

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 30, 1993 --- 8:30 A.M.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TYLER ON THIS THE 30TH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D.1993

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:

JEROME OWENS	COUNTY JUDGE, Presiding
MAXIE RILEY	COMMISSIONER, PCT.#1
PETE BARNES	COMMISSIONER, PCT.#2
JERRY MAHAN	COMMISSIONER, PCT.#3
HENRY EARL SAWYER	COMMISSIONER, PCT.#4
DONECE GREGORY	COUNTY CLERK, Ex-Officio

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

JOYCE MOORE	COUNTY AUDITOR
SANDRA HARRISON	TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
JEAN PHILLIPS	COUNTY TREASURER
JAMES A CLARK	CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

A motion was made by Commissioner Sawyer and seconded by Commissioner Riley to approve the minutes of August 13, 1993. All voted yes and none no.

Leon Hastings and Mary Hastings were present to voice opposition against the proposed tax increase for the Tyler County Hospital and the County of Tyler. In summary he felt the hospital was "not a first rate hospital"; that, he was for building the road (extension of Hwy 92) but, was against tax increase and felt the project should be delayed. He justified his opposition by stating that they lived on a fixed income and since their investment income was down his income was not being increased.

Johnie Hickman, Board Member of Tyler County Hospital, responded that he agreed that medical charges were "obscene, but they were that way all over". The increase was needed to subsidize building repairs, federal regulations and indigent health care.

Judge Owens also returned the importance of a hospital for the community and the progress of the County.

Commissioner Mahan's comments included - the County Hospital was rated one of the top rural hospitals in the state. The County tax increase was not only for the Hwy 92 project, but included services called for by the people such as more law enforcement, hospital care and better roads. These have been absorbed as much as can be without cutting services since there has not been an increase in several years. If the Highway 92 project was put on hold, it would never be built. The County's responsibility is to buy right-of-way and moving utilities as required by law.

Commissioner Sawyer voiced he had talked to several people whom expressed they could not afford more taxes.

Commissioner Riley responded that if the county hospital was closed, the County would still be mandated to take care of indigent health care and the cost would be greater.

Judge Owens amplified the justification explaining the exorbitant cost of closing the landfills and opening a community collection center with addition of the budgets having absorbed new mandates and flood disasters.

The meeting recessed in order to enter into a meeting posted for 9:00 A.M.

COURT BACK IN SESSION...9:20 A.M.:

Judge Owens listed three items within the budget that need special consideration because of unique opportunities or special problems that needed to be addressed. (1) Landfill/Collection Center (2) Road & Bridge/ROW (2) Library to maintain accreditation.

Most departments had stayed the same as last year except for insurance. Road & Bridge budgets were substantially down.

Adjustments were made to the budget as follows:

- * Allen Shivers Library - + \$10,000
- * ROW - + \$60,000
- * Road & Bridge
- * Changed projections of 1\2 cent sales tax, District Clerk Fees and Auto Registration Fees to cover the \$15,000 deficit in the budget and the additional allocation to the Library.

Each Commissioner made the ensuing observations concerning the proposed budget:

Commissioner Mahan felt small adjustments could be made, but over all the County had turned out the best budget for the money that was available.

Commissioner Barnes uttered the Court had done all it could do without a tax increase.

Commissioner Riley agreed that he did not like the budget resulting in a tax increase, however he could not see another way to balance it.

Commissioner Sawyer declared he felt there were ways to make cuts to keep from raising taxes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Riley and seconded by Commissioner Mahan to propose an increase in taxes for the Tyler County Hospital by three cents resulting .095 cents. The following vote was taken: Commissioner Riley - yes, Commissioner Barnes - yes, Judge Owens - yes, Commissioner Mahan - yes and Commissioner Sawyer - no

Commissioner Mahan motioned to adopt the budget for the year of 1994 as presented by the County Auditor. Commissioner Riley seconded the motion. All voted yes with exception to Commissioner Sawyer voting no. SEE ATTACHED BUDGET.

A date for a public hearing for the proposed tax increase was set for September 13th at 8:30 A.M. in the Commissioners' Courtroom.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mahan to set the proposed tax rate for Tyler County at 56 cents as allocated by:

.31	General Fund
.20	County Special
.05	Jail Fund

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. The following vote was taken: Commissioner Riley - yes, Commissioner Barnes - yes, Judge Owens - yes, Commissioner Mahan - yes and Commissioner Sawyer - no.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED...10:20 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

