

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 22, 1999**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT met in *Special Session* on Monday, March 22, 1999, 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
BILLY J. THOMPSON.....COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
THOMAS E. HOCKADAY.....COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
SHERRY MARS.....COUNTY CLERK

ABSENT: NONE

PUBLIC AND COUNTY OFFICIALS ATTENDING MEETING:

CARL JOHNSON, AUDITOR
TIM TAYLOR, COUNTY ATTORNEY
RICKY W. POOLE, SHERIFF
TONY MITCHELL, CAPTIAN SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
REX MARS, CHIEF JAILER SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
JUNE ROACH, COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR-ASSESSOR
LEO SCHAKEL, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1
PAULA DYKE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 2

JOHNNY CONROY
NITA MAY
BOBBY PALMER

RAY McCANN
RALPH RANDALL

IN THE MATTER OF
A PRESENTATION FROM MR. RAY McCANN
ON "SPECIAL CATCH" EVENT PLANNED BY
THE CITY OF MT. PLEASANT FOR APRIL 17, 1999

Mr. Ray McCann presented the plan for the "Special Catch" event planned by the City of Mt. Pleasant. This event allows children and adults with disabilities to go fishing at Heritage Park on that day. Mr. McCann asked, The Court to be a sponsor or to declare April 17, 1999 as a special day in Titus County.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Mike Price that the Court be a sponsor for this event. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Price and seconded by Commissioner Billy J. Thompson to declare April 17, 1999 as "Special Catch" day in Titus County, Texas. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
OPENING AND CONSIDERING BIDS FOR
ONE (1) NEW TRACTOR WITH 2-WHEEL DRIVE, CAB AND AIR
ONE (1) NEW TRACTOR WITH 4-WHEEL DRIVE, CAB AND AIR

Bids were received for the one new tractor with 2-wheel drive Conroy Tractor \$33,994.00 and Pittsburg Tractor, Inc. \$39,125.00.

Bids were received for the one new tractor with 4-wheel drive Conroy Tractor \$38,994.00 and Pittsburg Tractor, Inc. \$44,000.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Price and seconded Commissioner Billy J. Thompson to table this matter until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVING 1999 TAX YEAR RESOLUTION
FOR EXEMPTIONS AND DISCOUNTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Mike Price to approve the 1999 Tax Year Resolution for exemptions and discounts. Motion carried unanimously. *SEE ATTACHMENT "A"*

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDERING SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE
COMPANY BURYING CABLE ALONG AND UNDER
ON SE-9 IN PRECINCT 4 AND ON SE-28 IN PRECINCT 2

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Mike Price to approve Southwestern Bell Telephone burying cable along and under SE-9 in Precinct 4. Motion carried unanimously. *SEE ATTACHMENT "B"*

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Billy J. Thompson to approve Southwestern Bell Telephone burying cable along and under SE-28 in Precinct 2. Motion carried unanimously. *SEE ATTACHMENT "C"*

IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No amendments were presented.

IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVING COUNTY OFFICIALS REPORTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Price and seconded by Commissioner Billy J. Thompson to approve reports from the County Auditor, District Clerk, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 and Five Star Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF
SIGNING PAY ORDERS AND PAYING BILLS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Price and seconded by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockaday to approve signing pay orders and paying bills. Motion carried unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDERING PROPOSED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
STATE OF TEXAS SENATE BILL 728 TO ESTABLISH A HISTORIC
COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION PROGRAM FOR
THE STATE OF TEXAS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Billy J. Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Mike Fields to approve the resolution supporting Senate Bill 728 to establish a Historic Courthouse Preservation Program for the State Of Texas.

VOTING YES

Commissioner Precinct 2 Mike Fields
Commissioner Precinct 3 Billy J. Thompson
Commissioner Precinct 4 Thomas E. Hockaday

VOTING NO

Commissioner Precinct 1 Mike Price

Motion carried. *SEE ATTACHMENT "D"*

**IN THE MATTER OF
CLARIFICATION OF ITEMS IN THE
TITUS COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL**

FUNERAL LEAVE

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Billy J. Thompson to amend page 2.06 Funerals-Immediate family will include up to the 2nd degree of the nepotism chart on page 1.05. Motion carried unanimously.

SICK TIME

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Price and seconded by Commissioner Mike Fields to amend page 2.02 ½ day work should be changed to ¼ hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Changes will be made and added to the personnel policy manual.

