

COMMISSIONERS' COURT
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2004

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
met in *Regular session* on Monday, December 13, 2004, in the Titus County Courtroom
with the following members present:

DANNY P. CROOKS.....	COUNTY JUDGE
BOB FITCH.....	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1
MIKE FIELDS.....	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2
BILLY J. THOMPSON.....	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
THOMAS HOCKADAY.....	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
THELMA SCULLIN.....	DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

Invocation given by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson

PUBLIC AND COUNTY OFFICIALS ATTENDING MEETING;

DEBRA BOWEN

DEBBY RHEA

NORMA NARRAMORE
AMBER HURLEY
CRISTIE ROBERTSON

JAKE NARRAMORE
AMBER PALMER

IN THE MATTER OF
PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION
ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECTION 551-042, TEXAS OPEN MEETING ACT

There were no requests.

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE COURT MINUTES
FOR NOVEMBER, 2004

Motion was made by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson and seconded by
Commissioner Bob Fitch to approve the Court Minutes for November, 2004.
Motion carried unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF
DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY APPROVE OBTAINING VIRUS PROTECTION
FOR ALL COUNTY COMPUTERS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson to approve obtaining virus protection for all county computers.
Motion carried unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE PLATS:
PLAT FOR MAJESTIC OAKS, PRECINCT 2
PLAT FOR CHOCTAW ADDITION, PRECINCT 4**

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Bob Fitch to approve the Plat for Majestic Oaks.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Mike Fields to approve the Plat for Choctaw Addition.
Motion carried unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVE ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS OF
COUNTY OFFICIALS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Bob Fitch to approve the County Official reports of: County Treasurer, Auditor, Tax Assessor, County Clerk, District Clerk, Environmental Investigator, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, Justice of the Peace, Pct 2, and Nortex VFD.
Motion carried unanimously.

**IN THE MATTER OF
APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

There were no amendments.

**IN THE MATTER OF
SIGN PAY ORDERS AND APPROVE PAYMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to approve pay orders and payment of bills.
Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE APPLICATION FOR
PAYMENT OF PAUPER'S FUNERAL

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Bob Fitch to approve payment of Pauper's Funeral for Lucy Florene Watkins for \$950.
Motion carried unanimously.
SEE EXHIBIT A

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE SALE OF DELINQUENT TAX
PROPERTY BY THE MT. PLEASANT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT

Motion was made by Commissioner Billy Jack and seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to approve the bid from Edward L. Tippit on cause # 22,762.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and seconded by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson to approve the bid from Barry M. Dillard on cause # 30,510.
Motion carried unanimously.
SEE EXHIBIT B

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE SALE OF DELINQUENT TAX
PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZATION OF THE COUNTY JUDGE
TO SIGN DEED OF CONVEYANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson and seconded by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday to approve the bid from Dianne Norris on cause # 27,681 and approve the authorization of County Judge to sign deed of conveyance.
Motion carried unanimously.
SEE EXHIBIT C

IN THE MATTER OF
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Billy Jack Thompson to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF PAUPER'S FUNERAL

Lucy Florene Watkins 1001 Gibson Street
 Name of Deceased Address

7-12-22 449-023615 TEXAS
 Date of Birth Social Security # Driver's License # (State)

I, the undersigned, hereby state that I was related to the deceased Lucy Florene Watkins as (Relationship) Daughter-in-law.
 I further state that neither the deceased nor any person responsible for the deceased had any assets such as money, bank accounts, investments, insurance, property or any such assets other than those listed below, which are applied to the cost of the funeral.

LIST OF ASSETS OWNED BY DECEASED, OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR DECEASED:
 MONEY \$ _____ CHECKING ACCOUNT \$ _____ BANK \$ _____
 PROPERTY (Home) \$ _____ AUTO \$ _____ OTHER \$ _____
 INSURANCE \$ _____ SOCIAL SECURITY FOR BURIAL \$ _____
 OTHER ASSETS \$ _____ TOTAL ASSETS \$ 0

I hereby make application to the Commissioners' Court of Titus County that payment be made for the funeral, less any assets as listed above.

