

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 13, 1994 --- 8:30 A.M.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TYLER ON THIS THE 13TH DAY OF MAY, A.D.1994

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:

SANDRA CRITTENDEN	TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
LIZ SEAMAN	ELECTION JUDGE, PCT.#13

A motion was made by **Commissioner Riley** to approve the minutes of May 9, 1994 at 10 and 10:30AM. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Mahan**. All voted yes and none no.

Liz Seaman expressed appreciation toward the Court for their diligent work for the County and notified them she was moving to Junction, Texas and therefore would be resigning as **election judge**. She further commended her crew and requested the Court to keep this team. Judge Owens responded that Mrs. Seaman was loved by officials and employees all over the courthouse. The Court wished her well in her relocation.

In review of the **contract for delinquent tax collections**, Judge Owens recommended to give notice of cancellation of the present contract and renegotiate the contract. A motion was made by **Commissioner Barnes** to take the recommendation of Judge Owens. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Riley**.

In discussion, John Wofford asked for a chance to respond along with a chance to visit with commissioners individually about specific concerns, in the near future. Commissioner Mahan expressed he would like to hear from Mr. Wofford at this meeting. Mr. Wofford stated that up until three months ago, he had had good results with collections. Judge Owens expounded that the Court owes to the tax payers to be knowledgeable of how delinquent taxes are collected and the progress being made, to be equally and fair to all. Judge Owens indicated that he would talk with Mr. Wofford later as to things he would like to see in the contract.

Mr. Wofford informed the Court that schools can not take judgments for real property without the county being joined in the **suit**, and vice-versa. He implied the County had never stressed, in the past, filing suits. The schools had a tax docket last summer and will have

a docket on the 23rd of May. The County has a docket set for mid July. He pointed out a report of the top 100 largest total delinquent accounts, totalling approximately \$540,000.

Also expressed was Mr. Wofford's inability to obtain sufficient information from BRC until the beginning of March. Then found the hard drive at the tax office was not large enough to produce accumulative reports. The Tax Assessor will be using Chapter 19 funds to purchase a larger disk drive. These problems have now been solved and the commissioners should now be able to get reports as requested. Judge Owens explored, "How far have we come in the last two years in updating and getting our reports?" Mrs. Crittenden

responded that up until now she has not been able to get a total delinquent tax role amount.

Judge Owens communicated his desire to get "every nickels worth" for Tyler County. Having made recent investments, Judge Owens wants to get everybody "on full speed and running". In response to Judge Owens inquiry as to his plans for the top 100 delinquent accounts, Mr. Wofford answered that the mineral accounts have been barred for 10 years, some accounts should be deleted pursuant to law, and 5 or 6 accounts are now ready for seizure status. Judge Owens encourages those who need it to sign up for the partial payment plan. He added that he was very proud of this program for the taxpayers.

Mr. Wofford also reported that within the last three weeks his office has been able to restore 1980 zip codes and 381 addresses by taking computer run comparisons. He exclaimed that having a "good tape" is the difference between night and day, and the Court not knowing this has hurt. He concluded by requesting the commissioners to convey to the judge how they wanted reports compiled.

After this discussion, the question was called for. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Riley** and seconded by **Commissioner Barnes** to table consideration of Eastex EMS ambulance service membership program for further review. There was no representation from the ambulance service at the meeting. All voted yes and none no.

**Commissioner Riley** motioned to approve the bond of Jenny Best as a deputy in the **District Clerk's department**. **Commissioner Barnes** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED BOND.

The **County Clerk** presented an estimated cost of \$1450 in making the **Domino Hall** building accessible to use for additional space for her department. **Commissioner Sawyer** motioned to approve the expenditure. **Commissioner Mahan** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Riley** to take the recommendation of Elaine Clow, appointing Sherrel L. Reed to the **Children's Service Board**. **Commissioner Sawyer** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED QUESTIONNAIRE.

