

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SABINE

On this the 28th day of April, 1975, the Honorable Commissioner's Court met in regular session with the following members present, to-wit:

W. T. Love	County Judge
R. E. Smith	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
G. W. Russell	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Paul Lout	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Jimmy Vickers	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
W. W. Cavender	Clerk of the Court

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Concerning an audit of the records of Sabine County, the Court agreed to contact some firms qualified to do this work and return April 30, 1975 at 9:00 A.M. in a Special Meeting to decide which firm to employ.

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Edwin Johnston, U. S. Forest Service, returned to discuss a proposition, brought to the court at its prior regular meeting, whereby a part of Sabine County could be placed under Regulatory Game Laws of the Texas as Parks and Wildlife commission. Motion by Commissioner G. W. Russell, Jr. seconded by Commissioner Paul Lout and by unanimous vote, the Court declined the proposition presented by Mr. Johnston.

Mr. George M. Fern presented the following letter to the court:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
FORT WORTH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
P.O. BOX 17300  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102

24 March 1975

Honorable John Tower  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Tower:

I am replying to your inquiry of 12 March 1975 on behalf of Mr. George M.

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Fern concerning flooding of a county road in the vicinity of the Sam Rayburn Dam and Reservoir project.

The road that Mr. Fern refers to in his letter was constructed by the Corps of Engineers as part of the road relocation program for the Sam Rayburn project. For information purposes I am inclosing a recreation brochure on the project and the relocated portion is delineated in green on this map. The road consists of approximately 0.8 mile in San Augustine County and approximately 4.2 miles in Sabine County to its junction with State FM Highway 83. The remainder of the road network in the specific area was existing county roads that were not part of the relocation program for the project.

The subject road was designed to a 24-foot width and surfaced with a base course applied at the rate of 45 cubic yards per 100-foot station. Both the base course and the rate of application were consistent with, or better than, comparable existing roads in the area. Drainage culverts were designed to pass the peak runoff from storms having a frequency of recurrence of once in 10 years. Ditches were provided where necessary to insure proper drainage and slopes were graded to 1 on 4 gradients and sodded for erosion protection. The lowest elevation on the road is 190 feet mean sea level, which is well above the top of the flood control pool of Sam Rayburn Reservoir (elevation 173 feet mean sea level). The Courts of San Augustine and Sabine Counties prior to award of the contract. The construction was completed in 1961 and the contractor was paid in January 1962. The Commissioner's Courts of San Augustine and Sabine Counties accepted the roads in 1962 for operation and maintenance. This action fulfilled the Government responsibility for the Federal acquisition of the necessary flooding rights in the existing roads. Since 1962 operation and maintenance of the subject road have been the responsibility of San Augustine and Sabine Counties.

The Corps of Engineers does not have authority to provide funds nor perform work for the restoration of the road since the road is under county jurisdiction and the flooding action has not resulted from reservoir operation.

If I can be of further assistance please call on me.

Sincerely yours,

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As stated

JOE H. SHEARD  
Colonel, CE  
District Engineer

In response to the above letter, motion by Commissioner G. W. Russell, Jr., seconded by Commissioner R. E. Smith and with all voting "AYE", the Court held that the base course of the road mention in the above letter was not suitable for an all weather road and contained little or no gravel and the road was impassable most of the year, and the Clerk of Court was directed to notify Senator John Tower of this fact.

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Returns of a Constitutional Amendment election held on the 22nd day of April 1975 were canvassed and on a motion by Commissioner R. E. Smith, seconded by Commissioner G. W. Russell, Jr., the results were approved and ordered filed.

The following letter of resignation by Walter Smith, Constable of Pct. #3 was accepted by the Court on a motion by Commissioner R. E. Smith and seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Vickers and with all voting "AYE".

April 22, 1975

Commissioner's Court of Sabine County  
Hemphill, Texas

Dear Sirs:

I, Walter Smith, Constable of Precinct No. 3, would like to submit my resignation to become effective April 30, 1975. Due to the fact that I am unable to serve the persons who put me in office. On account of the amount of funds I receive.

Walter Smith

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The condition of the dumping ground in Precinct #3 between Hemphill and Bronson was reported to the Court by Leon Walton. Commissioner Paul Lout said that conditions were such that he could no longer maintain the dumping ground properly and Commissioner Paul Lout made a motion that the dump be closed and that a "NO DUMPING" sign be placed at the entrance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Vickers and all commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner G. W. Russell, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Paul Lout and by unanimous consent, the Court directed the Clerk of Court to write a letter of appreciation to the San Augustine Rescue Squad for their assistance in searching for Swede Melde and that the rescue squad be reimbursed for the cost of feeding the volunteers.

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Motion by Commissioner Paul Lout, seconded by Commissioner R. W. Russell, Jr. and with all voting "AYE", James D. Walker was appointed Deputy Sheriff upon recommendation of Blain Greer, Sheriff of Sabine County, Texas. In an agreement with the City of Hemphill, a salary of \$550.00 and expenses of \$250.00 and allowances were to be divided equally between the City of Hemphill and Sabine County, effective May 1, 1975.

Accounts were allowed and made payable.

There being no further business, the Court adjourned.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF SABINE

*Omit Cavender*

On this the 30th day of April, 1975, the Honorable Commissioner's Court met in special session with the following members present, to-wit:

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| W. T. Love     | County Judge                 |
| R. E. Smith    | Commissioner, Precinct No. 1 |
| G. W. Russell  | Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 |
| Paul Lout      | Commissioner, Precinct No. 3 |
| W. W. Cavender | Clerk of the Court           |

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