Dana Mitchell November 30, 2004
 APPLICANT FOR DECEASED DATE

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME a Notary Public in and for Titus County, Texas on this the 30th day of November, 192004.



ALICE P. FREEMAN
 Notary Public State of Texas
 Commission Expires
 APRIL 12, 2008

Alice P. Freeman
 NOTARY PUBLIC

(TO BE COMPLETED BY FUNERAL HOME)

I understand that in order to qualify for a Pauper's Funeral, the total cost of services for the deceased will not exceed \$950.00. I further understand that if payment is made in any amount, whether by family, friends, church, or other organizations, such payment will disqualify this Application for consideration of payment by the Titus County Commissioners' Court.

Therefore, I, (Owner/Representative) Darrell Cooper of (Funeral Home) Bates-Cooper Funeral Home hereby submit an itemized statement for services of deceased Lucy Florene Watkins and certify that such statement for \$950.00 represents the entire cost for services rendered.

11/30/2004 Darrell Cooper
 DATE OWNER/REPRESENTATIVE OF FUNERAL HOME

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for Titus County, Texas on this the 30th day of November, 192004.



ALICE P. FREEMAN
 Notary Public State of Texas
 Commission Expires
 APRIL 12, 2008

Alice P. Freeman
 NOTARY PUBLIC

BATES - COOPER

Funeral Home - FLP



BATES - COOPER

Prepared

November 26, 2004

Titus County Treasurer / Debbie Rhea
100 West First Street
Titus County Courthouse
Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455

RE: Lucy Florene Watkins Services

Services for Indigent

Minimum Casket	\$320.00
Embalming	\$150.00
Arrangements	\$105.00
Facilities	\$ 90.00
Pick-up, transport to	
Cemetery in County	\$ 90.00
Opening & closing Grave	\$195.00
TOTAL	\$950.00

Thank you,
Darrell Cooper

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EXHIBIT B Pg 1

TIM R. TAYLOR
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P. O. BOX 1212
313 N. JEFFERSON
MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS 75456
903/572-6604

December 3, 2004

Danny Pat Crooks
Titus County Judge
Titus County Courthouse
Mt. Pleasant, Texas

RE: 1) Lot 7, Block 336, City of Mt. Pleasant
2) S 70' of Lot 9, Block 3, Clayton Addition
City of Mt. Pleasant

Dear Judge Crooks:


The above referenced lots which had been previously struck off at delinquent tax auctions to the Mt. Pleasant Independent School District as Trustee for the taxing entities of Titus County have been sold by the entity to individuals named in the resolutions. Section 34.05 of the Texas Property Tax Code requires consent by all taxing entities when such a sale is for less than the amount of the judgment. The sales price for each of the above lots was for less than the Judgment. Therefore, before the sales can become final, the consent of your taxing entity by resolution is necessary.

I have prepared a Resolution with accompanying exhibit for each sale which I request be submitted at your next Council meeting for approval. If approved, please forward me a copy of the signed resolution.

Should you have questions about these specific transactions, I am available to meet with you to discuss them at your convenience.

Thank you for your help and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Tim Taylor

TRT:plw

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the Mt. Pleasant Independent School District, as Trustee for the benefit of all taxing entities of Titus County, Texas, has become the owner of certain real property (see attached Exhibit "A") by virtue of the fact that a sufficient bid was not received at a sale conducted by the Sheriff pursuant to an order of the District Court in Cause No. 30,510: Titus County Appraisal District vs. Charles Richardson and Theola Richardson

WHEREAS, a potential buyer of the property has come forward, and

WHEREAS, all taxing entities involved in the above referenced cause must consent to the sale of the hereinabove described real property, and

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of all the taxing entities involved that the property be returned to their respective tax rolls;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

Commissioner's Court of the County of Titus, Titus County, Texas

That consent is hereby given on behalf of the County of Titus, State of Texas, in accordance with Section 34.05(i) of the Texas Property Code, for the sale of the property by the Mt. Pleasant Independent School District as Trustee to

Barry M. Dillard
511 West Ferguson Road
Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455

for and in consideration of the cash sum of \$12,500.00, said \$12,500.00 to be distributed pursuant to Chapter 34 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Resolved this the 13 day of December, 2004.

