

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 15, 1991 --- 10:00 A.M.

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COUNTY OF TYLER ON THIS THE 15TH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1991

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

MAXIE L. RILEY	COMMISSIONER, PCT.#1
A.M. BARNES	COMMISSIONER, PCT.#2
JERRY MAHAN	COMMISSIONER, PCT.#3, Presiding
HENRY EARL SAWYER	COMMISSIONER, PCT.#4

the following were absent: Judge Owens thereby constituting a quorum. In addition to the above were:

SANDRA MATKIN	CHIEF-DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
JOYCE MOORE	COUNTY AUDITOR
JAMES A. CLARK	CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY
JEAN PHILLIPS	COUNTY TREASURER
KENNY SIMPSON	ADULT PROBATION OFFICER

Commissioner Riley made the motion to approve minutes for October 12, November 12, November 16, 1990 and February 22, 1991. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Sawyer to approve paying bills from the County Auditor's Office including \$430 for chairs for the Commissioners' Office purchased from Texas Department of Corrections. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED GENERAL LEDGER DISTRIBUTION REGISTER.

Allen Sturrock from the Probation Department introduced Les Leech with Peavy Switch in Lufkin, Texas. Mr. Leech then made a presentation to the Court explaining drug and alcohol abuse and its impact on the work environment and the program at Peavy Switch. They have JCAHO approval which is the same accreditation as a hospital and approved by almost every major insurance underwriter. They are the largest in-patient treatment facility of this kind in East Texas with a 48 bed capacity and an 81 acre campus with the land donated by Temple-Inland. Peavy Switch is an adult, 18 years and up facility. He also explained they give therapy instead of only de-toxifying patients. Mr. Leech stated that he does educational seminars for businesses and industries and that could be available for the City of Woodville or County of Tyler. He would present these seminars free of cost. Mr. Leech again stressed for the recommendation of Peavy Switch by members of the Court. Commissioners' Mahan and Riley praised the work done at Peavy Switch.

Allen Sturrock explained to the Court the problems involved with using law enforcement officers in transporting mental health patients to psychiatric hospitals. Deep East Texas MHMR has volunteered to pay one-half of the estimated cost of transporting the mental health clients upon the signing of the Support Service Contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to approve the Support Service Contract based on the approval of the District Attorney and the County Judge. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED LETTER AND CONTRACT.

Commissioner Riley made the motion for Kenny Simpson to get proposals on a new air-conditioner for the Probation Department and to present them at the next Regular meeting in April. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. All voted yes and none no.

S.J. Head explained an existing problem of a missed portion of Greenway Avenue at Lot 15, Block 7, West Town Bluff Subdivision. He stated that he was told that a survey was needed and he had the survey made. Stakes were put up. Mr. Head alleges the man who built the fence removed all stakes and removed all evidence of the survey. Mr. Head would like to keep the right-of-ways accessible without fencing. He further stated that the man who built the fence says his property goes to the road and Mr. Head again stated that his purpose was to keep the right-of-ways as clear as possible. Commissioner Mahan responded that this property is in his precinct and he spoke to the man who owns the fence and he told Commissioner Mahan that he would be glad to move his fence if the survey said the line was elsewhere. Commissioner Mahan and the District Attorney were researching to see if the roads were ever dedicated. Mr. Clark stated that there is a dedication of the streets and easements for public use. He has not yet seen where the County accepted the streets for maintenance but they have been maintained by the County. Commissioner Riley made the motion to table any decision on the private fence on the right-of-way in Precinct #3 until the District Attorney could research further. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

The County Auditor presented line-item transfers for Road & Bridge #3, Juvenile Probation Match and the Law Library. Commissioner Riley wanted to defer on the Juvenile Probation to get this matter back in line with the grant. Commissioner Mahan disagreed stating that additional funds were previously approved, further did not want to interfere with personnel matters. A motion was then made by Commissioner Sawyer and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to approve the line-item transfers as submitted by the County Auditor's Office. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS.

Commissioner Riley made the motion to approve the renewal of the bond for Jackie Skinner, Assistant Auditor in the amount of \$14,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED BOND.

Discussion on the policy for the Sanitary Landfill consisted of the increase of household permits on July 1, 1991 to \$2 per month. Other changes will go into effect on April 1, 1991. The commercial haulers did not receive an increase and their fee will remain at \$60 per month because it was felt by the Court that they were paying a fair amount at this time. It was also stated that the permits will be good at the landfill site on Highway 190 and the landfill in Colmesneil but after June 1, 1991 the Colmesneil landfill will close. Commissioner Sawyer made a motion to accept the new proposed fees for the Sanitary Landfill. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED FEES.

A motion was made by Commissioner Riley and seconded by Commissioner Sawyer to approve the bond for Rose Lacy in the Criminal District Attorney's Office in the amount of \$14,000. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED BOND.

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Commissioner Riley made the motion to adopt the contract for the stockman as prepared by District Attorney, James Clark. The contract stated that \$25 per hour be paid to the stockman with a minimum of 1 hour and \$5 per animal, per day storage. The contract further stated the owner of the animal will pay directly to the stockman and the County will be free of all liability. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED CONTRACT.

James Clark made the Court aware of a bill that is trying to do away with the inviolability of the Grand Jury. Mr. Clark is asking all members to call Allen Hightower and Bill Haley in opposition to this.

Commissioner Riley inquired of the requirements concerning underground storage tanks. Mr. Clark will examine this matter. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to adjourn and seconded by Commissioner Barnes. All voted yes and none no.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED...11:15 A.M.

SIGNED:

*Jerome Owens*

Jerome Owens, County Judge

*Maxie L. Riley*

Maxie L. Riley, Comm. Pct. #1

*A. M. Barnes*

A. M. Barnes, Comm. Pct. #2

*Jerry Mahan*

Jerry Mahan, Comm. Pct. #3

*Henry Earl Sawyer*

Henry Earl Sawyer, Comm. Pct. #4

ATTEST:

*Donece Gregory*

Donece Gregory, County Clerk

