

The Commissioners' court met in Regular Session, March 25th, 1935, with all members present to-wit: Edw. Harper, County Judge, T. R. Smith, Commr. Prect. No. 1, E. C. Smith, Commr. Prect. No. 2, P. H. McGown, Commr. Prect. No. 3, R. W. Chapman, Commr. Prect. No. 4, Geo. W. Russell, Sheriff, and Zeda Davidson, Clerk, and Transacted business, as follows, to-wit:

Accounts were alloed and approved, as is shown by Minutes of Accounts Allowed:

On motion duly had and carried it is ordered by the court that scrip No. 107 in the amount of \$78.00, issued to R. W. Ellis, be cancelled and scrip in lieu thereof, be issued on the same fund for the same purposes but in amounts of \$32.00, and \$46.00.

Upon the ruling of L. E. King, that it is lawful, and on motion made by P.H. McGown, and Seconded by R.-W. Chapman, it is ordered by the court that the order made by this court on January 25, 1934, in regard to the refund by the shieriff of \$285.00 paid him on the Car for the sheriff, be receinded, and that the sheriff be released from the obligation of paying the amount on refunding to the county the said sum of \$285.00.

On motion duly had and carried it is ordered b the court th t scrip No. 2, issued to Medic Sibley, in the amount of \$5.00, be cancelled and scrip in lieu thereof be issued out of the same fund, for the same purpose but in the sum of \$1.32, and \$3.68.

On motion duly had and carried, it is ordered by the court that the quarterly reports of Edward Harper, County Judge, and Zeda Davidson, County Clerk, be and the same are hereby approved.

On motion by T. R. Smith, second by P. H. McGown, with a vote unanimous, it is ordered by the court that the following be and is hereby ordered.

Whereas, it becomes necessary under the acts f the 40th Legislature, First Called Session, page 194, that in order to establish the price of \$1.00 a day as an allowance for convicts in the payment of fine by remaining in jail or to work on public roads, or poor farm for the County to have and exercise control over land designated as a poor farm and;

Whereas without a ppor farm the County would be favored by Article 793 of the Code of Criminal Procedure providing \$3.00 a day and providing further that unless the County owned or controlled a tract of land designated as a ppor farm there would be no authority on the part of the Commissioners' court to work convicts in payment of fine. Therefore, be it resolved by the Commissioners' court in sepcial session Assembled that a contract be entered into wherein Sabine County by and through its Commissioners' court leased from E. P. Paggett a certain tract of land and designate same as a County poor farm which is described in contract of this date for the

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period of one year or longer if necessary and providing the terms and conditions under which said land secured and controlled.

It is therefor ordered by the court that the sheriff of Sabine County is hereby authorized and directed to place guards over all convicts who have unpaid misdemeanor fines, and have them perform manual labor under the direction of the Commissioners' court. The amount allowed for guard duty is \$2.50 per day. For each guard provided that more than one is employed and provided that further that if a guard carried convicts in a vehicle furnished by himself he shall be allowed reasonable expenses for such vehicle.

Edw. Harper,

The State of Texas)
County of Sabine)

Know all men by these presents, that whereas, E. P. Padgett of the State and County aforesaid, party of the first part for and in con-

sideration of the sums and conditions hereinafter mentioned, does by these presents, lease and convey to Hon. Edward Harper County Judge of said County and T. R. Smith, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1, E. C. Smith, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, F. H. McDown, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, and R. W. Chapman Commissioner Precinct No. 4, all of Sabine County, Texas, parties of the second part and their successors in office, for and in consideration of the sum of fifteen dollars to be paid to the said E. P. Padgett, by the County of Sabine every three months during the term of this lease, and for and in consideration of the above sum the said E. P. Padgett hereby grants, leases, and conveys to Sabine County, Texas the following described tract of land, to-wit:

Beginning on the public road leading in a northern direction from Hemphill, Texas to what is known as the Collier place about two miles North of Hemphill, Texas, at a corner on said road and on the east side of said road where the west line of the tract of land owned by the said road where the west line of the tract of land owned by the said Padgett and the same being part of the Nellie Brown 100 acre tract situated on and part of the Joseph Walker league, in said County and State. Thence in a northern direction with the meanders of said public road to the corner on the east side of said road where the line of the Godrich 19 1/2 acres the same being the north line intersects said road and fixes the north east corner of the said Godrich 19 1/2 acres and where said line would cross said public road. Thence due east to the Theford land and the east line of the land belonging to the said Padgett on said Nellie Brown 100 acre tract and thence west on the south line of said 100 acre tract to the place of beginning, and containing about 20 acres.

The purpose of this lease is to convey to Sabine County, Texas, what is designated in the Statute Laws of said State as a Poor Farm or Work house on said land and use the same for the purpose of working, keeping and containing what is known as the County misdemeanor convicts in the payment of fines and contempt of court with all and every right, privileges and possession of said land conveyed to and placed in the absolute control of the Commissioners' court of said County in accordance with the present laws of said State authorizing the management and control of said convicts heretofore convicted or that may be hereafter convicted, in the same manner as though said county owns said land in fee simple during the term of this lease.

The term of this lease is for at least one year and may be extended for twenty years upon the condition that the County of Sabine pays to said E. P. Padgett, his heirs and assigns the sum of Fifteen dollars every three months for the use and occupation of said land, and it is further agreed that all crops raised on said land and all improvements made by the County on said land shall be and belong to said county during the term of this lease and the said E. P. Padgett shall have absolutely no control or management of the thing except such as may be conveyed to him by the Commissioners' Court of said County.

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In testimony whereof, we have here to set out hands and set out seals to the foregoing lease and the said E. P. Padgett has added his due and legal acknowledgement to this lease on this the March 20, 1935.

E. P. Padgett.

The State of Texas)
County of Sabine }

Before me, the undersigned authority, in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared E. P. Padgett, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this March 20, 1935.

(L.S.)

Edw. Harper, County Judge,
Sabine County, Texas.

On motion by T. R. Smith, second by P. H. McGown, it is ordered by the court that the following contract or agreement, be and the same is hereby approved.

The State of Texas)
County of Sabine }

Know all men by these presents; that whereas, Edward Harper, County Judge, T. R. Smith, Commissioner Precinct #1, Ernest Smith Commissioner Precinct #2, P. H. McGown, Commissioner Precinct #3, and P. W. Chapman, Commissioner Precinct #4; parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum and consideration of the sum and consideration hereinafter mentioned do by these presents, lease and convey to E. P. Padgett, party of the second part, and for and in consideration of the sum of seven and 50/100 (\$7.50) dollars to be paid to the County of Sabine, every three months during the term of this lease and in consideration of the above stated amount. The County of Sabine hereby grants, leases and conveys to the said E. P. Padgett, the following; The room adjoining on the East side of the office of the County Agent, on the second floor of the court house.

The term of this lease is for one year. During said one year said room the control and occupancy of said room shall be and belong to the party of the second part who shall have absolute control and management of same.

Therefore hereinafter witness my hand and seal of the office, this the -- day of March A. D. 1935.

Edw. Harper, County Judge in and for
Sabine County, Texas.

There being no further business, court is adjourned.

Attest: Bill Dondson
County Clerk.

Edw. Harper
Co. Judge. Comm. Prec. No. 1.
T. R. Smith
Comm. Prec. No. 1.
E. E. Smith
Comm. Prec. No. 2.
P. H. McGown
Comm. Prec. No. 3.
P. W. Chapman
Comm. Prec. No. 4.