Attest:

Sherry J. Miles
Secretary Co. Clerk

Danny L. Cooke
County Judge

Those Voting Aye Were:

R. L. "Red" Fitts
W. L. Fitts
James E. Rockaway

Those Voting Nay Were:

EXHIBIT "A"

Cause Number	30,510 Titus County Appraisal District et al v. Charles Richardson and Theola Richardson
Judgment Amount	\$11,820.18 Titus County Appraisal District \$ 2,071.45 County of Titus \$ 676.28 Northeast Texas Community College
Present Bid	\$12,500.00
Bidder	BARRY M. DILLARD 511 West Ferguson Road Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Lot 7, Block 336, City of Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, Texas

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WHEREAS, a potential buyer of the property has come forward, and

WHEREAS, all taxing entities involved in the above referenced cause must consent to the sale of the hereinabove described real property, and

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of all the taxing entities involved that the property be returned to their respective tax rolls;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

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That consent is hereby given on behalf of the County of Titus, State of Texas, in accordance with Section 34.05(i) of the Texas Property Code, for the sale of the property by the Mt. Pleasant Independent School District as Trustee to

Edward L. Tippit
812 West 16th Street
Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455

for and in consideration of the cash sum of \$1,500.00, said \$1,500.00 to be distributed pursuant to Chapter 34 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Resolved this the 19 day of December, 2004.

Attest:

Sherry J. Mason
~~Secretary~~ Clerk

Donna J. Cook
County Judge

Those Voting Aye Were:

Ed. "Pop" Fitch
Mike Fitch
Patty & Thomas
Thomas E. Minter

Those Voting Nay Were:

EXHIBIT "A"

Cause Number	22,762 City of Mt. Pleasant et al v. Edgar R. Minter et al
Judgment Amount	\$1,353.01 Mt. Pleasant Independent School District \$ 898.16 City of Mt. Pleasant \$ 489.41 County of Titus
Present Bid	\$1,500.00
Bidder	EDWARD L. TIPPIT 812 West 16 TH Street Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

South 70' of Lot 9, Block 3, Clayton Addition, City of Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, Texas

EXHIBIT C Pg 1

TIM R. TAYLOR
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P. O. BOX 1212
313 N. JEFFERSON
MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS 75456
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December 3, 2004

Danny Pat Crooks
Titus County Judge
Titus County Courthouse
Mt. Pleasant, Texas

RE: .30 acre J. B. Easley Survey, A-205
Titus County, Texas

Dear Judge Crooks:

I have received a bid for the purchase of the above referenced lot which had been previously struck off at delinquent tax auctions to the County of Titus as Trustee for the taxing entities of Titus County. The bid is for less than the amount of the Judgment which led to the Sheriff's sale to Titus County. Section 34.05 of the Texas Property Tax Code requires consent by all taxing entities when such a sale is for less than the amount of the judgment. Therefore, before the sale can become final, if the sale is approved by the Commissioner's Court, the consent of the other taxing entities of the county is necessary.

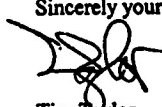
Dianne Norris has offered \$900.00 for this lot which is a vacant lot that is extremely overgrown and full of debris. The judgment amount was \$1950.78. I recommend the approval of this sale which will result in the property being returned to the active tax role.

If you agree with my recommendation, please have the sale approved at your next Commissioner's Court meeting. I have prepared a Resolution with accompanying exhibit which I request be submitted at your next meeting for approval. If approved, please forward me a copy of the signed resolution and I will prepare the proper documentation for conveying the property.

Should you have questions about this specific transaction or sales by the taxing entities in general, I am available to meet with you to discuss them at your convenience.

