

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SABINE

On this the 13th day of October, 1980, the Honorable Commissioners' Court met in regular session with the following members 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	Clerk of the Court

Petitions that had been filed with the clerk as follows were presented: TO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF SABINE COUNTY, We the undersigned residents and registered voters of Sabine County, Texas, do hereby petition the Commissioners Court of Sabine County, Texas, to put the following questions on the November 3, 1980, General Election Ballot:

"Hunters Should Be Allowed To Hunt Deer With Dogs"

Not

"Hunters Should/Be Allowed To Hunt Deer With Dogs"

singed by T. V. Todd and 269 others. Appearing on behalf of these petitions were Mrs. Lilliam Cordray and Adrain Click.

Other Petitions which had been filed were presented as follows: TO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF SABINE COUNTY, We, the undersigned residents and registered voters of Sabine County, Texas do hereby petition the Commissioners Court of Sabine County, Texas not to put the following question on the November 3, 1980, General Election Ballot:

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signed by Melvin Williams and 452 others. Appearing on behalf of these petitions were: Billy Joe McGee, Melvin Williams, John Merchant, Steve Fuller, Philip Griffin, Alfred Walden, Hoy Edgar, David Corley, Carl Stewart, Ray Sepulvado. Motion by Commissioner G. W. Russell, Jr. and seconded by Commissioner R. E. Smith to go with the majority and leave as it is now. Voting in favor was: G. W. Russell, Jr. R. E. Smith and Eldridge Ellison. Abstaining: Jimmy Vickers.

Upon a recommendation by Sheriff Blan Greer, motion was made by Commissioner G. W. Russell, Jr. seconded by Commissioner R. E. Smith to hire Billy Don Sparks as Deputy Sheriff effective October 1, 1980. All voted in favor of this motion.

A letter concerning a public hearing on Area Wilderness Proposal was brought to the court's attention, which is attached to the minutes of this date and marked "Exhibit A". Motion by Commissioner G. W. Russell, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Vickers to pass a resolution that Sabine County Commissioners Court oppose any Wilderness Area in this county. All voted in favor of the motion.

The Tax Appraisal Board notified the court that since Brookeland I.S.D. would not be participating in this District the countys' pro-rata costs would be increased from \$393.87 to \$414.60 per month for 9-1-80 to 12-31-80, and from \$411.66 to \$433.33 per month for 1-1-81 to 12-31-81. Motion by Commissioner R. E. Smith seconded by Commissioner G. W. Russell, Jr. to pay these amounts. Motion carried.

No action was taken concerning Propane for the courthouse. Covington Gas has not submitted their approval by the Railroad Commission and also the city of Hemphill reported they would have the natural gas completed in the downtown area in the near future.

In a budget report for the 1981 budget the County Judge stressed that the court eliminate one half of the indebtedness in 1981 and the other half in 1982.

Since there were no bids received on the Cedar trees on the Jail site property and upon a recommendation by Judge Smith, O. W. (Red) Mitchell agreed to remove the Cedar trees that were already cut and clean up the brush. Motion by Commissioner R. E. Smith seconded by Commissioner G. W. Russell, Jr. for Mr. Mitchell to do this work. Motion carried.

In the meeting of Sept. 22, 1980 the court agreed to get Temple Industries to make our Pre-Application for HUD Block grant at a cost of \$500.00 for single purpose and \$750.00 for Multi-Purpose or Comprehensive. The court has determined that the Deep East Texas Council of Governments will also assist counties in this area for a cost of \$225.00. They would also give credit in our future dues. Motion by



Commissioner R. E. Smity seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Vickers to hire Deep East Texas Council of Governments to make the Pre-Application. Motion carried.

Written resignation of James Allen Payne, County Attorney, was presented to the court. Motion by Commissioner G. W. Russell, Jr. seconded by Commissioner Eldridge Ellison to accept his resignation. All voted in favor. Resignation attached to minutes of this date and marked "Exhibit B".

