

Commissioners Court met in regular quarterly session February 8th. 1915 with the following members present- Hon. J. B. Lewis, County Judge, Geo. W. Warren, Com. Prec. No. 1, J. A. Hyden, Com. Prec. No. 2, L. T. Halbert, Com. Prec. No. 3, C. M. Bennett, Com. Prec. No. 4, J. C. Barker, Sheriff and F. P. Adams County Clerk.

Court was opened by proclamation of the sheriff.

The following matters came before the Court and were had together with others:-

H. E. Minton was appointed Justice of the Peace and Notary Public of Justice Precinct No. 5, of Sabine County, Texas and his bond was approved by the Court.

The Court granted a change in the Carters Ferry and San Augustine road as follows: To leave the old road at Branch East of Preston Alford's place, thence runs east with land line of R. E. Harris and J. P. Alford, thence in a N. E. direction and intersects old road just N. E. of said Alford's home place.

The Court granted a change in the Hemphill and Sandy Creek road as follows: Begins South of Ike Lowe's place, thence South to the County line of Newton and Sabine.

Accounts were allowed as per accounts Allowed Ledger.

The returns of a Special election held in Curry Hill School Dist. for an increase in school tax came on to be considered and upon count the following result was declared:

For Increase Special Tax 10 votes.

Against " " " 2 votes.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that a Special Tax of .35% on the One hundred dollars valuation be levied, assessed and collected for school purposes in said district.

The Court refused to allow the costs in the inquest proceedings over the dead body of Mrs. Roller, held at Bronson, Texas.

The Court refused to allow the costs of the inquest proceedings over the dead body of the Higginbotham child at Bronson, Texas.

The Petition filed for the opening up of the road through the Huffman property to Judge E. P. Padgett's place was refused by the Court.

The quarterly reports of the following County and precinct Officers were approved by the Court:-

W. E. Dent, J. P. T. G. Minton, J. P. H. A. Williams, District Clerk, L. Ware, J. P. J. T.

Loggins, J. P. L. J. Smith, J. P. F. P. Adams, County Clerk, Jas. G. Barker, Sheriff.

The Monthly report of the Tax Collector was approved by the Court.

The Quarterly report of W. H. Davidson, County Treasurer, was approved as follows:-

REPORT of W. H. Davidson, County Treasurer of Sabine County, Texas, of Receipts Expenditures from Dec. 7, 1914, to February 9, 1915, inclusive:

JURY FUND, 1st Class.

Balance last Report, Filed Dec. 7, 1914.	1794.65	
Amount received since last Report,	5621.92	
By amount paid out since last Report, Ex. "A"		101.50
" " per cent Commission on amount received		125.55
" " " " " " " " paid out,		2.54

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Amount to Balance,	6586.98	
	<u>6816.57</u>	6816.57
<u>Balance</u>	<u>\$6586.98</u>	

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, 2nd Class.

Balance last Report, Filed Dec. 7, 1914,	3207.58	
To Amount received since last Report,	4789.02	
By " paid out since last Report, Ex. "B"		7.00
" " per cent Commission on amount received,		119.73
" " " " " " paid out,		18
Amount to Balance,		7869.69
	<u>7996.60</u>	7996.60
<u>Balance</u>	<u>\$7869.69</u>	

GENERAL COUNTY FUND, 3rd Class.

Balance last Report, Filed Dec. 7, 1914,	415.44	
To Amount received since last Report,	8022.35	
By " paid out since last Report, Ex. "C"		21.70
" " per cent Commission on amount received,		200.56
" " " " " " paid out,		54
Amount to Balance		8214.99
	<u>8437.79</u>	8437.79
<u>Balance</u>	<u>\$8214.99</u>	

COURT HOUSE BOND FUND _____ Class.

Balance last Report, Filed Dec. 7, 1914,	18830.88	
To Amount received since last Report,	3183.79	
By " per cent Commission on amount received,		79.59
Amount to Balance		21935.08
	<u>22014.67</u>	22014.67
<u>Balance</u>	<u>\$21935.08</u>	

RECAPITULATION

JURY FUND, _____ BALANCE	6586.98	
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, "	7869.69	
GENERAL COUNTY FUND, "	8214.99	
COURT HOUSE FUND	<u>21935.08</u>	
Total	44606.74	

The State of Texas,
 County of Sabine. Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared
 W. H. Davidson, County Treasurer of Sabine County, who being by me duly sworn, upon oath
 says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

W. H. Davidson, County Treasurer.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 10 day of Feb'y, 1915.

F. P. Adams, Clerk, County Court,
 Sabine County, Texas.

The following is a copy of the Bid made by the First National Bank of Hemphill Texas, for the Depository of Sabine County which bid was in conformity with the laws of Texas, and it being the only bid received, it was ordered by the Court that said First National Bank of Hemphill, Texas be selected as the County Depository-

Hemphill, Texas, February 8, 1915.