Thank you for your help and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Tim Taylor

TRT:plw

AUGUST 03, 2004

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I WOULD LIKE TO PLACE A BID ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED IN
AB 205 J B EASLEY SURVEY ACC # 00205-00000-01355 @ APPRAISAL
DISTRICT RECORDS.

MY BID IS \$900.00 FOR A LOT THAT IS .30 ACRE. THE PROPERTY
IS VERY GROWN UP AND HAS HEAVY METAL RUBBISH.

THANKS

Dianne Norris

DIANNE NORRIS
P O BOX 5
COOKVILLE TX 75558-0005
903-577-8287

PREVIOUS OWNER-GARY BROWN

EXHIBIT C 3

Titus Co. 3-31 Date: 03/25/2004

Appraisal Card

03/2004 18:25:07

31-00205-00000-013550 Description: J B EASLEY ST BR AB 205 Lot: 1
Geo: AB 205 % TCAD 2004 L C1 Market Speed
Mt Pleasant ISD J B EASLEY SURVEY P O BOX 828 2003 L C1 500 0
MOUNT PLEASANT TX 75456

Page: 0.30000 Units: 225 230 231 902
Map: 225 230 231 902
KeyMap: Owner's Value: 1,000,000 \$1,200

Date	Grantor/Grantee	Book/Page	Sal/Pct
02/02/2003	BROWN GARY	1488	183
01/02/1982	TITUS COUNTY TRUSTEE	714	285

Appraisal Information

Chd 1	Type of Property	ID	Class	Grade	Units	Depth	Over	Market Cost	Special Cost	Replacement Cost New	Yes	%Phys	%Econ	%Func	%Comp	%Area	Market Value	Special Value
	CI Land	RST50	RST50	1	0.30000 Acres	0		4,000.00	0.00	1,200		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1,200	0
0.30000 Total Acres																	Land	0
																	Total:	0

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Titus County Appraisal District et al vs. Gary Brown

WHEREAS, a potential buyer of the property has come forward, and

WHEREAS, all taxing entities involved in the above referenced cause must consent to the sale of the hereinabove described real property, and

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of all the taxing entities involved that the property be returned to their respective tax rolls;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE

Commissioner's Court of Titus County, Texas

That the County Judge be and is hereby directed and authorized to execute the deed and any and all documents necessary to convey the hereinabove described real property to

DIANE NORRIS
P. O. Box 5
Cookville, Texas 75558

for and in consideration of the cash sum of \$900.00, said \$900.00 to be distributed pursuant to Chapter 34 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Resolved this the 13 day of December, 2004.

Attest:

Sherry J. Mayo
Clerk

Danmyr Cook
County Judge

Those Voting Aye Were:

R. L. Cook
Mike Fulk
Billy D. Thompson
Sharon E. Rockledge

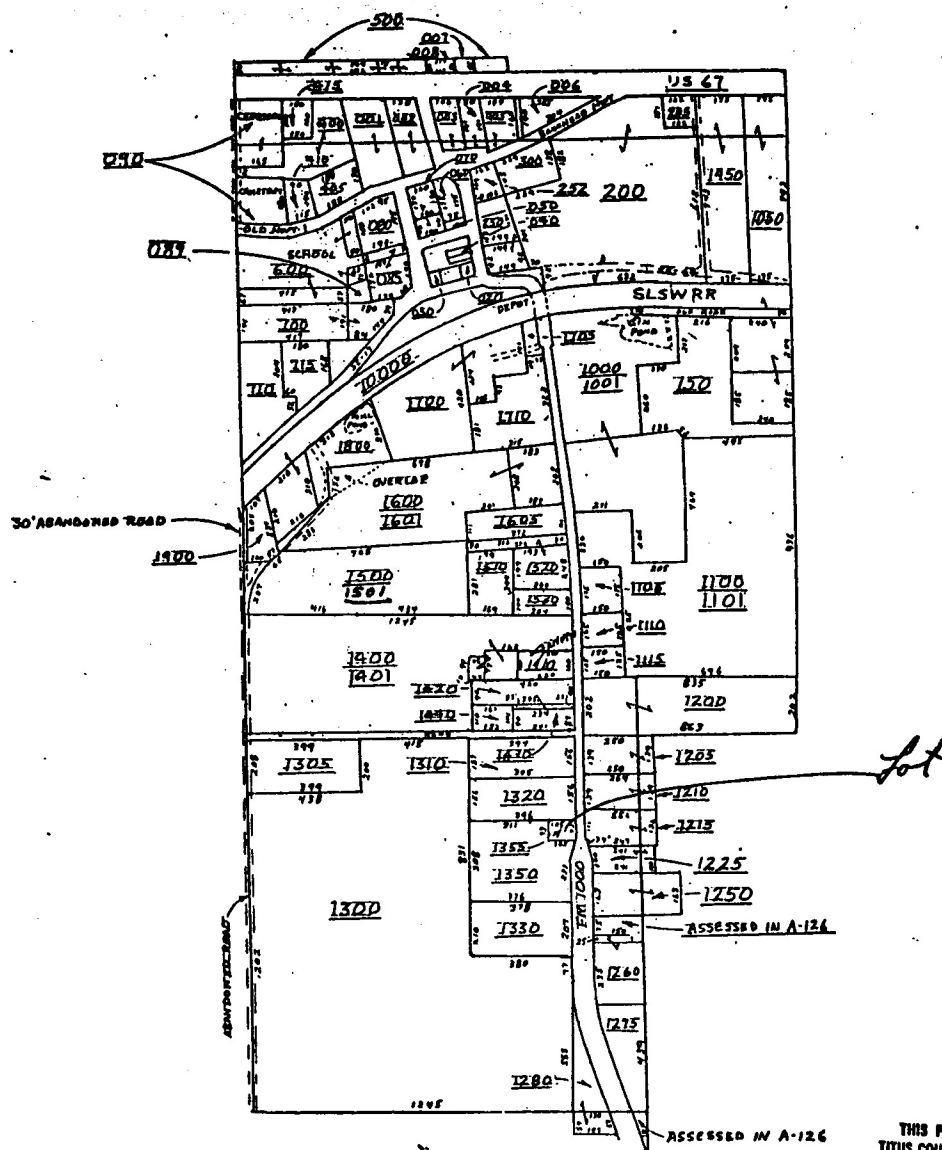
Those Voting Nay Were:

EXHIBIT "A"

Cause Number	27,681 Titus County Appraisal District, et al vs. Gary Brown
Judgment Amount	\$1,479.57 Mt. Pleasant ISD \$ 340.70 County of Titus \$ 130.51 Northeast Texas Community College
Present Bid	\$900.00
Bidder	DIANNE NORRIS P. O. Box 5 Cookville, Texas 75558

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

.30 Acre, J. B. Easley Survey, A-205, Titus County, Texas



**THIS PLAT IS FOR
TITUS COUNTY APPRAISAL
DISTRICT USE ONLY**



**TITUS COUNTY
APPRAISAL DISTRICT
MT. PLEASANT, TEXAS**

SURVEY NAME J. B. EASLEY

ABSTRACT NO. 205

DEED RECORD

ACRES 160.0

MAP NO. 7-10; 7-11

SHEET 1 OF 1 SHEETS

The above and foregoing minutes for the month of November, 2004 were read and approved this 13th day of December, 2004.

DANNY E. CROOKS
DANNY E. CROOKS, COUNTY JUDGE

Bob "Bob" Fitch
BOB FITCH, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #1

Mike Fields
MIKE FIELDS, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #2

Billy J. Thompson
BILLY J. THOMPSON, COMMISSIONER PRECINCT #3

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

SHERRY MARS, COUNTY CLERK

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF
NOVEMBER, 2004 A.D. RECORDED ON THE 13TH DAY OF
DECEMBER, 2004.**

SHERRY MARS, COUNTY CLERK
TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS

Sherry A. Mars _____ **COUNTY CLERK**
