

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 13, 1995 --- 10:00 A.M.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TYLER ON THIS THE 13th DAY OF MARCH, 1995 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
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
TINA BUMP	COUNTY TREASURER
SANDRA CRITTENDEN	TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR
TOM PARKER	JUSTICE PEACE, PCT. #2

The invocation was delivered by C.D. Woodrome.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mahan and seconded by Commissioner Riley to approve the minutes of February 13, 1995. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Mahan inquired if all financial reports had been filed. The Treasurer responded all reports were filed with exception to that of JP#4. Upon balancing with the County Auditor, a motion was made by Commissioner Riley and seconded by Commissioner Mahan to approve the County Treasurer's monthly report as submitted. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED REPORT. Interest on TEXPOOL Investments was also discussed.

Commissioner Riley motioned to approve the monthly reports of the Adult Probation and Juvenile Probation Department. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED REPORTS.

Commissioner Riley motioned to accept the monthly report of the Justice of the Peace, Pct. #1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED REPORT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mahan to approve the monthly reports of the County Extension Department. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED REPORTS.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Sawyer to approve the monthly report of the County Auditor, upon reconciliation with the County Treasurer. All voted yes and none no.

SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT OF CONDITION.

Commissioner Mahan made the motion to approve the accounts payable from the County Auditor's Office as submitted. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PAID & GENERAL DISTRIBUTION LEDGER.

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The County Auditor opened and read aloud the bids received for a backhoe for Precinct #1. Bids were received from East Texas Machinery, Piney Woods Tractor, Jasper Equipment Co., Dogwood Sales and Mustang Tractor & Equipment. Commissioner Riley motioned to table award of bid until Friday, March 17th for further study. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mahan. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Riley motioned to adopt resolution extending the contract for the sewage project until April 30th, 1996 and authorizing the county judge to execute the necessary documents to initiate the contract. Commissioner Barnes seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sawyer and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to re-appoint Commissioner Riley to the DETCOG Board. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED.

The County Clerk requested authorization to purchase a microfilm reader-printer. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahan and seconded by Commissioner Sawyer to authorize this purchase up to \$10,000 from the Records Management Fund. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED.

Jeff McCrae and Steve Byrd reported the activity report of delinquent tax collections. He highlighted work completed in the tax office and the advertisement for sales of property in the local newspaper. He continues to investigate the "unknown accounts".

COURT RECESSED FOR 10 MINUTES..10:31 A.M.  
COURT IN SESSION:

Sandra Crittenden, County Tax Assessor Collector explained her monthly reports and her pursuit of software vendors for her department. Commissioner Riley conveyed his desire to have software that would be compatible to allow communications between the tax office and appraisal district computers. Mr. Chalmers was skeptical of the networking it would take. The conversion process was also discussed. In Judge Owens questions as to the funds being transferred to the County Treasury, Tina Bump interjected that Sandra submitted a report with transfers every Monday morning. Mrs. Crittenden reported a 88% collection rate at this point within the year. She pointed out the January and February reports were filed ahead of last year and would have been filed sooner except for problems with her computer.

Commissioner Mahan wanted to continue to look at consolidation of tax collections. Commissioners Mahan and Riley wanted the estimated cost of collections to compare to those presented by the Appraisal District. Mrs. Crittenden had been busy with tax collections since January and further insisted that she would not sign a contract to give up her duties pertaining to collections. She proposed consolidation with the Appraisal District would cost the County more, because her office would still have to be maintained for vehicle and voter registrations, yet the county would be paying another department for collection expenses. Commissioners Riley and Mahan

both contended the savings alone on postage and software was sufficient to pursue the transfer to the appraisal district. Commissioner Sawyer interposed the calls he had received were from taxpayers who desired the collections to remain at the County Tax Department. Commissioner Mahan requested Mrs. Crittenden to pursue the consolidation of school districts with the County by a phone call to the superintendents. Judge Owens summarized that all were in agreement that consolidation would save tax dollars. He resolved the school boards make the decision as to whom will collect their taxes; and, that the County Tax Assessor/Collector has the right to determine whom will collect the County taxes; therefore the Commissioners Court can only create a platform to tell the people of

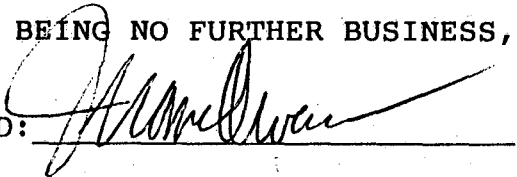
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the County, "there is a cost savings, if you want to make a cost savings, this is it." Mrs. Crittenden concluded that she was elected by the people and she holds a responsibility to them. If they so desire, the people may vote her out of office. They would not have this authority for appraisal district collections.

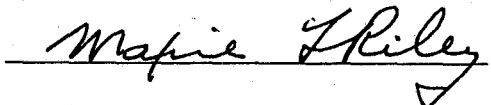
The meeting was adjourned by motion from Commissioner Riley.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED...11:30 A.M.

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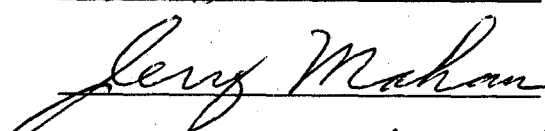
Jerome Owens, County Judge



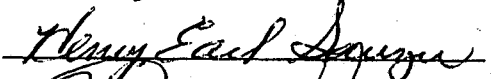
Maxie L. Riley, Comm. Pct. #1



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



Jerry Mahan, Comm. Pct. #3



Henry Earl Sawyer, Comm. Pct. #4

ATTEST



Donece Gregory, County Clerk