

COMMISSIONERS COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 1984

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met in Regular Session on Monday, February 13, 1984, in the Titus County Courtroom with the following members present:

BILL R. HARPER  
DEMPSEY JOHNSON  
JAMES C. THOMAS  
RONNIE LOGAN  
LOYD CLARK  
EUGENIA ROACH

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  
APPROVING MINUTES OF  
JANUARY MEETINGS

Motion was made by Commissioner Logan and seconded by Commissioner Thomas approving January minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF  
APPROVING JANUARY OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Logan and seconded by Commissioner Johnson approving January officials reports. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF  
AUDITORS REPORT

Motion was made by Commissioner Logan and seconded by Commissioner Clark approving auditors report for January. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF  
PAYING JANUARY ACCOUNTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Logan approving payment of January accounts. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF  
AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL  
AND ENGINEERING SERVICE

Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Thomas to not enter into a contract with Ratliff and Gohmert for architectural and engineering service for a new county building. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SOCIAL SECURITY PAY ADJUSTMENT

No action taken.

IN THE MATTER OF  
TRUCKS FOR PRECINCTS 1, 3 & 4

Motion was made by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the low bid of \$37,586.07 from Sandlin Motors for three (3) trucks for Precincts 1, 3 & 4. Motion carried unanimously. Other bids were: Donnie Keck Ford, Inc.-\$41,475.00; Lucas Pontiac-Cadillac-GMC, Inc.-\$41,348.22.

SANDLIN MOTORS, INC.  
N. JEFFERSON AT HWY. 67-P.O. BOX 32  
PHONE (AREA CODE 214)-572-3656  
MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS 75455

CHEVROLET  
OLDSMOBILE

February 13, 1984

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

Dear Sir:

Three 1984 Chevrolet 3 ton trucks to meet the specifications that are on your specification sheet will cost the County \$12,528.69 each in quantities of three, and all three will be \$37,586.07.

I appreciate an opportunity to quote these trucks to you and can deliver them in 90 to 120 days.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Joe W. Sandlin  
Sandlin Motors, Inc.

JWS/tb

GM

IN THE MATTER OF  
JURY WHEEL

No action taken.

IN THE MATTER OF  
R.O.W. FOR HARTS CREEK  
RELIEF BRIDGE

Motion was made by Commissioner Logan and seconded by Commissioner Thomas to authorize acquisition of R.O.W. by Commissioner Loyd Clark to finish the bridge project on East 1st. Street. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF  
CLARIFYING COUNTY ANIMAL  
SHELTER AND RABIES CONTROL

Motion was made by Commissioner Logan and seconded by Commissioner Thomas to call for bids on a county animal shelter with one fee to cover all expenses. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF  
VIDEO EQUIPMENT FOR  
DWI VIOLATORS

No action taken.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SALARY GRIEVANCE MEMBER

The County Judge, Bill Harper, drew the name of Joan Campbell from the 1983 grand jury list to replace James Howard who could not serve on the salary grievance committee.

IN THE MATTER OF  
SHERIFF AND CONSTABLE FEES

No action taken.

IN THE MATTER OF  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COMPLETING TRAINING

Motion was made by Commissioner Logan and seconded by Commissioner Thomas to make letters from the Texas Justice Court Training Center a part of the minutes. Motion carried.

TEXAS JUSTICE COURT TRAINING CENTER  
SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS 78666  
(512) 245-2349

January 18, 1984

Hon. Bill Harper  
Titus County  
Courthouse  
Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455

Dear Judge Harper:

During the week of January 8-13, 1984 Judge Eva Rae Laing successfully completed a forty hour course in the duties of the office of Justice of the Peace. Article 5972 of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes requires each newly elected/appointed Justice of the Peace to complete a forty hour course in the duties of the Justice of the Peace office and to also complete a twenty hour course each year thereafter. This article affects all Justices who took office since August 30, 1963 and are not licensed attorneys. This training program is provided at virtually no cost to the county through a grant from the Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division.

We at the Training Center realize how important it is to you and the people you serve to insure that your county Justices of the Peace are properly trained and equipped to carry out the duties and obligations of the office. As almost ninety percent of our citizenry have their one and only contact with a lower court judge, it is imperative that this contact be as judicious as possible.

You may wish to enter this letter in the minutes of your next commissioners court meeting in order that it may become a permanent record. If we at the Training Center can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott C. Smith  
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Executive Director

TEXAS JUSTICE COURT TRAINING CENTER  
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December 14, 1983

Hon. Bill Harper  
Titus County  
Courthouse  
Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455

Dear Judge Harper:

During the week of December 6-9, 1983, Judges Kay McNutt and Johnny Brown successfully completed a twenty hour course in the duties of the office of Justice of the Peace. Article 5972 of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes requires each newly elected/appointed Justice of the Peace to complete a forty hour course in the duties of the Justice of the Peace office and to also complete a twenty hour course each year thereafter. This article affects all justices who took office since August 30, 1963 and are not licensed attorneys. This training program is provided at virtually no cost to the county through a grant from the Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division.

