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TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT  
SPECIAL MEETING

June 17, 1988 --- 10:00 A.M.

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TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS*Donece Gregory*

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TYLER §

ON THIS THE 17th day of June, A.D. 1988

the Commissioner's Court in and for Tyler County, Texas convened in a Special Meeting at the Commissioner's Courtroom in Woodville, Texas, the following members of the Court present, to wit:

JOSIAH WHEAT	COUNTY JUDGE , Presiding
J. CARROL CONNER	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1
A.M. BARNES	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2
WILLIS GRAHAM	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3
JAMES R. JORDAN	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #4
DONECE GREGORY	COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

the following were absent: none thereby constituting a quorum. In addition to the above were:

JANIE DUBOSE	COUNTY AUDITOR
JEAN PHILLIPS	COUNTY TREASURER
PAT HARDY	CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY
W.B. BAILEY	CONSTABLE, PCT. #1
IRIS WHIGHAM	PROJECT DIRECTOR TCAC
WADE SKINNER	TYLER COUNTY JAIL ADMINISTRATOR
GARY HENNIGAN	DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR SHERIFF
DEE ANN ARD	DISPATCHER- SHERIFF'S DEPT.

Mr. Tim V. Martin presented to the Court his report of analysis of the radio system at the Tyler County Justice Center. Judge Wheat stated that it was the understanding of the Court that Trinity Communications Inc./G.E. bid to install G.E. equipment, however it has been learned that G.E. equipment was not installed and the equipment installed is unsatisfactory and does not provide proper service as testified to by law enforcement agencies of the County. Mr. Withers of Trinity Communications Inc./G.E. responded by saying that they were not finished with the system, however they have not found that much trouble. He stated that he had not been notified of problems. Judge Wheat gave Mr. Withers a chance to review Mr. Martin's analysis at this time. SEE ATTACHED ANALYSIS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes to authorize the County Judge to negotiate a contract with the Deep East Texas Council of Governments- Area Agency on Aging, however the final decision of a contract would be presented to the Court. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graham. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED REQ. FOR PROPOSAL.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Graham to approve the purchase of paint for stairwell and foyer to the District Judge's office and office of County Commissioners. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve all bills submitted by the County Auditor with the exception of the bill to Barnes Plumbing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graham. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Conner to approve payment of bill submitted by Barnes Plumbing. All voted yes and none no with Commissioner Barnes abstaining. SEE ATTACHED LEDGER.

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Gary Chandler requested that the Court provide his office (Driver's License Dept.) with a phone line so that the department could be listed in the telephone directory. Estimated cost would be \$60.00 for installation and a monthly charge of \$26.65 line charge. A motion was made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to approve installation of phone service for the Driver's License Department as requested by Gary Chandler. All voted yes and none no.

Richard Hile, attorney at law, summarized former litigation and disputes concerning Tyler County Water Supply Corp., Diamond, Inc. and Commissioner Graham, etc. Mr. Hile advised that Diamond Construction had offered to pay Tyler County \$10,000.00 in settlement of the suit for damages filed by Willis Graham, Commissioner of Precinct #3 and from this amount he will be paid legal fees and expenses. Judge Wheat asked that Commissioner Jordan preside over this portion of the meeting because at the time of this incident he was attorney for Tyler County Water Supply, Corp. With Commissioner Jordan presiding as Judge Pro Tem and after discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Graham to accept the settlement agreement of \$10,000.00 in connection with the law suit against Diamond, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Conner. All voted yes and none no.

Judge Wheat presiding:

A motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to accept the lowest bid from Allison Chevrolet, Inc. for a 3/4 ton truck for Precinct #4 subject to his working out an acceptable delivery date and option best suited for Precinct #4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED BID. (Refer to June 13, 1988)