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDERING RECOMMENDATION AND POSSIBLE
FUNDING FOR INMATE COMMISSARY

Sheriff Ricky Poole recommended the following:

1. To establish an in-house commissary for inmates.
2. To acquire a loan from the county in the amount of \$30,000.00 to \$35,000.00 to start in the in-house commissary for inmates.
3. To pay loan back with in 1 year to 1 ½ years.
4. Employee's salary to be paid out of profits from the commissary.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Price and seconded by Commissioner Mike Fields to approve loaning the Sheriff's Department \$35,000.00 as a start up amount for the Commissary Fund. This should be paid back in 1 to 2 years, depending on the profits. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
ADJOURNMENT

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

The Court Re-Convened at 10:29 A.M.

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCUSSING THE EXCHANGE OF
REAL PROPERTY

The closing was posted in the local newspaper on March 3, 1999, March 10, 1999 and March 17, 1999. County Attorney Tim Taylor recommended to the

Court that the exchange be made and that a representative from the Court be present at the closing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Mike Price to approve closing on March 25, 1999, for the property exchange for Titus County Old Jail and the corner lot of Madison and First Street now owned by Billy Craig. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas E. Hockaday and seconded by Billy J. Thompson to appoint Commissioner Mike Price and Commissioner Mike Fields as representatives of the Court at the closing. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
ADJOURNMENT

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



Titus County Commissioners' Court

Mt. Pleasant, Texas

RESOLUTION

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT met in Special Session March 22, 1999, and approved Resolutions for the 1999 tax year; and

RESOLVED to allow a discount to the property owners of Titus County for the early payment of property taxes for the 1999 tax year in accordance with Section 31.05 of the Property Tax Code. The rate of discount is 3% if paid in the month of October, 1999; 2% if paid in November 1999; 1% if paid in December, 1999;

RESOLVED to allow a 20% exemption on the value of homesteads in Titus County for purposes of county property tax for the tax year 1999, in accordance with Section 11.13, but not less than \$5000.00.

RESOLVED that the Property Tax Code permits an exemption of an additional amount on all homesteads in Titus County owned by persons 65 years of age or older in determining the amount of property tax due for the 1999 tax year, in accordance with Section 11.13. This amount has been \$15,000.00.

RESOLVED that persons under age 65 who are 100% disabled, according to Social Security records, are hereby granted an additional exemption of \$10,000. on their homestead for the tax year 1999, in accordance with 11.13 D.

APPROVED by the COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS on the 22nd day of March, 1999.

Danny P. Crooks
DANNY P. CROOKS, COUNTY JUDGE

W. L. Rice
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

Travis Fields
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

Billy D. Thompson
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

Thomas F. Hockaday
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

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ATTACHMENT "B"

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TITUS COUNTY JUDGE APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

4642556
Plats 1-6

TO: COMMISSIONERS COURT
Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455

Application is hereby made by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
for permission to lay buried line along/under that certain segment of the

county road in Precinct # Four (4) at the following location(s):

