

Be it remembered that the Commissioners Court in and for Sabine County, Texas, met in call session at the Court House in the town of Hemphill, Texas, on the 9th. day of December, A.D. 1912, Hon. J.B. Lewis, County Judge presiding, Geo. Nerren Com. Precinct No. 1, W.J. McDaniel Precinct No. 2, S.H. Hall, Precinct No. 3, A.T. Mathews, Precinct No. 4, H.J. Solly, Sheriff, F.P. Adams, Clerk.

Court being duly opened by proclamation of the sheriff, the following proceedings were had to wit:-

It is ordered by the Court that the different amounts turned in be paid as per the Accounts allowed.

It is ordered by the Court that the County Attorney be authorized to buy a set of Court of Criminal appeal reports with necessary digest and statutes.

It is ordered by the Court that the County Judge be authorized to purchase set of filing cases for use in the County Judges office.

✓ There was a petition presented to the Court from Precinct No. 8, signed by H.T. White and twenty other free holders asking for an election to determine whether or not, Sheep, Hogs and Goats shall be allowed to run at large in said voting Precinct and it was ordered by the Court that said election be held on the 13th. day of January A.D. 1913.

It was ordered by the Court that hereafter all accounts for stationery and supplies bought by officers of the County, shall be O.K. by the purchaser before same shall be paid.

It was ordered by the Court that no account for Merchandise or supplies bought by any one for the County be allowed unless said account is fully itemized, stating date of purchase of each article and giving the full name of article purchased and price of same and who purchased said article.

It is ordered by the Court that the Sheriff be instructed to buy a first class Yale Lock for each of the Five outside doors of the Court house and have same fitted to doors as early as possible, each of said locks to have Seven keys.

Be it remembered that the following petition was presented to the Commissioners Court to wit:-

To the Commissioners Court of Sabine County, Texas: Gentlemen: We the undersigned property tax paying voters residing in Lone Star common school district No. 5, Sabine County, respectfully petition your honorable body to order a special election in and for said school district, to determine whether or not the special tax of 20 Cents on the hundred dollars valuation of property in said district, as it now exists, shall be

increased to .50 cents on the hundred dollars worth of taxable property in said district for the purpose of supplementing the state school fund for said district, and we respectfully petition that the said election be ordered at as early date as can be done under the law.

Respectfully,

(Signed) M.E. Cooper,
J.E. Cooper,
D. McElroy,
J.A. McElroy,
S.D. Solly,
C.M. Lowe,
C.A. Woods,
C.W. McElroy,
S.T. McElroy,
G.W. Terren,
S.N. McColland."

The foregoing petition having been duly presented to the court and having been considered by the court, and it appearing to the court that by virtue of an election held in said school district heretofore to wit, more than two years next before the filing of the above petition, and that in said election the resident property tax paying voters of said school district by majority vote, voted upon themselves a special school tax of 20cts on the one hundred dollars worth of taxable property then in said district for the purpose of supplementing the state school funds of said district, and it appearing that said special tax in said school district is still in force by virtue of said election, it is hereby ordered by the court that said petition be and the same is hereby granted and it is hereby ordered that a special election be held on the 1st day of February, 1913, in said common school district to wit: Lone Star Common School District, No. 5, Sabine County, Texas, as established by order of the commissioners court of this county on the 4th day of June, 1906, which said order is of record in Book I, Pages 409 and 410, of the minutes of the commissioners court of Sabine County, said election to be held for the purpose of determining whether or not a majority of the legally qualified property tax paying voters of said district desire to increase the special school tax in that district from 20cts on the one hundred dollars to 50cts on the one hundred dollars worth of taxable property in said district for the purpose of supplementing the state school funds apportioned to said district, and to determine whether or not the commissioners court of this County, shall be authorized to levy assess and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of 50cts on the one hundred dollars worth of taxable property in said district for said purpose.

It is further hereby ordered by the court that the polls shall be opened for the purpose of voting in said election on said date, at the building now used in said district for school teaching, and said polls shall not be opened at any other place in said district on said date for purpose of voting in said election. It is further ordered that the County judge of Sabine County be, and is hereby ordered to appoint a presiding officer to hold said election, and is further ordered to furnish said presiding officer with all necessary supplies for holding said election in accordance with law. It is further ordered by the court that the sheriff of Sabine county post notices of said election as the law in such cases provides and directs, and that he make due return thereof to this court at its next regular meeting after said notices shall have so posted by him.

The ballots for said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"For Increase of School Tax".
"Against Increase of School Tax."

All persons who legally qualified voters of this county and this state, and who are resident property tax payers in said school district shall be entitled to vote in said election.

M.E. Cooper, was in open court appointed by county judge, as presiding officer for said election, and he shall select two judges and two clerks to assist him in holding said election, and he shall within five days after said election has been held make due returns thereof to the commissioners court of this county as is required by law for holding a general election.

Dec. 10th 1912.

J.B. Lewis, County Judge Sabine County made the following for a special election to be held on the 18th day of January 1913 in Precinct No. 8 and ordered that the following notice of said election be published in a newspaper in said County to wit:- The Sabine County Citizen;

To whom it may concern:-

On the 7th day of November, 1912 a petition in due form, and signed by twenty one freeholders, to wit:-

H.T. Smith and twenty others residing in voting precinct No. 8 of Sabine County, Texas, was filed with the Commissioners Court of Sabine County for the purpose of determining whether or not sheep, hogs and goats shall be allowed to run at large in said voting precinct. On the 10th day of December, A.D. 1912, said petition was presented before said Commissioners Court, and on said date to wit:- the 10th day of December, 1912 said commissioners court duly made and past its order, directing and ordering that said election be held in said voting precinct No. 8, of Sabine County, Texas, on Saturday, January, 18th 1913 for the purpose of determining whether or not sheep, goats and hogs be allowed to run at large within the bounds of said voting precinct No. 8, of Sabine County, Texas.

Now therefore by virtue of authority vested in me by law, I hereby order that a special election be held in and for voting Precinct No. 8, Sabine County, Texas, on the 18th day of January, 1913 for the purpose of determining whether or not sheep, goats and hogs shall be allowed to run at large within the bounds of said voting precinct, and I hereby designate the town of Geneva, in said voting precinct, as the voting place and the only voting place, at which the polls will be opened for the purpose of voting in said election.

J.B. Lewis,

County Judge, Sabine County, Texas,
Issued this 10th day Dec. 1912.

And the County Judge appointed S.W. King, S.A. Dorsey and E.B. Smith as managers of said election.

Court adjourned to meet at its next regular session.

Attest.

J.P. Williams
Clerk.

J.B. Lewis
County Judge.