By request of Judge Smith, Attorney Keith Elolf appeared before the court. He gave a resume of his past work. Since he has not lived in the copunty six months, the Judge of the court will use Provision, Article 2.07 County Attorney Pro Tem for the purpose of appointing Keith Elolf as County Attorney Pro Tem. Motion by Commissioner G. W. Russell, Jr., seconded by Commissioner R. E. Smith and by unanimous consent the court consents to this method of appointment and that he be paid on a contract basis but not to exceed the normal County Attorney salary.

Motion by Commissioner Jimmy Vickers seconded by Commissioner G. W. Russell, Jr. to divide the Federally Owned Land Entitlement money in the amount of \$12,226.00 and the R. & B. Special in the amount of \$4,072.36 percentage wise between the four commissioners precincts. Motion carried.

Accounts were allowed and made payable.

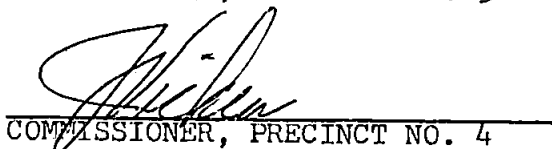
There being no further business the court adjourned.


COUNTY JUDGE

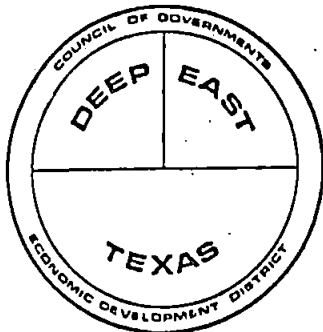

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1


COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3


COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2


COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4


CLERK OF THE COURT



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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TO: Area Public Officials and News Media
FROM: Ron Willis, Director of Regional Services *rw*
SUBJECT: Public Hearing on Area Wilderness Proposal: House Sub-Committee
of Public Lands Committee
PLACE: Houston, October 22, 1980, at 10:00 a.m. in the
Federal Building, 515 Rusk Street - 9th Floor Court Room #4.

It has just come to our attention that new proposals for setting aside large areas of Deep East Texas as Wilderness Regions will be the subject of public hearings at the above time and place.

The Sub-Committee will be reviewing four (4) bills with proposed Wilderness designations in Texas.

These bills are: HR4203 by Congressman Bob Eckhardt of Houston to designate 10,700 acres as Wilderness in the Sabine National Forest, Sabine County, known as Indian Mounds. Eckhardt also has HR7599 to designate 10 areas in the National Forest of Texas encompassing 63,000 acres as Wilderness.

The areas in the Sabine National Forest are: Indian Mound and Chamber's Ferry. Chamber's Ferry is in San Augustine County and comprises 4,500 acres. In the Angelina National Forest all three (3) proposed areas are in Angelina County: Turkey Hill - 6,200 acres; Graham Creek - 9,000 acres; Jordan's Creek - 7,800 acres.

The only other area in the DETCOG Region is in Trinity County at Alabama Creek in the Davy Crockett National Forest: it comprises 3,400 acres.

Congressman Charles Wilson of Lufkin has 2 bills that will be considered; HR7693 that would declare one of Eckhardt's proposed areas as a Multiple-Use Area and HR7360 for three (3) areas totaling less than 9,000 acres for Wilderness. The only area in DETCOG's Region is at Turkey Hill in Angelina County.

To testify for or against any of these proposals you must contact Andy Weisner at 202/225-3681 and be placed on the agenda.

The deadline for reserving time to testify is October 17, 1980.

For further information, contact Rex Spencer, Texas Forest Association, Lufkin, Texas (713/634-5523).

Exhibit "A"



James Allen Payne
County Attorney
County of Sabine
HEMPHILL, TEXAS

October 7, 1980

Commissioners Court
Sabine County Courthouse
Hemphill, Texas 75948

Gentlemen:

I originally felt that I could serve another term as County Attorney; but due to the demands of my private law practice, effective October 10, 1980, I do hereby resign as County Attorney of Sabine County, Texas.

For the past several years, my serving as County Attorney has been an economic sacrifice on my part; and this sacrifice has increased the past few months, because my private law practice has reached a point that it now requires my full time and attention.

Sincerely,
James Allen Payne
James Allen Payne

JAP:es

Exhibit "B"

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