

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 23, 1988 --- 10:00 A.M.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TYLER § ON THIS THE 23rd day of September, 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
BARBARA TOLBERT	COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

A motion was made by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Jordan to accept the monthly report from the Justice of Peace, Pct. #1, Wanda Brasher. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED REPORT.

There were 56 guest present interested in the salaries of the County Officials. The Court recognized Mr. Don Forse representing the Tyler County Taxpayers Association. Mr. Forse stated that they were asking the Commissioners to vote to defeat an increase in salary for the Elected Officials, however the association would stand behind raises for employees.

Judge Wheat responded that he understood that the association was in favor of raises for employees, but not at this time. He also stated that he was now aware that salaries could not be set at this time but would be done through the budget adoption process. He stated that for discussion purposes only, was a 7% increase for County Officials and 10% increase for employees put into the proposed budget. Judge Wheat informed guest that a raise had not been given to employees since 1985 and for Officials since 1983. He also gave comparisons of salaries for surrounding County Officials.

Commissioner Jordan stated that he was 100% for an increase in salary for the employees and Elected Officials and ask guest to think of what their salary was when they retired and what that job is paying now.

Billy Tindel spoke in opposition to the salary increases stating that people knew what the Office payed when they ran for the job. Ron Davis also spoke in opposition to the salary increases stating that if the taxes were low it would encourage people to move into Tyler County creating a larger tax base.

Judge Wheat stated that the employees working for the people of Tyler County in the courthouse were the lowest paid employees in the County. Janet Brown and Donece Gregory responded as to the salaries of the employees along with the County Auditor, Janie DuBose.

The County Auditor requested that the Commissioner's Court adopt a calendar year instead of the fiscal year explaining that the majority of records in the County departments were on a calendar year basis. (i.e. payroll and County tax revenues) The County Clerk and County Treasurer also spoke to the Court in favor of adopting a calendar year basis in order to correspond to their record keeping. This matter was set for a meeting, September 27, 1988.

Don Forse asked Judge Wheat to call for a vote on the salary increases. Judge Wheat recommended that action concerning the salary increases needed to be deferred until after a public hearing was held on the budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Conner to adjourn this meeting and reconvene September 27, 1988 to adopt calendar year basis and defer action to set salaries until after public hearing on the budget as a whole on October 7, 1988. All voted yes and none no.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

SIGNED: Josiah Wheat Josiah Wheat, County Judge  
J. C. 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

