TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 1995 --- 8:30 A.M.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TYLER

ON THIS THE 24TH 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

MAXIE RILEY

PETE BARNES

JERRY MAHAN

HENRY EARL SAWYER

DONECE GREGORY

COUNTY JUDGE, Presiding

COMMISSIONER, PCT.#1

COMMISSIONER, PCT.#2

COMMISSIONER, PCT.#3

COUNTY CLERK

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

JOYCE MOORE COUNTY AUDITOR
TINA BUMP COUNTY TREASURER

Approval of minutes was deferred until March 13, 1995.

Tina Bump reviewed her compilation of information on bids received for a bank depository. In discussion of interest bearing accounts, Commissioner Mahan and Commissioner Riley questioned the account of the Tax Assessor Collector. Discussion was had toward the monthly reports of accounts being filed with the Treasurer by the 5th of each month. The Treasurer pointed out the tardiness of some offices with the filing of their reports. Judge Owens directed the treasurer to send a memo to the official, with a copy to the commissioners court, when she has not received the report by the 5th.

Judge Owens pointed out the option of the County to invest funds in TEXPOOL. Commissioner Mahan felt TEXPOOL investments were unstable. Commissioner Mahan inquired if the .00001% interest offered by First National Bank applied only to warrants for machinery. Mr. Spurlock agreed with Judge Owens that it applied to any certificates of obligation or loans. Tina requested that she be allowed access, the same as the county auditor, to departmental accounts. Judge Owens indicated the application for bids was not advertised as such and would have to be worked out later. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Riley to accept the bid from First National Bank of Jasper, Woodville Branch as the bank depository. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED BIDS.

Commissioner Mahan indicated the assumption that First National was the recommendation of the Treasurer and Auditor. Mrs. Bump replied that she had given her recommendation on all the banks and it was the Court's decision, however it would please her to stay with First National. The County Auditor was in agreement also.

A motion was made by Commissioner Riley and seconded by Commissioner Mahan to appoint Commissioner Barnes to the Board of Tri-County Community Action. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED LETTER.

Commissioner Barnes motioned to authorize advertisement for bids for a 3/4 ton pick-up truck for Precinct #2 to be bid with and without a trade-in. Payment will be made with \$5000 down payment and balance to be paid in three time warrants not to exceed \$20,000. Bids will be opened on March 17th at 8:30 A.M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mahan. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Pat Border Kirche with StarTel presented a cost savings to the County on long distance rates. She proposed a 12 cent per minute rate amounting to a projected \$5000 savings for a year. Travel cards will be issued to those authorized at no additional cost. She suggested a six months trial period of service. After discussion, Commissioner Mahan motioned this matter be investigated by a committee chaired by Commissioner Riley. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no.

The Court discussed with Mr. Chalmers, Chief Appraiser, the consolidation of tax collections. The promptness of monthly reports was talk over with Mr. Chalmers replying to Mrs. Bump that he could meet the legal requirments and additionally supply a report within Commissioner Mahan's opinion was that the people wanted one hour. Commissioner Riley added their desire was not only consolidation. consolidation but savings to provide raises to county employees and additional public services. Judge Owens initiated the Court's demand of departments to economize, cut back and streamline operations or the Court will make the cuts at **budget time**. Judge Owens invited the press to study the reports previously given by the Chief Appraiser The County Treasurer asked if Mr. Chalmers and County Tax Collector. would add staff or add cost of raises in salaries. Mr. Chalmers replied that he did not forsee the addition of staff but would always try to give pay raises to their employees.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED....9:25 A.M.

SIGNED:

Jerome Owens, County Judge

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

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

Jerry Mahan, Comm. Pct. #3

Wasey Earl Sayyer, Comm. Pct. #4

ATTEST: Donece Gregory, County Clerk