Place + line across + along
SE CR 9 as shown on attached
drawings

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Prince

3-1-99

Manager-Engineer Design

Date

307 N. Van Buren

Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455

(903)572-3495

APPROVED - DENIED

Benny P. Cook

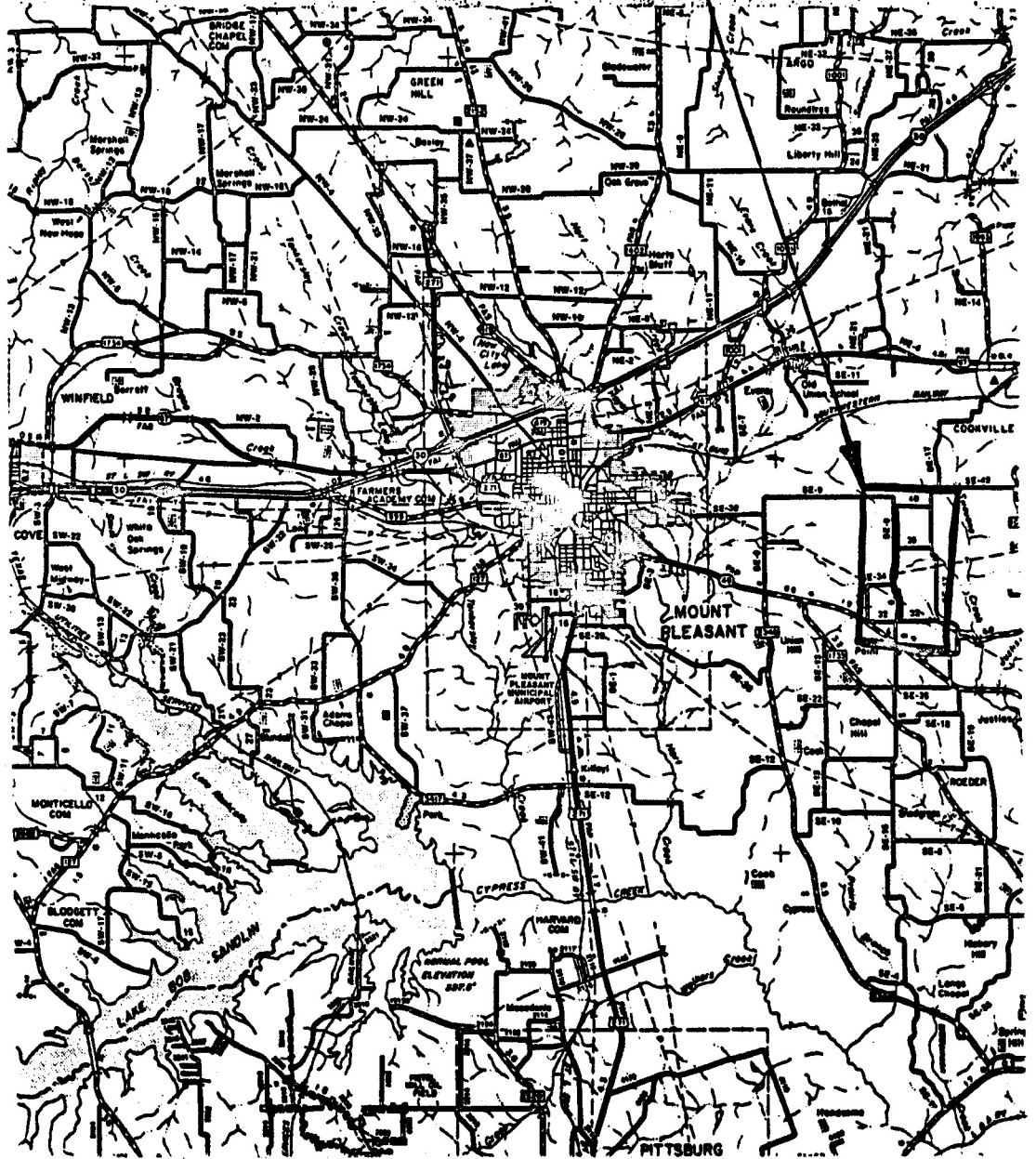
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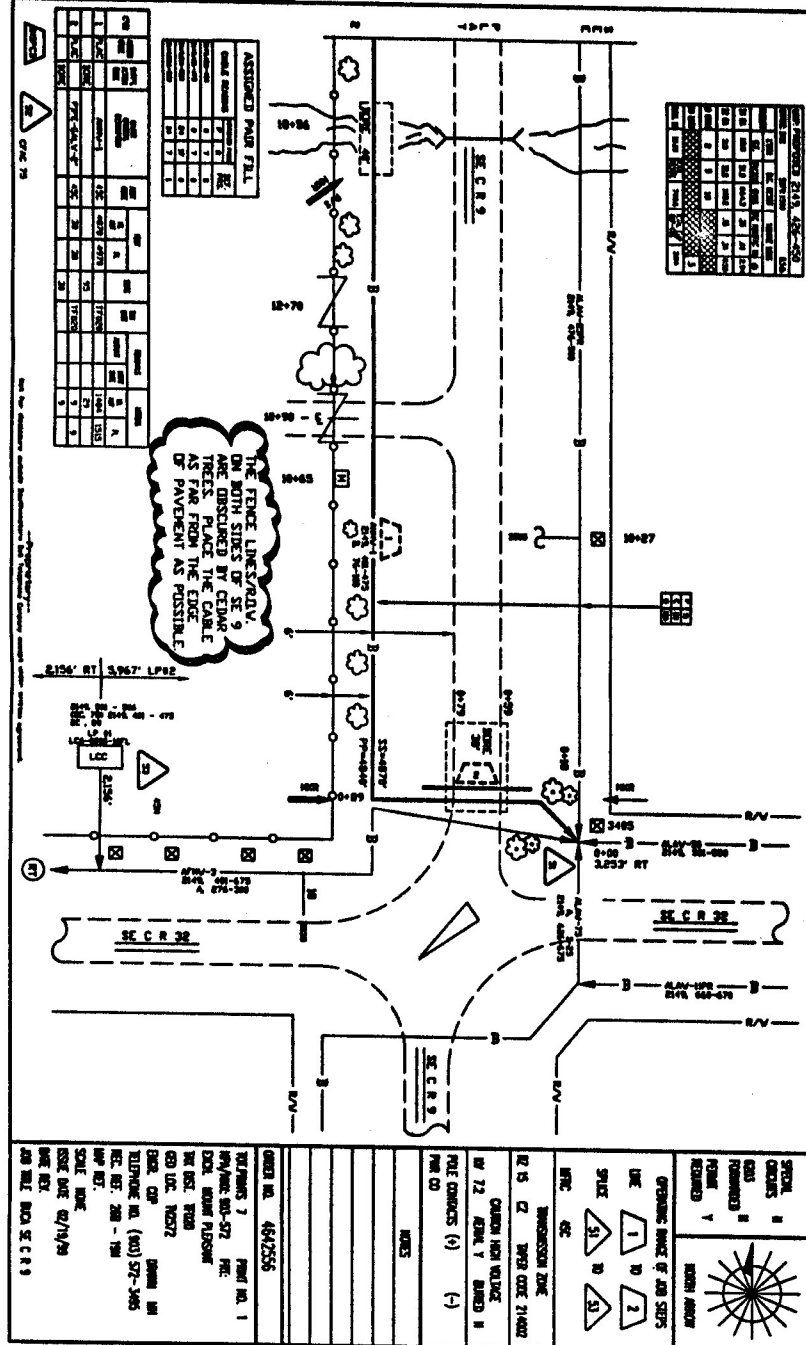
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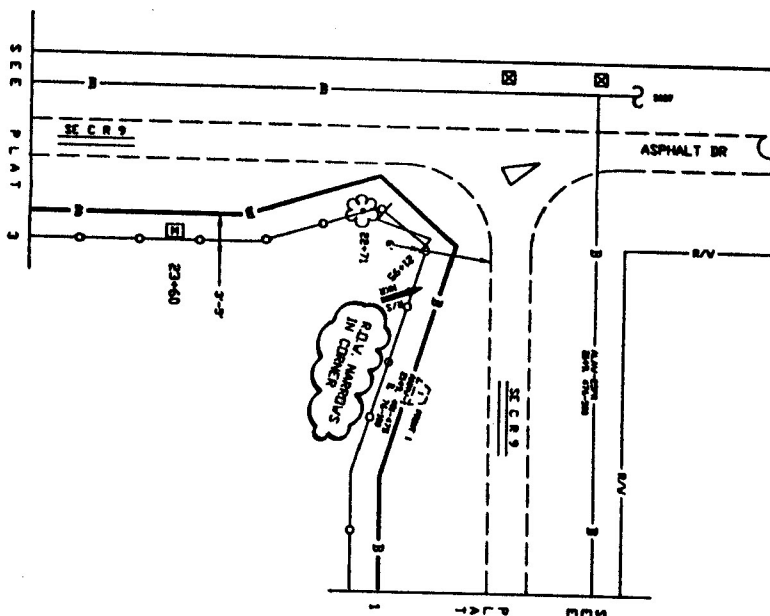