Randy Blanks updated the Court as to applications for **sewer facilities** reviewed by the committee. He reported receiving a total of 31 applications with 20 of those now ready to receive authorization for the engineers to proceed with percolation test - 4 Doucette/4 Warren/12 Dam B. A motion was made by **Commissioner Riley** to give favorable consideration to the applications presented authorizing the perc test. **Commissioner Mahan** seconded this motion. All voted yes and none no.

**Commissioner Mahan** motioned to approval of paying bills from May 19th to May 23rd. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Barnes**. All voted yes and none no.

**Commissioner Barnes** made a motion to authorize advertisement for bids to sell scrap iron and lumber treating vat. **Commissioner Riley** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Riley** that the meeting adjourn.

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THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED. VOL.

SIGNED: Jerome Owens Jerome Owens, County Judge

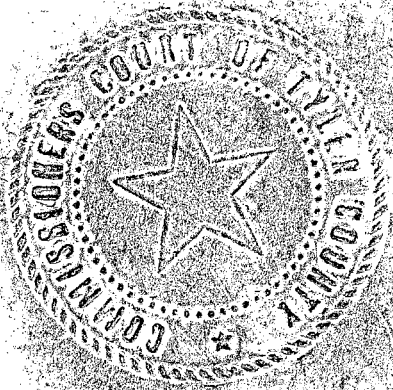
Maxie L. Riley Maxie L. Riley, Comm. Pct. #1

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



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# Western Surety Company

*Joyce Wilson*

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Tyler } ss

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. OFF-13747390

That we, Jenny Best, as Principal, and WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held and bound unto Governor of Texas, his successors in office,

in the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$ 14,000.00) DOLLARS, (NOT VALID IF FILLED IN FOR MORE THAN \$50,000.00)

for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by these presents.

Dated this 9th day of May, 19 94.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on the 9th day of May, 19 94, duly Appointed to the office of Deputy Dist. Clerk in and for Tyler (Elected-Appointed)

County, State of Texas, for a term of four year s commencing on the 9th day of May, 19 94.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of him by law as the aforesaid officer, ~~and shall~~

then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above. Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be cancelled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Countersigned

By

*Joyce Wilson*  
Resident Agent

*Jennifer Lynn Best*  
Principal  
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By

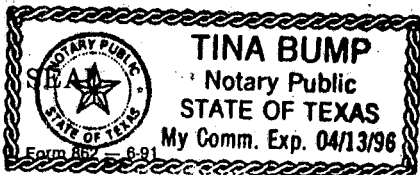
*Joe H. Kirby*  
Joe H. Kirby, President

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Tyler } ss

Before me, Tina Bump on this day, personally appeared Jennifer Lynn Best, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Woodville, Texas, this 13 day of May, 19 94.



*Tina Bump* (Tina Bump)  
Tyler County, Texas  
Western Surety Company  
1-605-336-0850

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OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_ of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not be, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract with or claim against the County, except such contracts or claims as are expressly authorized by law and except such warrants as may issue to me as fees of office. So help me God.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

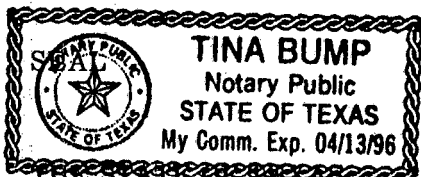
SEAL \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, Jennifer Lynn Best, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of District Clerk Deputy of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

Signed Jennifer Lynn Best

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Woodville, Texas, this 13 day of May, 1994.



Tina Bump (Tina Bump)  
Tyler County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS } ss  
County of Tyler

The foregoing bond of Jennifer Lynn Best as Deputy District Clerk in and for Tyler County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

Donece Gregory Clerk  
DONECE GREGORY  
County Court Tyler County

Date May 13, 1994  
Jerome Owens County Judge,  
JEROME OWENS  
Tyler County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS } ss  
County of Tyler

I, DONECE GREGORY, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the 9th day of May, 1994, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the 13th day of May, 1994, at 12:00 o'clock P M., and duly recorded the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1994, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume \_\_\_\_\_, on page \_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in Woodville, Texas, the day and year last above written.

