

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 JULY 13, 1992 --- 10:00 A.M.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TYLER ON THIS THE 13th DAY OF JULY, 1992  
 the Commissioners' Court in and for Tyler County, Texas convened in  
 a Regular Meeting at the Commissioners' Courtroom in Woodville,  
 Texas, the following members of the Court present, to wit:

JEROME OWENS	COUNTY JUDGE, Presiding
MAXIE L. RILEY	COMMISSIONER, PCT.#1
A.M. BARNES	COMMISSIONER, PCT.#2
HENRY EARL SAWYER	COMMISSIONER, PCT.#4
DONECE GREGORY	COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

the following were absent: Jerry Mahan thereby constituting a  
 quorum. In addition to the above were:

JOYCE MOORE	COUNTY AUDITOR
JAMES CLARK	CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY
JEAN PHILLIPS	COUNTY TREASURER
SANDRA HARRISON	COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
MATT BOCHET	COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT
JAMES HANDLEY	CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

The invocation was given by James Riley.

A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to approve the minutes  
 of April 16, May 11, 21 & 22 and June 8 & 12, 1992. The motion was  
 seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Barnes made a motion to approve the  
 County Treasurer's monthly report as submitted by Jean Phillips.  
 The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. All voted yes and  
 none no. SEE ATTACHED REPORT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to accept the monthly  
 report of the Adult and Juvenile Probation Departments as filed.  
 The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. All voted yes and  
 none no. SEE ATTACHED REPORT.

Commissioner Riley made a motion to approve the monthly report  
 of Wanda Brasher, J.P. #1 as submitted. The motion was seconded  
 by Commissioner Sawyer. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED  
 REPORT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to approve the monthly  
 reports of the County Extension Department as filed. The motion  
 was seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. All voted yes and none no.  
 SEE ATTACHED REPORT.

Commissioner Riley made a motion to approve the monthly report  
 of the County Auditor as submitted. The motion was seconded by  
 Commissioner Sawyer. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED  
 STATEMENT OF CONDITION.

A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to approve the allowances  
 and accounts payable from the County Auditor's Office as  
 submitted with the addition of the trip to Washington to be paid  
 from the County fund. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion.  
 All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED GENERAL LEDGER DISTRIBUTION  
 REGISTER AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PAID.

Charles Spurlock, President of the Tyler County Tax Appraisal District and John E. Kinney, Tyler County Representative, were present in Court to discuss the consideration of the Tax Appraisal District's Budget for 1993. Mr. Kinney explained the increase in salaries of the appraisers. He stated that he had looked into the background of the people with salaries from \$18,000 to \$20,000 and these people are required to take a series of courses and in their files are papers showing their completion of all required courses. These appraisers also have from 1 to 3 years of college. Mr. Kinney further stated that another question posed to him by County Officials is "what happens to the fees that are earned for the collection of taxes by the County Appraisal District for other entities in the County?". He discussed this with Mr. Spurlock and it is their belief that the budget does not include the money the County Appraisal District collects from various districts for services in collecting taxes. Judge Owens stated that the budget is \$40,000 over last years budget with \$30,000 to upgrade equipment and \$10,000 for personnel and the County would be responsible for 27% or roughly \$11,000. He also stated that the County does not have \$10,000 and this would mean that the County would have to rearrange and cut down some of the departments or they would be forced to come up with a solution for the additional revenue, such as a tax increase. Charles Spurlock then stated that the past three years the Appraisal District has improved in professionalism and there was an upgrade in the computers and he felt the salaries are justified. Mr. Kinney spoke again stating that John Jay, a CAD employee, is doing the mapping project at a salary of \$19,000 which D.D. Shine had been paid to do for several hundred thousand dollars. After discussion, Commissioner Riley made a motion to table the consideration of the Tax Appraisal District's Budget for 1993 until there was a full Court to vote and to further study where the money was being allocated. Mr. Spurlock again spoke up to explain funding for collections to answer Mr. Riley. Commissioner Riley stated his motion still stood. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. All voted yes and none no.