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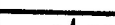
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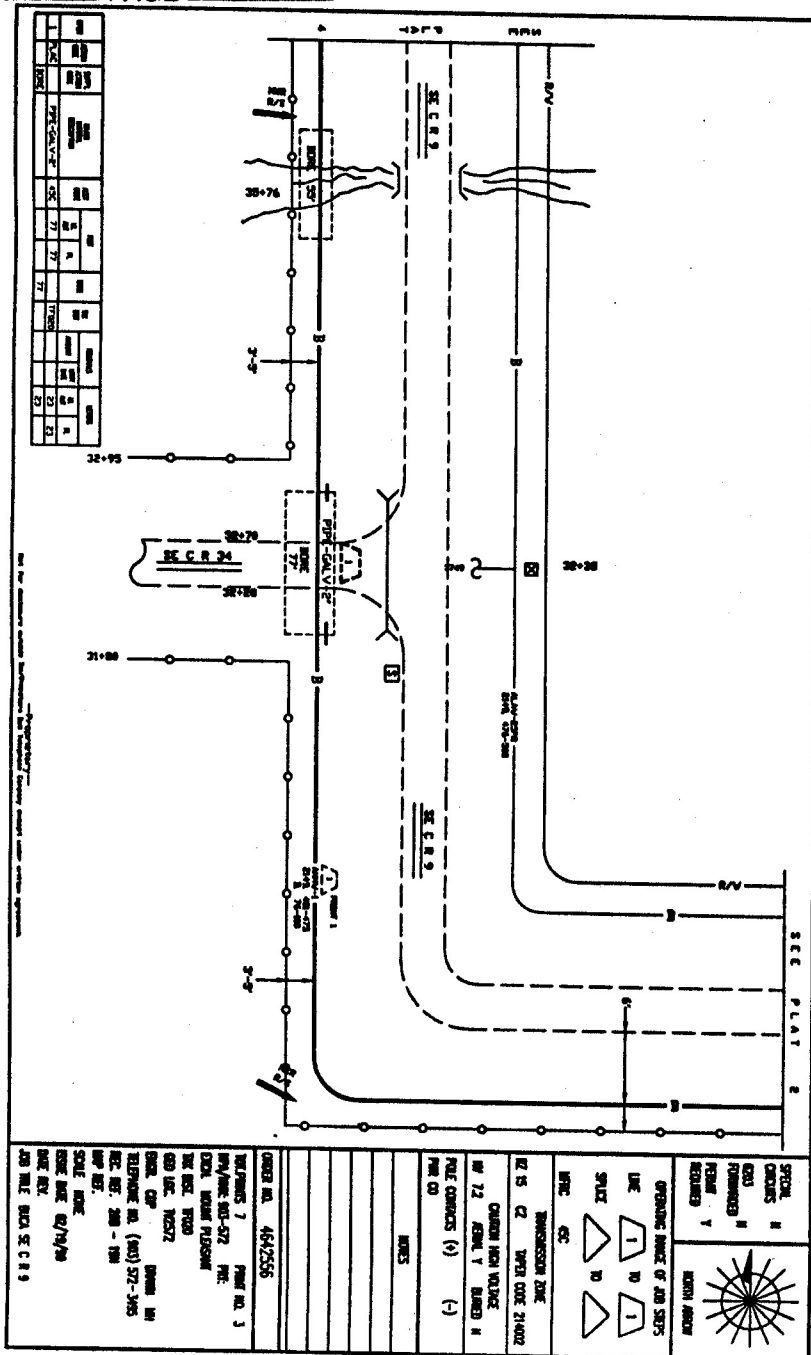
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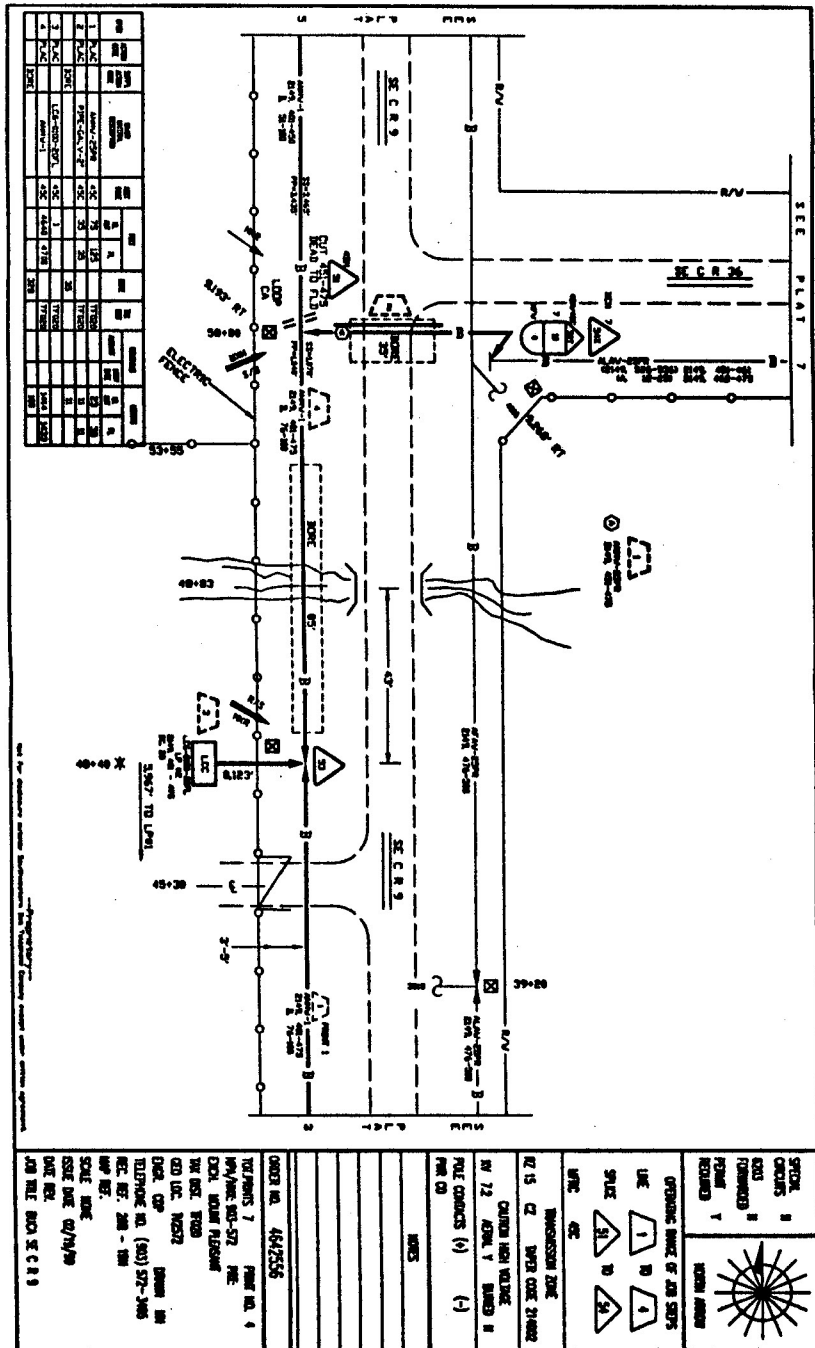


