RESOLUTION NO. 2014-09

WHEREAS, the County of Titus, 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. 37,043:

#### Titus County Appraisal District et al vs. Unknown Owners

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

MARK A. WEST 13407 Perthshire Road Houston, Texas 77079

for and in consideration of the cash sum of \$18,500.00, said \$18,500.00 to be distributed pursuant to Chapter 34 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Resolved this the <u>10</u> day of <u>November</u>, 2014.

Attest

County Judge

Those Voting Aye Were:	
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## EXHIBIT "A"

Cause Number	37,043 Titus County Appraisal District, et al vs. Unknown Owners
Judgment Amount	<ul> <li>\$ 25,839.96 Titus County Appraisal District</li> <li>\$ 6,915.90 County of Titus and Hospital District</li> <li>\$ 1,669.47 Northeast Texas Community College</li> </ul>
Present Bid	\$18,500.00
Bidder	Mark A. West

# PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

8.91 Acres, Seth Pryor Survey, A-440, Titus County, Texas

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

November 5, 2014

Honorable Brian Lee County Judge, Titus County Titus County Courthouse Mt. Pleasant, Texas

RE: **8.91** acres, Seth Pryor Survey, A-440, Titus County, Texas

Dear Judge Lee:

I have received a bid for the purchase of the above referenced tract of land which had been previously struck off at a delinquent tax auction to the County of Titus as Trustee for the taxing entities of Titus County on April 1, 2014. The bid is for less than the amount of the Judgment which led to the Sheriff's sale to the County and also less than the listed appraised value. Section 34.05 of the Texas Property Tax Code requires consent by **a**ll taxing entities when such **a** sale is for less than the amount of the judgment. Therefore, before the sales can become final, if the sale is approved by your Court, the consent of the other taxing entities of the county is necessary.

Mark A. West has offered \$18,500.00 for this property. The Judgment amount was \$34,425.33. The taxable value for this property is listed as \$37,689.00.

This property is completely landlocked without access except through adjoining landowners. This bid is by the son of one of the adjoining landowners, whose bid offers an explanation of why the taxes were not paid. The property has been listed on the tax rolls under "Unknown Owner". The only other adjoining landowner, Richard W. Baker, was notified of the availability of this property, but has chosen at this time not to make a bid. I enclose plats and documentation for the court's consideration.

I would request the court to take some action on this offer by either acceptance or rejection at this time. If the county wishes to accept the offer, please so advise and I will prepare the necessary Resolutions.

Should you have questions about these specific transactions 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.

incerely yours,

TRT:plw

October 13, 2014

The Honorable Tim R. Taylor Titus County Attorney 100 West First Street Mount Pleasant, Texas 75455

> Re: Seth Pryor Survey A-440, Tract 220, 8.91 Acres Parcel ID: 7360

Dear Mr. Taylor,

I am the son of Marvin L. West and would like to make an offer to purchase the 8.91 acre Tract 220 that is referenced above in the Seth Pryor Survey A-440. This tract has been under cultivation and/or pasturage as part the Wilson family farm since the 1850's. My father purchased the original Wilson farm from my grandfather, J.E. Wilson, in the mid 1960's. In the mid 1980's an adjoining tract of land was purchased from a neighbor by my father and at this time a survey of all of my father's acreage was made by an independent surveying company. The surveyor made a measurement error while conducting this survey, which was unnoticed by my father prior to his filing the survey with the county. The 8.91 acre tract was apparently created by this survey error. When the discrepancy was detected by my father, he had an attorney draft a quit claim deed for the acreage in question. The attorney for my father purportedly filed the quit claim deed with the county, but unknown to my father, the county evidently never received the document. The first time that my father was made aware that there was still an issue involving this tract was when he was notified that the tract would be auctioned by the county this past spring 2014. Up until this time, he assumed that he was correctly paying taxes on all of his acreage as required.

This acreage has been maintained and managed under fence continually by my family since the original land grant was issued in the 1850's. The referenced tract is completely landlocked between my father's acreage and the acreage owned by our neighbor, Richard W. Baker.

Given the circumstances detailed above, I would like to offer \$18,500 for the 8.91 tract. I would like for this tract to be recorded in my name, Mark A. West, and request that my name be placed on the county tax role for this acreage. Upon acceptance of this offer, I will provide a cashier check for the full amount.

Sincerely,

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Mark A. West 13407 Perthshire Road Houston, Texas 77079 (713) 461-6636

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