

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 1995 --- 8:30 A.M.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TYLER ON THIS THE 17TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1995

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

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

JOYCE MOORE	COUNTY AUDITOR
JAMES A CLARK	CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY
SANDRA CRITTENDEN	TX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
TINA BUMP	COUNTY TREASURER

Commissioner Sawyer motioned to approve the minutes of January 23, 1995. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Riley. All voted yes and none no.

County Auditor, Joyce Moore, requested bills be approved with correction of #49623 Gardner Oil to be transferred to Precinct #2 from Precinct #3. A motion was made by Commissioner Riley and seconded by Commissioner Mahan to approve payment of the bills as submitted the by the County Auditor. Commissioner Barnes abstained from discussion and voting on items relating to Barnes Plumbing, #49545 & #49546. All others voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED GENERAL DISTRIBUTION LEDGER AND ADDITIONAL INVOICES

Bids from Clements, Houston and Smarts GMC for a pup trailer were opened and read aloud. Commissioner Mahan requested this item be delayed further into the meeting.

Bids from Knapp Chevrolet, Houston, Knapp Ford Sales, Woodville for a pick-up truck for Precinct #3 were opened and read aloud. Consideration was deferred to later within this meeting.

Bids from Smarts White GMC and Jasper Mack for a dump truck for Precinct #4 were opened and read aloud. Consideration was deferred to later within this meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Riley to accept the bid from Matthews Construction for the used soil stabilizer for Precinct #1 and #4. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED BIDS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Riley and seconded by Commissioner Mahan to authorize advertisement for bids for a back hoe for Precinct #1. Payment will be by time warrants not to exceed \$40,000 in four years. Bids will be opened March 13 at 10:00 A.M. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Commissioner Riley motioned to reject all bids for fuel and advertise at a later date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED BID.

COURT RECESSED FOR 10 MINUTES.
COURT IN SESSION:

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A motion was made by Commissioner Mahan and seconded by Commissioner Riley to table decision on the pup trailer until a later date. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mahan and seconded by Commissioner Riley to table decision on the pick-up truck until a later date. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sawyer to award the bid for the dump truck to Jasper Mack Sales in the amount of \$70,773.42 to be paid by time warrants in 4 years with \$10,000 down payment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Riley. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED BIDS.

The final element for consideration, and not action, was to hear information concerning the cost of collection of taxes. Eddie Chalmers presented a written proposal to which he indicated the cost to collect taxes for Tyler County, Tyler County Hospital and four fire districts would be \$19,129 for a year.

Questions asked of Mr. Chalmers:

Commissioner Mahan - How much does the amount come to per parcel? Would it be the same for the school districts?

Mr. Chalmers - Did not have the breakdown, but would get this information. In his opinion, it was not the best way. He preferred the percentage of levy to be more realistic. The schools now pay \$2.45 per parcel, but will not be done that way in the future.

Judge Owens - How is savings of \$57,318 to Tyler County figured?
Mr. Chalmers - Salaries & Benefits for two employees; software & conversion; editorials; postage; dues & subscriptions(1/2); seminars(2/5ths)

Judge Owens pointed out the high tech 911 system to be coordinated and maintained in the Appraisal District office. This mapping will locate parcels. He wanted taxpayers to know the Court is doing some very progressive things in the County and should be willing to explore anything that saves money; that government should be cost efficient and minimized; that the Commissioners' Court wants to take a hard look at this and make a decision based on true savings to the taxpayers in order to meet additional burdens.

Sandra Crittenden, County Tax Assessor/Collector presented her report based on the cost of electricity, water & sewer utilities, computer & supplies, etc. on a per parcel basis because of the way the appraisal district has presented cost in the past. She reported a \$2.50 per parcel cost. The same four deputies also do automobile registration, parks & wildlife registration and voter registration. The only reductions in cost would be postage, computer & supplies. She proposed to have centralized collections in the County Tax office to bring revenue to share the burden of cost rather than paying the appraisal district to perform the collection duties. She believed the original intent of the legislature was for the appraisal districts to do appraisals and the County offices collect to give a check and balance system.

Questions asked of Mrs. Crittenden:

Judge Owens asked her to review the list of services presented by Mr. Chalmers and tell him whether the tax office was able to perform those at the present time. Mrs. Crittenden answered in the affirmative with exception the report giving the total collections for the year and the delinquencies would take more than one hour comparable to the next morning. Also, deposits can not be made daily because of other interruptions of duties mainly due to the load of trays of mail. She reported an approximate cost of \$10,000 to collect taxes alone. Commissioner Riley refuted this estimate based on postage alone.

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Commissioner Mahan questioned the cost of computer system and the need if tax collections were contracted out. He proposed the savings of \$10,000 in postage, \$14,000 in computer services and reduction of employees.

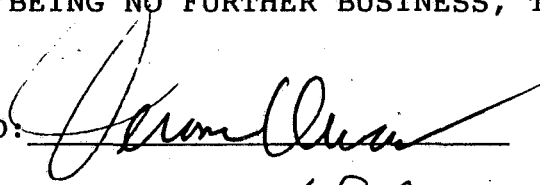
Commissioner Riley insisted on a break down of how much time an employee spends voter registration alone and taxes alone, etc.

Mrs. Crittenden was firm in her constitutional duties and her bound responsibility to the taxpayers to maintain the collection of taxes in the County Tax Office. She said she would have to see that it was the choice of the people in a vote to move the collections from the County to the Appraisal District. Judge Owens asked her to explore moving the collections for one year to see if Mr. Chalmers could meet his proposal.

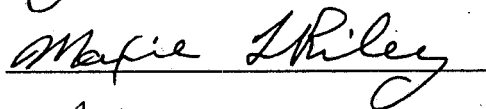
A motion was made by Commissioner Mahan that the meeting adjourn.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED....10:30 A.M.

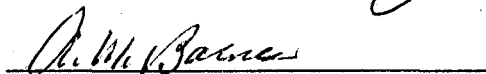
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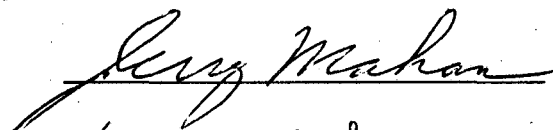
Jerome Owens, County Judge



Maxie L. Riley, Comm. Pct. #1



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

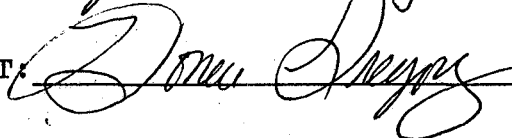


Jerry Mahan, Comm. Pct. #3



Henry Earl Sawyer, Comm. Pct. #4

ATTEST:



Donece Gregory, County Clerk