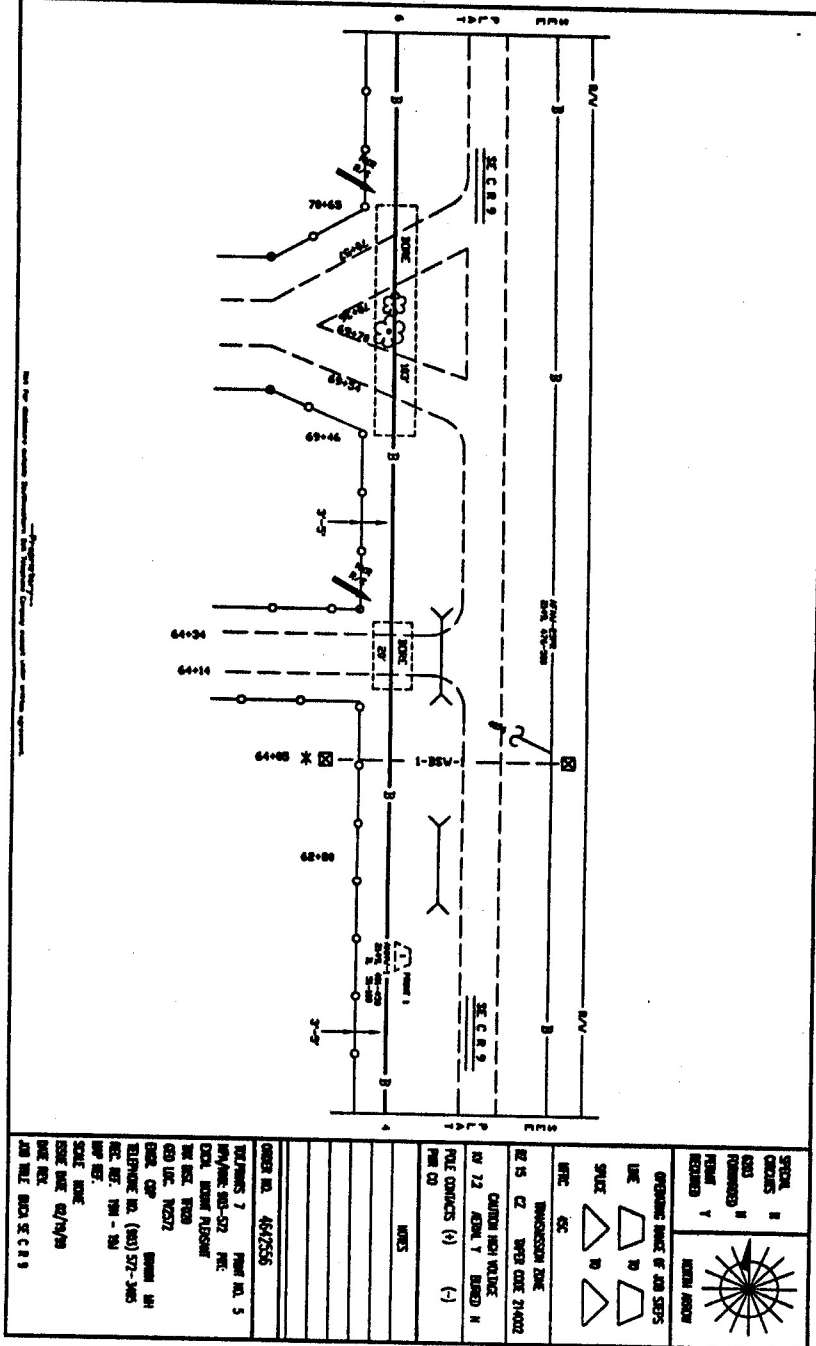


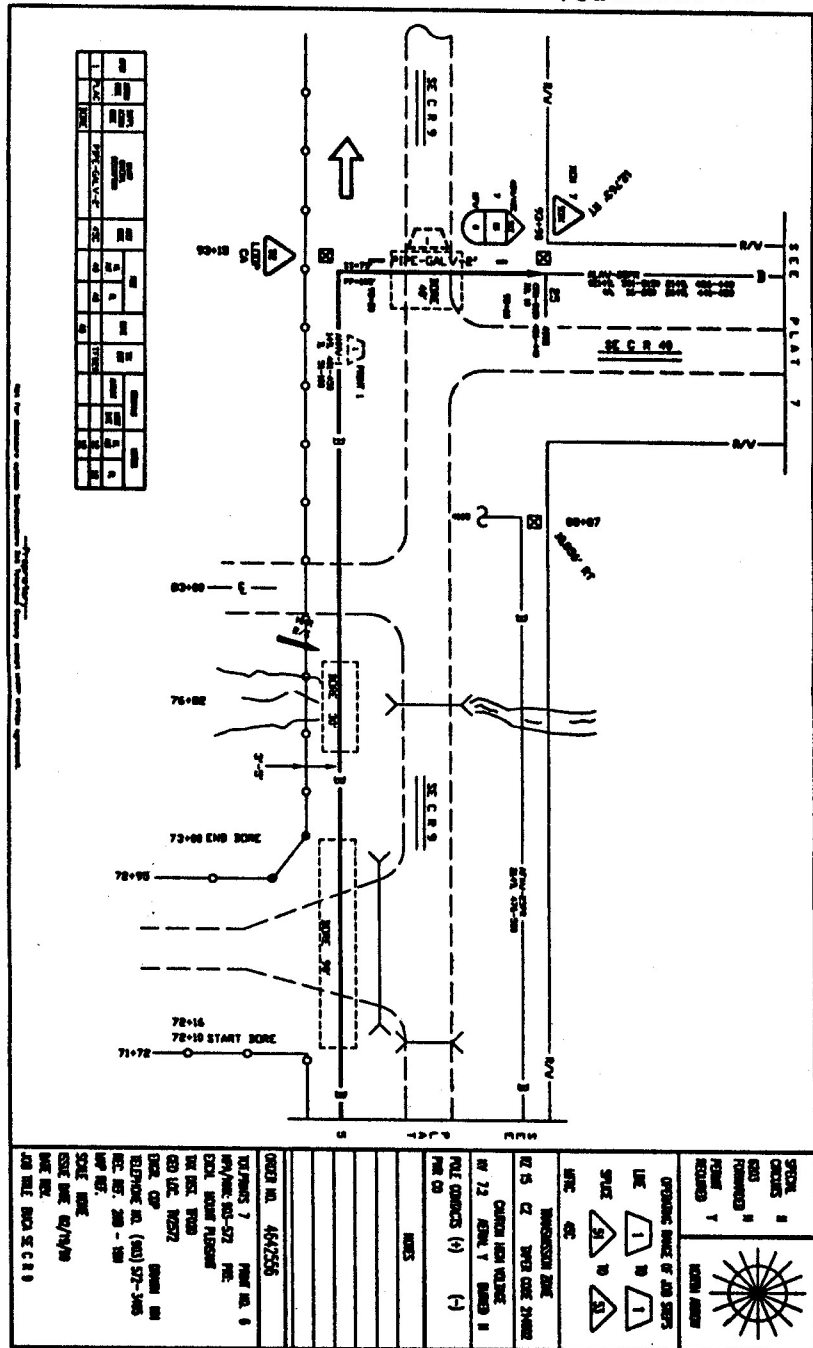


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MAR 15 1999

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TITUS COUNTY JUDGE APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

TO: COMMISSIONERS COURT
Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455

Application is hereby made by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
for permission to lay buried line along/under that certain segment of the
county road in Precinct # Two (2) at the following location(s):

