

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4th, 1996**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT met in Special Session on Wednesday, September 4, 1996, in the Titus County Courtroom with the following members present:

DANNY P. CROOKS	COUNTY JUDGE
MIKE PRICE	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
MIKE FIELDS	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
THOMAS E. HOCKADAY	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
JEAN CROVER	DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER, J. W. TERRELL, JR.

PUBLIC AND COUNTY OFFICIALS ATTENDING MEETING:

CARL JOHNSON, AUDITOR
JUNE ROACH, TAX- ASSESSOR COLLECTOR
BURT LIVELY, ACTING CHIEF APPRAISER

RAY McCANN	PAULA DYKE
BOBBY PALMER	ELMER PATTON
BILLY J. THOMPSON	WADE HILL

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCUSSING THE INCREASE OF THE 1996 TAX RATE

The Court is proposing a rate increase from last years' rate of .21547 to .247. This is an increase of 3 cents per \$100.00 of evaluation for property owners. Three times in the past five years taxes rates were lowered by this Court.

It was pointed out that the increase was to cover increase in payroll of \$90,000.00, more employees for the County Jail, increase in fire hazard insurance and new copy machines for county offices.

The County Judge stated, "Copy machines were necessary since many of the county's machine were 12 years old."

County Auditor Carl Johnson said, "In the past the County had received funds from the State to house state prisoners. However, in the past 2 years the county has not received any funds. At one time the County had around a Million Dollars in reserve. Some of the reserves were used in building the new jail and others were used to keep taxes from being raised to cover other budget expenses. Right now we have about \$500,000.00 but we are already looking at have to use around \$250,000.00 to cover expenses."

Ray McCann, Wade Hill, Elmer Patton and Billy J. Thompson spoke for the tax payers in asking the Court what other avenues for revenue had the Court checked into. All four men praised the Court for their hard work in preparing the budget and trying to keep the tax rate as low as possible.

Avenues for revenue discussed were inmates for the County Jail, a Weigh Station on Interstate 30, plus new industries need for our county.

IN THE MATTER OF
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Price and seconded by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockaday to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The above and foregoing minutes for the month of August, 1996 were read and approved this 9th day of September, 1996.

Danny P. Crooks
DANNY P. CROOKS, COUNTY JUDGE

Mike Price
MIKE PRICE, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT # 1

Mike Fields
MIKE FIELDS, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT # 2

J. W. Terrell, Jr.
J. W. TERRELL, JR. , COMMISSIONER PRECINCT # 3

Thomas E. Hockaday
THOMAS E. HOCKADAY, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #4

Sherry Mars
SHERRY MARS, COUNTY CLERK

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES FOR AUGUST, 1996 A.D.
RECORDED ON THE 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1996 A.D.**

**SHERRY MARS, COUNTY CLERK,
TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS**

By Jean Grover DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 1996**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT met in *Regular Session* on Monday, September 9, 1996, in the Titus County Courtroom with the following members present:

DANNY P. CROOKSCOUNTY JUDGE
MIKE PRICECOMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
MIKE FIELDSCOMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
THOMAS E. HOCKADAY.....COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
JEAN CROVERDEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT : COMMISSIONER J. W. TERRELL, JR.

PUBLIC AND COUNTY OFFICIALS ATTENDING MEETING:

CARL JOHNSON, AUDITOR
JUNE ROACH, TAX - ASSESSOR COLLECTOR
EVA WALKER, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PRECINCT 1
HEULLA CAMPBELL, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT
DICK McCRAVER, COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

PAULA DYKE JOHN RYDEN
JOHN BOLSTER ANN RUNDLE

**IN THE MATTER OF
AUTHORIZING TITUS COUNTY JUDGE TO SUBMIT AN
APPLICATION TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, FOR A CHURCH ARSON PREVENTION
GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,600.00**

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Mike Fields to authorize County Judge Danny P. Crooks to submit an application to U.S. Department Of Justice, Bureau Of Justice Assistance, for a Church Arson Prevention Grant in the amount of \$4,600.00. Motion carried unanimously. *SEE ATTACHMENT "A"*