

TYLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 2003 ---- 10:00 a.m.

THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS THE 10th day of February, 2003 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
C.D. WOODROME	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #1
RUSTY HUGHES	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #2
JOE MARSHALL	COMMISSIONER, PCT. #3
JACK WALSTON	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
SHARON FULLER	COUNTY TREASURER
GARY HENNIGAN	SHERIFF

A motion was made by Commissioner Walston and seconded by Commissioner Hughes
to approve the minutes of December 30, 2002. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** to approve the **County Probation
monthly reports**, both adult and juvenile departments. **Commissioner Marshall**
seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED REPORTS.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to accept the monthly report of the **Justice of
Peace, Pct. #1**. **Commissioner Walston** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none
no. SEE ATTACHED REPORT.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** to accept the **monthly report** of the
County Clerk. **Commissioner Walston** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none
no. SEE ATTACHED REPORT.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Woodrome** and seconded by **Commissioner
Hughes** to approve the **monthly reports** of Sherry Gardner and Hugh Soape from the
County Extension Department. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED
REPORTS.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Woodrome** to approve the **allowances and
accounts payable** as submitted by the **County Auditor**. **Commissioner Walston**
seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Woodrome** and seconded by **Commissioner
Hughes** to approve the **County Auditor's monthly report** as reconciled with the
County Treasurer. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Walston** and seconded by **Commissioner
Hughes** to approve the **County Treasurer's monthly report** as reconciled with the
County Auditor. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Walston motioned to approve \$980 rental of portable toilets for the
Dogwood Festival for both weekends as requested by Kathryn Branch. The motion was
seconded by Commissioner Marshall. SEE ATTACHED PROPOSAL

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The County Auditor opened and read aloud **bids for a pickup truck and patrol car** for the **Sheriff's department**: Weaver Brothers, Kirbyville, Woodville Ford and Almey Ford, Lufkin. A motion was made by **Commissioner Marshall** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to award the bid to Woodville Ford for the pickup (\$20,334.04) and the patrol car (\$20,584). All voted yes and none no

The County Auditor opened and read aloud **bids for road materials and culverts**:

Lacy's Truck Stop, San Augustine

Hicks Post, Alto

Big 4 Inc., Hemphill

Thomas Supply, Livingston

Eastex Asphalt, Lufkin

APAC, Beaumont

Rural Pipe & Supply, Jasper

Wilson Culverts, Elkhart

A motion was made by **Commissioner Walston** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to table consideration of these bids until Friday, February 14th, for further study. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to table consideration of the only bid received for **petroleum products**, being Timberman's Supply, until Friday, February 14th. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Walston**. All voted yes and none no.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Woodrome** and seconded by **Commissioner Hughes** to call an **election** to elect a board of commissioner for the **Village Mills Fire Prevention District**, on November 4, 2003 in accordance with the Health and Safety Code. All voted yes and none no.

Commissioner Hughes motioned to approve the rider increasing the bond amount for the County Judge to \$14,000 at no additional premium charge. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All votes yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the rider increasing the bond amount for the Tax Assessor/Collector. **Commissioner Walston** seconded the motion. All votes yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED

A motion was made by **Commissioner Hughes** and seconded by **Commissioner Marshall** to approve the pit agreement between Louisiana-Pacific and Precinct #2. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHMENT

Commissioner Walston motioned to approve accepting "white goods" and metal goods at the **collection center** during the month of March at no charge. **Commissioner Marshall** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no

Commissioner Woodrome motioned to authorize **advertisement for bids**, to be opened March 10th at 10:00 a.m., to purchase a used **motor grader** for **Precinct #1**.

Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. This action was amended on motion by Commissioner Woodrome and second by Commissioner Hughes to advertise the issuance of **time warrants** not to exceed 5 years and indebtedness of \$72,000. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Commissioner Woodrome motioned to authorize **advertisement for bids** to sell an Allis Chalmers 100C Motor Grader from **Precinct #1**. The bids will be opened March 10th at 10:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Marshall**. All voted yes and none no.

Eddie Chalmers, Chief Appraiser, detailed the severe loss of tax revenue (approximate 1/2 million dollars) to the county due to the inequities of the **Reforestation Act**. Tyler County is one of seven economically distressed counties where the tax base is timberland and homes; hardly no industry. Judge Owens alluded to the constant erosion and rollback of funding burdens on the homeowners, county and government services; and, that the court will be "going to bat" for the small businesses and homeowners.

Commissioner Marshall motioned to adopt the **resolution** to participate in the Texas Timber Counties Coalition; and, to approve the **contract** with law firm of Bickerstaff, et al, with Tyler County's portion of funding not to exceed \$7500, to represent the coalition. **Commissioner Walston** seconded the motion. All voted yes and none no. SEE ATTACHED TAX REVENUE DETAIL, RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT.

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

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED...11:10a.m.

SIGNED: *Jerome Owens* Jerome Owens, County Judge

C.D. Woodrome C.D. Woodrome, Comm. Pct. #1

Rusty Hughes Rusty Hughes, Comm. Pct. #2

Joe Marshall Joe Marshall, Comm. Pct. #3

J.A. Walston Jack Walston, Comm. Pct. #4

ATTEST: *Donece Gregory* Donece Gregory, County Clerk

