

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2005**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
met in a Special Meeting on Monday, September 19, 2005 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
PHILLIP HINTON	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 3
THOMAS E. HOCKADAY.....	COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 4
THELMA SCULLIN.....	DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

PUBLIC AND COUNTY OFFICIALS ATTENDING MEETING

DEBBY RHEA
RON STAGGS
LEONARD ROCKWELL

CARL JOHNSON
RON STAGGS
ARV'L SHEPARD

ASHLEY TOMPKINS
JAKE NARRAMORE

NORMA NARRAMORE

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

There were no request.

IN THE MATTER OF
ADOPTION OF 2005-2006 BUDGET

The Court discussed putting full time help in the Elections Administrator's Office and including that in this budget.

OPPOSED: Thomas Hockaday
Phillip Hinton
Bob Fitch

FOR: Mike Fields
Danny P. Crooks

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve the 2005-2006 budget as is.
Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF
ADOPTION OF 2005 TAX RATE

Commissioner Phillip Hinton ask the Court if it was possible to have the tax rate lower. The Court explained this was a good rate and one of the lowest around. They try to keep it as low as possible.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fields and agreed to by all Commissioners to adopt the 2005 tax rate.

Motion carried unanimously.

EXHIBIT A

IN THE MATTER OF
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2005-2006
TAX YEAR RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION AND
DISCOUNTS

Motion was made by Commissioner Bob Fitch and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to approve the 2005-2006 tax year Resolution for exemption and discounts.
Motion carried unanimously.

EXHIBIT B

IN THE MATTER OF
CONSIDER AND POSSIBLY APPROVE TRAVEL AND
AND SEMINARS FOR TITUS COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND
ELECTED OFFICIALS

There were no request for travel.

IN THE MATTER OF
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Thomas Hockaday and seconded by Commissioner Phillip Hinton to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.



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Exhibit A

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September 6, 2005

Titus County Commissioners Court
100 W First Street
Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455

Resolutions are needed for the following section numbers for the 2005 tax year.

Section 31.05

Discounts for early payment – 3% - October; 2% - November; and 1% - December for the 2005 tax year.

Section 11.13

Homestead of 20% exemption as allowed by state law for the 2005 tax year, but not less than \$5,000.00.

Section 11.13

The Property Tax Code permits an exemption of an additional amount to those over 65 on their homestead. You have been granting \$15,000.00. This would apply to the 2005 year.

Section 11.13 D

Allows a person under 65 that is 100% disabled, according to Social Security records, An exemption of \$10,000.00 on their homestead for the tax year 2005.

Section 11.261

The Property Tax Code permits a governing body to adopt a tax freeze for individuals 65 years of age or older.

These are the same exemptions granted by Titus County in previous years with the exception of the over 65-tax freeze.

ORDER TO ADOPT TAX RATE

Article 26.05 of the Tax Code places the responsibility of adopting a tax rate each year for Titus County on the Commissioner's Court. The taxes generated by imposing this tax rate on the owners of taxable property in Titus County is necessary for the operation of the Titus County Government.

It is hereby ordered that the Commissioners' Court of Titus County adopt the tax rate on taxable property of Titus County for Maintenance and Operation purposes at \$.2272 per \$100.00 of taxable value.

It is hereby ordered that the Commissioners' Court of Titus County adopt the rate of taxable property of Titus County for Interest and Sinking Fund purposes at \$.0378 per \$100.00 of taxable value for a total rate of \$.2650 per \$100.00 taxable value.

It is hereby ordered the 19th day of September, 2005, by the Commissioners' Court, Titus County, Texas.

Danny J. Crooks

Danny J. Crooks, County Judge

A.J. "Bob" Fitch

Bob Fitch, Commissioner Precinct 1

Mike Fields

Mike Fields, Commissioner Precinct 2

Phillip Hinton

Phillip Hinton, Commissioner Precinct 3

Thomas E. Hockaday

Thomas E. Hockaday, Commissioner Precinct 4

RESOLUTION

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE TITUS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT met in Special Session September 19, 2005, and approved Resolutions for the 2005 tax year; and

RESOLVED to allow a discount to the property owners of Titus County for early payment of property taxes for the 2005 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, 2005; 2% if paid in November, 2005; 1% if paid in December, 2005.

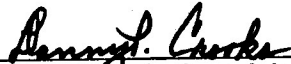
RESOLVED to allow a 20% exemption on the value of homesteads in Titus County for purposes of county property tax for the tax year 2005 in accordance with Section 11.13, but not less than \$5000.00;

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 2005 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 \$10,000.00 on their homestead for the tax year 2005 in accordance with Section 11.13 D.

RESOLVED that the Property Tax Code permits a governing body to adopt a tax freeze for persons 65 years of age or older, in accordance with Section 11.261.

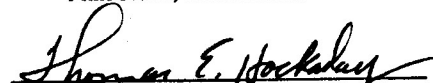
APPROVED by the COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS on the 19th day of September, 2005.


Danny P. Cooks, County Judge


Bob Fitch, Commissioner Precinct 1


Mike Fields, Commissioner Precinct 2


Phillip Hinton, Commissioner Precinct 3


Thomas E. Hockaday, Commissioner Precinct 4