After reviewing Mr. Martin's analysis of the radio system, Mr. Withers stated that basically he did not disagree with the analysis. He stated that however the bid specifications as he saw it there were 14 items as one option; option A- eight channel remote control; option B- tower; option C-maintenance contract. Mr. Withers stated that the County chose option A & B and therefore does not have any bearing on the 14 items proposed. Among other discussion, Judge Wheat reminded Mr. Withers that when the Court accepted their bid it was for a turn-key job and also that the equipment installed would be totally complete and the County would have no responsibility for any part of the work and would be totally functional upon delivery to the County. Alva Cook spoke of problems that the Fire Department was having with the radio system. Judge Wheat inquired of why G.E. equipment had not been installed. Mr. Withers responded that the 14 items were G.E. however, the Sheriff's department wanted a console and that option was not G.E. equipment. Dee Ann Ard reported that she felt they did not get the service they needed. Walt Davis reported problems with the system that signals were not going out to Colmesneil or Dam-B. Judge Wheat stated that the DPS, City of Woodville, Sheriff's department and Mr. Tim Martin would have to be satisfied with the radio system before it would be satisfactory to the Court. Judge Wheat also recommended to the Court that the matter be continued to the next meeting and at that time would review whether or not that the system has been put into a turn-key condition and all complaints concerning the radio be channeled through Wade Skinner and that Mr. Skinner contact Trinity Communications in reference to the complaints. Pat Hardy also stated problems he experienced with the radio system. Mr. Withers stated he would do whatever necessary to satisfy the departments except the operation problems with the repeater. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Conner to give Mr. Withers until Friday to comply and have records from Mollie Cowart showing brochures of G.E. equipment also representatives of Trinity Communications, City of Woodville, fire chief, Mr. Martin and Officer Hennigan. Asking that Mr. Withers have the system complete and fully operational by Friday, June 24. Commissioner Conner in his seconded stated that he asked Mr. Withers when he made the motion to accept their bid if he could fulfill the contract as originally bid and that being G.E. equipment. All voted yes and none no. REFER TO ANALYSIS.

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With Commissioner Jordan presiding as Judge Pro Tem:

**Mayor Tom Knapp** stated that the City Council had discussed that due to the problems of equipment and operator error the City should explore the possibility of developing their own dispatch system. Mayor Knapp stated however that he was against this because of the additional cost burden for the City and the County. **Alva Cook** spoke to the possibility that maybe an additional dispatcher would help solve some of the problems. **Dee Ann Ard** responded that she spoke for herself but that she had no problems with her responsibilities and felt she didn't need additional help. **Walt Davis** responded that Dee Ann did a good job but that he felt some of the dispatchers needed additional training. Dee Ann recommended that Mr. Withers give the dispatchers additional training on the equipment he installed.

With Judge Wheat presiding he asked that Mr. Withers give additional training as recommended because the dispatchers needed to be 100% competent on handling the equipment.

With Commissioner Jordan presiding as Judge Pro Tem:

A motion was made by **Commissioner Graham** and seconded by **Commissioner Barnes** to table setting the cost of **housing prisoners** from the **City of Woodville** until July 11, for further study. All voted yes and none no.

With Judge Wheat presiding, the County Auditor said she would have a budget amendment presented for approval of the Court on Friday, June 24 concerning the request from **probation department** for **detention/emergency shelter funds**.

**W.B. Bailey, constable for Precinct #1** requested that the Court reimburse him for expenses of two uniforms, a badge and insignia for his car which he felt necessary to be recognized by other law enforcement. A motion was made by **Commissioner Conner** to postpone approval of fee for uniforms since this was not furnished to other constables, until next years budget workshops, however approving payment for the badge and decal for car since these were furnished to other constables. This amount being \$70.25. **Commissioner Graham** seconded this motion. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Jordan** and seconded by **Commissioner Graham** to accept the bid from **Lade Sales** on the 1982 Ford ½ ton pick-up in the amount of \$551.01 and the bid from **Gary's Water Wells** on the 1977 Dump truck (GMC) in the amount of \$1150.00 and reject the bids on the dump bed and 1976 ½ ton Chevrolet pick-up. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED BIDS.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Jordan** and seconded by **Commissioner Graham** to accept the petition for the creation of a **Tyler County Rural Fire Prevention District No.1** and hold a public hearing on same July 14, 1988 at 10:00 A.M. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED PETITION.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Barnes** and seconded by **Commissioner Conner** to adjourn. All voted yes.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED 5:15 P.M.

SIGNED: Josiah Wheat Josiah Wheat, County Judge.  
J. Carrol Conner J. Carrol Conner, Comm. Pct. #1  
A.M. Barnes A.M. Barnes, Comm. Pct. #2  
Willis Graham Willis Graham, Comm. Pct. #3  
James R. Jordan James R. Jordan, Comm. Pct. #4  
 ATTEST: Donece Gregory Donece Gregory, County Clerk.