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IN THE MATTER OF  
TITUS COUNTY HISTORICAL  
COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to table this matter until March and ask the Historical Commission to meet with the court on March 12, 1984. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF  
OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR  
TREASURER

Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Thomas to buy 2 chairs for treasurer. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF  
DISPOSITION OF FIRE TRUCK

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Logan to allow fire department to transfer a fire truck to Winfield for their use. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF  
BIDS FOR COUNTY INSURANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Logan to have Judge Bill Harper and Commissioner Loyd Clark to work on this matter and call for bids on county insurance later. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF  
DISTRICT CLERK EQUIPMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Logan and seconded by Commissioner Thomas to table this matter until further clarification is made. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF  
COUNTY CLERK EQUIPMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Clark to allow the County Clerk to buy office equipment from Firmin's; file cabinet, chair mat and cabinet with shelves. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF  
LEASES FOR PRECINCT 184

Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Logan to approve renewal of land leases for Precinct 184. Motion carried.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ( )  
COUNTY OF TITUS ( )

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

Made this 1st. day of February, 1984, by and between W.G. Goodwin and wife, Tommie Goodwin, known herein as Lessor and County of Titus, Precinct #4, known herein as Lessee, (the terms "Lessor" and "Lessee" shall be construed in the singular or plural number according as they respectively represent one or more than one person.)

WITNESSETH: That the said Lessor does by these presents, lease and demise unto the said Lessee the following described property, to wit: Lying and being situated in the County of Titus, State of Texas out of the W.C. Keith Survey, Abst. No. 322, and being a portion of a 165.69 acre tract conveyed by Florene Johnson to Dalva Allen et ux by deed recorded in Volume 330, page 371 of the Deed Records of said County, and bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron stake for corner in the northwesterly right-of-way line of the St. Louis Southwestern Railroad at the southeast corner of the above mentioned 165.69 acre tract, said stake also being in the projected west right of way line of a road leading to the Keith Cemetery;

THENCE in a Southwesterly direction, along said railroad right of way line and along a curve to the right as follows; Radius = 1860.10 feet, long chord brs South 64 deg 35' 50" West 410.18 feet through a Central Angle of 12 deg 39' 37" a distance of 411.01 feet to an iron stake for corner;

THENCE NORTH 0 deg 21' East 690.81 feet to an iron stake for corner in a fence line;

THENCE SOUTH 77 deg 26' East, along said fence line, 399.53 feet to an acre tract and also being the west right of way line of the above mentioned road leading to the Keith Cemetery;

THENCE in a southwesterly direction, along the east line of said 165.69 acre tract and with the west right of way line of said road as follows: S 2 deg 19' W 305.24 feet to the place of beginning, containing 4.92 acres of land and being the same land described in a deed dated November 24, 1978 from Dalva Allen and wife, LaVonne Allen to W.G. Goodwin et ux recorded in Volume 422, page 601 of the Deed Records of Titus County, Texas, reference to which is here made for a more complete description.

SAVE AND EXCEPT from the above described land the metal building located on the North Side of the above described land, with the right of ingress and egress.

For the term of 35 months beginning the 1st. day of February, 1984 and ending the 31st. day of December, 1987, paying therefore the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) per year except that the last eleven (11) months shall be ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE AND NO/100 (\$1,375.00), payable on the 1st. day of January each year and is payable in advance each year.

That Lessee will well and punctually pay said rents, and in a manner and form as hereinbefore specified, and quietly deliver up said premises on the day of expiration of this lease, in a good condition as the same were in when received, reasonable wear and tear thereof excepted, subject to the provision hereinafter contained.

That the said premises shall be used for storing oil dirt and gravel, mixing oil dirt, parking for county machinery and equipment and for no other purposes.

That Lessee will not sub-let said premises, or any part thereof, to any person or persons whatsoever, without the consent of said Lessor, IN WRITING, thereto first obtained.

And it is further covenanted and agreed between the parties aforesaid as follows:

The Lessee may remove the top soil on the land herein leased for any reason whatsoever during the term of this lease, including but not limited to mixing oil and other substances with the top soil and removed from the premises as county property.

The covenants herein shall extend to and be binding upon the heirs, executors and administrators of the parties to this lease.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties to this agreement have hereunto set their hands in duplicate, the day and year above written.

/s/ W.G. Goodwin  
W.G. GOODWIN, Lessor

/s/ Tommie Goodwin  
TOMMIE GOODWIN, Lessor

COUNTY OF TITUS, PRECINCT #4

By: /s/ Loyd Clark  
LOYD CLARK, Commissioner of Precinct No. 4

THE STATE OF TEXAS { }  
COUNTY OF TITUS

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 10th. day of February, 1984, by W.G. GOODWIN and wife, TOMMIE GOODWIN.

(SEAL)

/s/ Roxie Agen  
Notary Public, State of Texas.

My commission expires: 6/30/84.

THE STATE OF TEXAS    {}  
COUNTY OF TITUS

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1984, by  
LOYD CLARK, Commissioner of Precinct No. 4.

(SEAL)

Notary Public, State of Texas.

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_.

IN THE MATTER OF  
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Logan to adjourn. Motion carried  
unanimously.

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The above and foregoing minutes for the month of February, 1984, were read and approved this 12th day  
of March, 1984.

Bill R. Harper  
BILL R. HARPER, COUNTY JUDGE

Ronnie Logan  
RONNIE LOGAN, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3

Dempsey Johnson  
DEMPSEY JOHNSON, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1

Lloyd Clark  
LOYD CLARK, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4

James C. Thomas  
JAMES C. THOMAS, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2

Eugenia Roach  
EUGENIA ROACH, COUNTY CLERK