis
/s/ Hancey Davis
/s/ Joe Ellis Jr.
/s/ Francis Ellis
/s/ B.R. Holland
/s/ Edward Earl Freeman
/s/ John Rutledge
/s/ Oma Davis
/s/ David G. Duncan
/s/ David Ellis
/s/ Leola Harvey
/s/ Bascom Hargrove

/s/ Julius Wofford
/s/ J.R. Anderson
/s/ Randie Anderson
/s/ Doyle W. Ryan
/s/ Lou Alice Ellis
/s/ Julia Freeman
/s/ Lou Seely
/s/ W.M. Harvey
/s/ Jeff Gerron
/s/ Gloria Duncan
/s/ Paul J. Harvey
/s/ Marlene Amos

ORDER OF ELECTION

On this the 14 day of February, 1977, came on to be heard by the Commissioner's Court of Titus County, Texas, at this the regular term of such Court, after the filing of the petition of Trustees of the Argo Common School District #225-804 of said Titus County, Texas, filed herein, praying that this Court order an election to be held in such school district to determine the following question:

May the taxable property in the Argo Common School District #225-804 be assessed by the School District at a percentage of its appraised value other than the percentage used for State and County purposes? and such petition being heard, and it appearing to the Court that such petition is in due form, that no election for such purpose has ever been called in said subdivision, and that no election to determine said question has been held therein within twelve months prior to the filing of such petition; that the Argo Common School District stands designated as one within which such an election may be held, and that such petition should be granted.

IT IS ACCORDINGLY ORDERED that on the 1st Saturday of April, being April 2, 1977, an election shall be held throughout the Argo Common School District, and that such election shall be held and conducted and returns thereof made in accordance with the laws regulating elections in the State of Texas, in so far as the same are applicable, and that the laws applicable to determine the above proposition, were not in conflict with the general law, and the County Judge shall issue an order thereof, cause public notice thereof to be given, as provided by law, and order and where advisable, provide forms for and cause to be duly attended to publication and return of notice of election.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County Judge shall appoint three (3) qualified voters to hold the election at the school in said School District. SIGNED this the 14 day of February, 1977.

/s/ William Wayne Landrum
County Judge of Titus County, Texas.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY DEPOSITORY

Motion by Commissioner Parr and seconded by Judge Landrum to accept bid from the First National Bank of Mt. Pleasant to serve as depository for Titus County for term of 1977-78. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF PURCHASING TRUCKS

Motion by Commissioner Parr and seconded by Commissioner Reese to accept bids from Sandlin Chevrolet to purchase 4 trucks, at a cost of \$6792.00 per truck. Two trucks for Precinct 1, one truck for Precinct 2, and one truck for Precinct 3. Motion carried.

Titus County Commissioners Court
Titus County Court House
Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455

Gentlemen:
A 1977 Chevrolet 2 1/2 ton truck-350 V-8 engine, 5 speed transmission, 7" wheels, 17,000#2 speed rear axle, 900x20 front & dual rear tires, vacuum hydraulic booster brakes, west coast mirrors, gauges; 23,000# rear spring, 3000# front axle; H.D. radiator, power take-off with forward and reverse gears installed, frame 2 1/2 ton mfg. rate, and all standard equipment items such as: turn signal lights, heater & defroster, oil filter, seat belts etc. This truck is 84" cab to axle, the length normally used in the county for oil trucks and dump trucks.
List Price \$10,705.85
Less: Federal Tax (682.85)
County Discount (2,731.00)

Sell to County for	\$6,792.00 each
Sell four (4) units for	\$27,168.00

If you desire any of the following equipment it will be in addition to the above quote for each unit.

Auxiliary rear springs for load stabilization	\$ 44.08
H.D. Front Springs 8000#	12.16
Full Foam Seat	7.80
Ground grip rear tires	115.44

We appreciate the opportunity to bid this new equipment to the County and look forward to delivering them to you.

Sincerely Yours,  
 SANDLIN MOTORS, INC.  
 /s/ James L. Clark  
 James L. Clark,  
 New Car Sales Manager

IN THE MATTER OF  
 PURCHASING SHERIFF CARS

Motion by Commissioner Parr and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds to accept bids from Joe Cox Motors for two (2) cars for the Sheriff's Dept. at a cost of \$4986.00 per unit, upon approval of County Auditor. Motion carried.

JOE COX CHRYSLER  
 P.O. BOX 770  
 MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS 75455  
 FEBRUARY 8, 1977

Titus County Sheriff's Dept.  
 Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455

Gentleman:

We are pleased to bid on the following:  
 Two (2) Police Body Model PK41, 1977 Gran Puriss.

400 Cu. In V-8 Engine  
 Heavy duty automatic transmission  
 Air Conditioner  
 Heavy duty shocks  
 4-Barrell carburetor  
 1 Spot light mounted  
 Total cash Price for Two (2) 1977 Gran Puriss--9972.00

Joe Cox Chrysler  
 /s/ Joe Cox  
 Joe S. Cox, Owner

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