Hon. Commissioners Court, Sabine County,
Hemphill, Texas.

Gentlemen:-

We submit the following bids as an applicant for the handling of Sabine County Funds during 1915, and 1916.

We will pay to the County, for credit of the available school fund, 3% interest on the average daily balances of all funds belonging to the County during 1915, and 1916, said daily balances to be arrived at by allowing us credit for all warrants carried by us for the County, and in addition, we will carry, at par, all warrants issued against the different funds in an amount not to exceed the amount of taxes collectable for each year, as shown by the tax rolls. This bid is made, however, with the stipulation that the permanent school fund and all sinking funds of the County shall be left with us during the life of this contract, if awarded to us. As required by the County Judge in his advertisement for bids, we are enclosing, herewith, our check for \$250.00 to show our good faith.

Yours truly,

First National Bank,

By A. M. Jones,

Cashier.

The Court approved the Bond of the First National Bank of Hemphill, Texas, as Depository as follows:-

The State of Texas, :
County of Sabine. : Know all Men by these Presents: That we, The First National of Hemphill, Texas, as Principal and A. M. Jones, C. E. Pratt, W. F. Goodrich and J. A. Watson, as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto J. B. Lewis, County Judge of Sabine County, Texas, and his successors in office, in the sum of Fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars, for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally by these presents.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that, whereas the above bounden, First National Bank offered the highest bid on daily balances and was on the 9th day of February 1915, chosen by the Commissioners Court as County Depository of the funds of Sabine County for the term of Two years beginning February the 9th, 1915.

Now therefore if the said First National Bank of Hemphill, shall safely keep and faithfully disburse the County funds according to law, and shall only pay such checks as are properly drawn by the proper authority, and shall account for the same to the Commissioners Court of said County, as required by law, then this obligation shall be void but otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

In testimony whereof, witness our hands this the 10th day of February, 1915.

First Natl. Bank,

By A. M. Jones, Cashier,

A. M. Jones

C. E. Pratt

W. F. Goodrich

J. A. Watson.

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The State of Texas, :

County of Sabine. : Know all men by these presents, that we, The First National Bank as principal, and A. M. Jones, G. E. Pratt, J. A. Watson, W. F. Goodrich, as sureties, are held, and firmly bound unto J. B. Lewis County Judge of Sabine County, Texas, and his successors in office, in the sum of Twelve thousand five hundred, (\$12,500.00), for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally by these presents.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that, whereas the above bounden First National Bank offered the highest bid of interest on daily balances, (_____ per cent) and was on February the 8th, 1915, chosen by the Commissioners Court as Depository of the funds of Sabine County, including School funds, for the term of two years, beginning February the 8th, 1915.

Now therefore, if the said First National Bank shall safely keep and faithfully disburse the School Fund according to law, and pay such warrants as may be drawn on said funds by competent authority, and shall account for them together with the interest thereon at the rate of _____ per cent per annum, calculated on daily balances, to the Commissioners Court of said County and to the State Supt. of Public Instruction as required by law, then this obligation shall be void, but otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

In testimony whereof witness our hands this 10th, day of February, 1915.

First Natl. Bank,

By A. M. Jones, Cashier,
A. M. Jones,
G. E. Pratt,
W. F. Goodrich,
J. A. Watson.

The following persons were appointed as Election officers for their election

Precinct to serve for the next two years-

H.B. Arnold, Presiding Officer. :	
P.H. Browning, Judge. :	Hemphill. 1
L.R. Campbell, Judge. :	
H.W.J. Adams, Presiding Officer. :	
J.M. Slocum, Judge. :	Pineland. 11
W.W. Martin, Judge. :	
D. E. Willis, Presiding Officer. :	
Jno. O. Bell, Judge. :	Brookeland. 3
M. H. Bradshaw, Judge. :	
W. E. Kelley, Presiding Officer. :	
S. T. Mason, Judge. :	Yellowpine. 7
R. H. Solley, Judge. :	
J. A. Clark, Presiding Officer. :	
H. J. Donohoe, Judge. :	Fairmount. 12
O. J. Smith, Judge. :	
T. S. McDaniel, Presiding Officer. :	
W. H. Smith, Judge. :	Fairdale. 2
J. T. McGraw, Judge. :	
W. P. Smith, Presiding Officer. :	
E. H. Smith, Judge. :	Bayou. 13
H. J. McNaughton, Judge. :	