Judge Owens explained the benefits of having the Jasper Federal Savings and Loan Building for the Tyler County Hospital's Administrative Offices also stating how the present offices are cramped for space. Tom Sturdivant, Hospital Administrator, reiterated the lack of space, and further rationalized the purchase of the Jasper Federal Savings Building would upgrade the services of the Hospital and would be more accessible to the public. Judge Owens asked for Commissioner's Court to consider entering into an inter-local agreement with the hospital, and to consider at this meeting giving authorization to make an offer for the purchase of the building. The hospital would reimburse the County as a leasee. Commissioner Riley made a motion to table the consideration of making a bid for the Jasper Federal Savings & Loan Building for the Hospital Administrative Offices until Thursday, July 16, in order that the building might be viewed. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Riley requested that a resolution be passed in the near future commending Toby Spurlock for service to the Tyler County Hospital Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to appoint Henry Shettles to the hospital board of managers to replace Mr. Spurlock. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. All voted yes and none no.

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Bandra Harrison, County Tax Assessor, recommended John Wofford as the new attorney for delinquent taxes stating he was an aggressive tax collector and easy to work with. Mr. Wofford conveyed his opinion that to maximize collections in Tyler County would be to allow payment plans. Partial payments would not be put into escrow and would allow payments to be spread to taxes with accrued penalties and interest. This would benefit both the tax payer and simplify bookkeeping for collections. Commissioner Riley expressed he wants more contact with the tax attorney and be more informed. Mr. Wofford responded that the Court would have a report within 30 days and further reports would be submitted through Ms. Harrison. Judge Owens stated that he wanted a plan which is fair to all people in the County. He further reiterated that being better apprised would help with budget planning and this revenue would prevent tax increases. Upon the consensus of giving Judge Owens the latitude to execute an addendum providing for a thirty day "lap over" upon the termination of this contract, Commissioner Riley made a motion to employ John Wofford as the County's attorney for the collection of delinquent taxes. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED CONTRACT.

COURT RECESSED FOR 10 MINUTES. COURT IN SESSION:

A motion was made by Commissioner Sawyer to authorize the issuance of garbage permits through September 1992. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Riley. All voted yes and none no.

After Jackie Skinner presented an additional proposal in the amount of \$2,398 for additional work in remodeling restrooms on the first floor of the Courthouse. Commissioner Riley commended Mrs. Skinner for her assistance and motioned to approve the additional work for the amount of \$2,398 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED PROPOSAL.

Commissioner Riley made a motion to authorize the District Attorney's Office to solicit prices for a new air conditioning and heating unit and to table the approval for the unit until Thursday. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

Matt Bochet, County Extension Agent, presented modifications to the Rodeo Arena rules which were previously approved by the Commissioner's Court. He explained that the fire department would have first choice of the concession stand with exception of the PRC Rodeo which would be given to the Sheriff's Posse. Terry Riley, representing the Tyler County Sheriff's Posse, listed several projects of upgrading the arena that was funded by the Sheriff's Posse and due to the rules now, giving the fire department first option, the Sheriff's Posse cannot continue to assist the County with funding. Charles Spurlock gave a historical view of the use by the organizations. It was the Court's desire that both groups work together. A motion was then made by Commissioner Riley to adopt the new rules as submitted and to further consider funds at budget time to increase the amount by \$1,300 for improvements previously done by the Sheriff's Posse, so that upgrading can be continued. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED RULES.

Sandra Harrison presented a proposal drawn up by the previous Tax Assessor Collector, Barbara Tolbert, for the consolidation of taxes for all entities at 60¢ per parcel. No action was taken by the Court. SEE ATTACHED PROPOSAL.

Commissioner Riley made a motion to appoint election judges and alternates for Commissioner Precincts Nos. 1, 2 & 4 with the exception to Voting Box #8 in Precinct No. 2 and all boxes in

Precinct No. 3. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED LIST.

The County Clerk explained the proposed configuration for the automation of the Justice Center and the necessity to upgrade present system for this purpose. A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to authorize the advertisement for computer proposals for this project which will be paid with the TDJC grant funds and matching funds designated in the budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Commissioner Riley made a motion to authorize advertisement for bids to sell vehicles, being a 1989 Ford and a 1990 Chevrolet from the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

After James Handley presented proposals for the approval of the purchase of an air conditioner for the Juvenile Probation Office, a motion was made by Commissioner Riley to approve the purchase of a Frederick air conditioning unit from Mann Furniture in the amount of \$275.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. All voted yes.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED...12:00 P.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: *Danece Gregory* Danece Gregory, County Clerk