
THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SABINE

On this the 26th day of March 1979, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in regular session with the following present, to-wit:

Royce C. Smith	County Judge
R. E. Smith	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
G. W. Russell, Jr.	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Eldridge Ellison	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Jimmy Vickers	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Minnie Gooch	County Clerk

Motion by Commissioner Jimmy Vickers, seconded by Commissioner G. W. Russell, Jr. to check out land up close to Arvie Beall's place to find ownership and taxes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner R. E. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge Ellison and with all voting in favor the R. & B. Special money in the amount of \$12,348.34 was divided according to the following percentages: 22% to R. & B. #1, 27% to R. & B. #2, 20% to R. & B. #3 and 31% to R. & B. #4.

Motion by Commissioner Jimmy Vickers, seconded by Commissioner R. E. Smith and by unanimous consent the court voted to record the following letters in the Commissioners Court Minutes concerning our Justice of the Peace:



SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY
TEXAS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE TRAINING CENTER
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS 78666

February 7, 1979

Hon. Royce Smith
Sabine County
Courthouse
Hemphill, Texas 75948

Dear Judge Smith:

During the week of January 28-February 2, 1979, Judge Mike Carmichael successfully completed a forty hour course in the responsibilities of the office of Justice of the Peace. Article 5972 of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes requires each newly elected/appointed Justice of the Peace to complete a forty hour course in the responsibilities of the J.P. Office and additionally to complete a twenty hour course each year thereafter. This article encompasses all justices who took office since August 30, 1963 and are not licensed attorneys. The funding of this program, which provides free room and board for the judges at the seminar, is made possible through a grant from the Governor's office, Criminal Justice Division.

We at the Training Center realize how important it is to you and the people you serve to insure that your county Justices of the Peace are properly trained and equipped to carry out the duties and obligations of the office. As ninety to ninety-five percent of our citizenry have their one and only contact with a lower court judge, it is imperative that this contact be as judicious as possible.

You may wish to enter this letter in the minutes of your next commissioners court meeting in order that it may become a permanent record. If we at the Training Center can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
Ronald D. Champion /s/
Ronald D. Champion
Executive Director

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TEXAS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE TRAINING CENTER
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS 78666

March 21, 1979

Hon. Royce Smith
Sabine County
Courthouse
Hemphill, Texas 75948

Dear Judge Smith:

During the week of March 11-16, 1979, Judges Richard Bass and Terry Morris successfully completed a forty hour course in the responsibilities of the office of Justice of the Peace. Article 5972 of the Texas Revised Civil Statutes requires each newly elected/appointed Justice of the Peace to complete a forty hour course in the responsibilities of the J.P. office and additionally to complete a twenty hour course each year thereafter. This article encompasses all justices who took office since August 30, 1963 and are not licensed attorneys. The funding of this program, which provides free room and board for the judges at the seminar, is made possible through a grant from the Governor's office, Criminal Justice Division.

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Motion by Commissioner G. W. Russell, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Eldridge Ellison to send Judge Smith to the Seminar for County Judges at Austin, to be held April 3-5, 1979. All voted in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner G. W. Russell, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Eldridge Ellison and by unanimous consent the clerk was directed to write letter to State Senator declaring the courts opposition to the changing of the Primary Elections.

Motion by Commissioner R. E. Smith, seconded by Commissioner G. W. Russell, Jr. to reimburse Minnie Gooch for expenses to County and District Clerk's Seminar at College Station in the amount of \$53.50. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner R. E. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge Ellison to reimburse Judge Royce Smith for expenses to County Judge's Seminar at College Station in the amount of \$81.12. Motion carried.

Accounts were allowed and made payable.

There being no further business, the court adjourned.

Royce Smith
COUNTY JUDGE

R. E. Smith
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

E. Ellison
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

G. W. Russell
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Minnie Gooch
CLERK OF THE COURT