- J. H. McGown, Presiding Officer.
- W. A. Howard, Judge. : Milam. 4
- A. A. Wilson, Judge.
- ~~J. W. Wright~~, Presiding Officer.
- G. A. Vickers, Judge. : Isla. 10
- J. R. Bragg, Judge.
- Joe Hargroves, Presiding Officer. : :
- Joe Fuller, Judge. : Tebo. 6
- S. W. Eddings, Judge. : :
- W. V. Whitfield, Presiding Officer. : :
- J. E. Ellison, Judge. : Bronson. 9
- W. T. McElroy, Judge. : :
- J. C. Webb, Presiding Officer. : :
- J. A. Dorsey, Judge. : Genova. 8
- E. B. Smith, Judge. : :
- M. C. Holder, Presiding Officer. : :
- J. M. Ingram, Judge. : Sexton. 5
- G. C. Sweet, Judge. : :

The several County Officers salaries were fixed as follows for the term of office-

County Judge-----	\$600.00 per annum.
County School Supt.-----	600.00 " "
District Clerk-----	500.00 " "
County Clerk-----	600.00 " "

In fixing the County Clerks salary Nerren and Bennett voted to fix it at \$600.00 per annum and Hyden and Halbert to fix it at \$500.00 per annum, the County Judge voted for \$600.00 and it was fixed at \$600.00 per annum.

On petition of W.L.Fussell and G.W.Jones they were allowed to be included in the Stock law distratt in their neighborhood.

Court allowed Henry Thomas \$10.00 as a County Pension.
 Court allowed J.C.Marshall \$10.00 as a County Pension.

The report of J.S.Goodrich on the past County Clerks accounts with the County was approved with the understanding that they be allowed to show the Court in a statement any just and lawful offsets that they might be entitled to and after getting the ruling of the Attorney General on the subject of County Tax Assessed.

The Court allowed the Officers their past quarter salaries.
 The Court ordered the Clerk to issue each officer his per diem.

The Court ordered the County Treasurer to keep a separate Road and Bridge Account in which to place all fines and costs that might come into his hands.

The Court adjourned to meet at next regular meeting.

Attest- _____
 F.P.Adams, Clerk. County Judge.

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The State of Texas, :
County of Sabine. :

To the County Judge of Sabine County, Texas:

We, the undersigned legally qualified property tax paying voters of Common School District No. 37 in said Sabine County, Texas, desiring to tax ourselves for the purposes of supplementing the State School funds apportioned to said school District, hereby make application to the county judge of Sabine County, Texas, for an election to be held in said common school district No. 37, in said county, to determine whether or not a tax of and at the rate of 50 cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of taxable property in said district shall be levied for said purpose.

Dated this 5th day of March, 1915.

S. T. Mason,
W. R. Dickey,
J. P. Mason,
A. H. McDaniel,
N. E. McDaniel,
R. S. McDaniel.

Filed, March, 5th, 1915,

F. P. Adams, Co. Clk.

The State of Texas, :
County of Sabine. :

WHEREAS, on the 5th, day of March, 1915, a petition was presented to me for an election in Common School District No. 37 of this County on the question of authorizing a tax of and at the rate of (1) Fifty cents of the \$1.00 valuation of taxable property in said district for the purposes of supplementing the State School Fund apportioned to said district, said petition bearing the requisite number of signatures of property taxpaying voters of said district, and being in every respect in conformity with law:

NOW THEREFORE, I J. B. Lewis in my capacity as County Judge of Sabine County, Texas, do hereby order that an election be held on the 3rd day of April, 1915, at The School house in said Common School District No. 37 of this County as established by order of the Commissioners Court of this County of date the 5th, day of September 1914, which is recorded in Book L, pages 162-63 of the minutes of said Court to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters of that district desire to tax themselves for the purposes of supplementing the State School Fund apportioned to said district and to determine whether the Commissioners Court of this County shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of fifty cents of the \$1.00 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purposes.

S. T. Mason, is hereby appointed presiding officer for said election, and he shall select two judges and two clerks to assist him in holding the same, and he shall within five days after said election has been held, make due return thereof to the commissioners Court of this County, as is required by law for holding a general election.

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

"For School Tax."
"Against School Tax."

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and of this County and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election.

The Sheriff of this County shall give notice of said election by posting three notices at three public places in the said district for three weeks before the election.

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Dated the 5th day of March, 1915.

J. B. Lewis, County Judge.

Sabine County, Texas.

Filed March 5th, 1915.

F. P. Adams, Co. CLK.