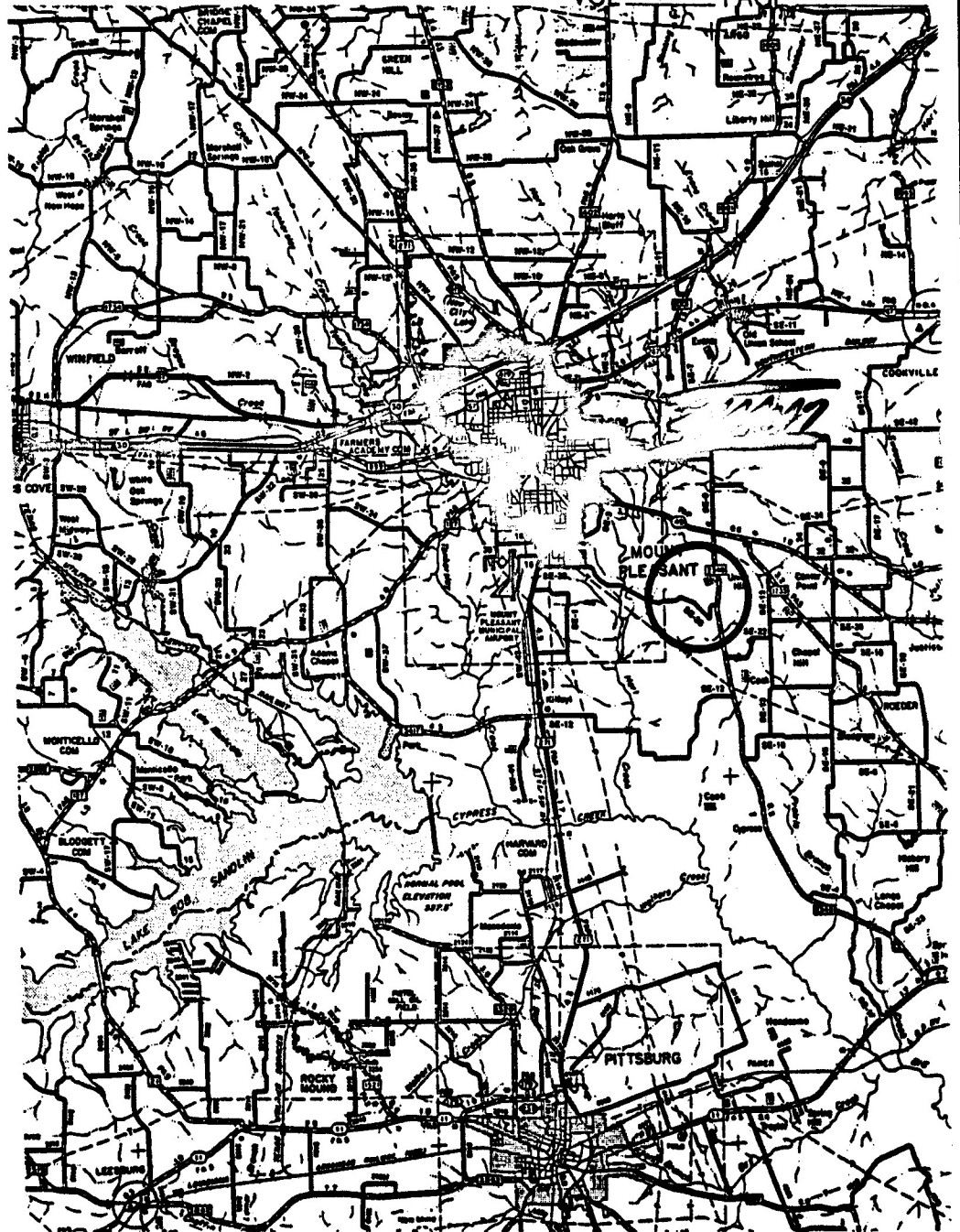
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attached drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

C.D. Prince 2-26-99
Manager-Engineer Design Date
307 N. Van Buren
Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455
(903)572-3495

APPROVED - DENIED

Danny P. Cook 3-22-99
COUNTY JUDGE Date





Titus County Commissioners' Court
Mt. Pleasant, Texas

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature is presently in session and among the many other bills being considered is S.B. 728 which would amend Chapter 442 of the Texas Government Code and provide for the creation of a Historic Courthouse Preservation Program; and

WHEREAS, the restoration and preservation of the historic courthouses within the State of Texas is a necessary and essential undertaking if the citizens of Texas hope to preserve the historical heritage of our state; and

WHEREAS, it is financially necessary that the State of Texas establish a historic courthouse preservation program as the cost incumbent upon local counties would far exceed their present abilities to adequately and properly preserve such important structures;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Commissioners Court of
TITUS County, Texas that we encourage the Texas Legislature to pass into law S.B.
728 and thereby amend Chapter 442 of the Texas Government Code to establish a Historic
Courthouse Preservation Program for the State of Texas; and we do further urge the Texas
Legislature to fund such Historic Courthouse Preservation Program in an amount of not less than
\$200 million so as to adequately provide the resources necessary for this undertaking.

SIGNED and DONE this 22ND day of MARCH, 1999.

TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

By: Danny P. Crooks
County Judge Danny P. Crooks

Attest:

Sherry Mars
County Clerk Sherry Mars

100 W. First Street, Suite 200

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