Donece Gregory Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy County Court Tyler County

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COMPLAINT NOTICE: Should any dispute arise about your premium or about a claim that you have filed, contact the agent or write to the issuer of this bond, Western Surety Company. If the problem is not resolved, you may also write to the State Board of Insurance, P.O. Box 149091, Austin, Texas 78714-9091, FAX #(512)475-1771. This notice of complaint procedure is for information only and does not become a part or condition of this bond.

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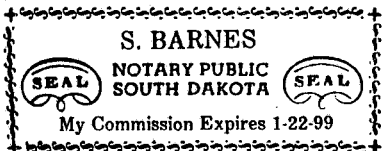
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
County of Minnehaha

} ss

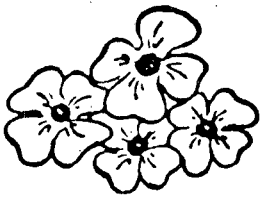
Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, personally appeared Joe P. Kirby  
to me known to be the identical person who subscribed the name of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, Surety, to the foregoing instrument as the aforesaid officer and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, and as the free and voluntary act and deed of such corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



S. Barnes

Notary Public

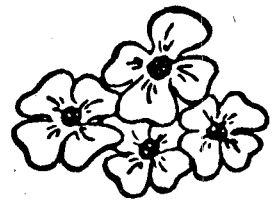


**DONECE GREGORY**

COUNTY CLERK

TYLER COUNTY

WOODVILLE, TEXAS 75979



*County of the Dogwood Festival*

(409) 283-2281

TO: MEMBERS OF THE COURT

FROM: Donece Gregory, County Clerk

DATE: May 13, 1994

RE: Space for part-time employees

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The following is an estimated cost of making the "Domino Hall" building accessible for use for data processing:

Run cable from AS\400 Computer to the Domino Hall .....	\$200.00
Computer Terminal for processing old records.....	\$1000.00
Telephone.....	\$ 250.00
(line is already available due to early voting)	
TOTAL REQUEST	\$ 1450.00

PROSPECTIVE CHILDREN'S SERVICES BOARD

QUESTIONNAIRE

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NAME

Sherrel L. Reed

ADDRESS

70 Woodland Hills  
Woodville, TX 75979

HOME PHONE

283-8972

WORK PHONE

283-2234

OCCUPATION

Office Admin

EMPLOYER

City of Woodville

Number of years in Tyler County

3 years residing

Education

BBA - Business Mgmt  
plus 50 years working

Are you now a member of or have you ever been a member of other boards, social or professional organizations? If yes, list:

- First Christian Church
- Wildwood Property Owners Association
- Dogwood Investment Club

Please indicate any special skills or expertise:

- Fund Raising \_\_\_\_\_
- Public Relations
- Financial
- Planning
- Public Speaking \_\_\_\_\_
- Community Outreach \_\_\_\_\_
- Volunteer Outreach \_\_\_\_\_

How much time per month could you devote to board and committee meetings:

Board as much as necessary Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in being a member of the Tyler County Children's Services Board?

Due to my association with Betty Reed I have already been involved in many of the activities that the board is involved in, and I would like to continue that involvement on a more personal level.



NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids addressed to the County of Tyler, for the following:

ID#050994-1: Sell Scrap Iron (Pct.#2)

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ID#050994-2: Sell Lumber Treating Vat (Pct.#2)

will be received in the Office of the County Clerk, Tyler County Courthouse, Rm.110, Woodville, Texas, until 10:00 A.M. on June 13, 1994 at which time and place all bids received shall be publicly opened.

Specifications may be secured at the office of the County Clerk.

PLEASE MAKE REFERENCE ON THE FACE OF THE ENVELOPE AS TO ITEM(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE BIDDING.

Payments will be processed by the County Auditor by invoice after notification of satisfactory receipt of items. Tyler County reserves the right to award by unit cost or lump sum discounted. Tyler County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities and technicalities to negotiate sale.

DONECE GREGORY  
COUNTY CLERK  
TYLER COUNTY, TEXAS