

On Monday, December 8, 1986, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in a regular meeting with the following members present:

Royce C. Smith	County Judge
R. E. Smith	Commissioner, Prct. # 1
Billy J. McGee	Commissioner, Prct. # 2
Eldridge Ellison	Commissioner, Prct. # 3
Chester Cox, Sr.	Commissioner, Prct. # 4
Nadine Gary	Clerk of the Court

Meeting was called to order by Judge Smith. Opening prayer was led by Brother Clarence Howell.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Nadine Gary, County Clerk. Motion was made by Commissioner Billy J. McGee, seconded by Commissioner R. E. Smith to approve reading of minutes. All voted in favor.

Monthly bills were made ready for payment. Motion was made by Commissioner Billy McGee, seconded by Commissioner R. E. Smith, to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report, County and District Clerk's reports, and Tax Office reports were reviewed. Motion was made by Commissioner R. E. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge Ellison to approve reports. Motion carried.

The Jury selection by Computer system for County Court was discussed. Judge Smith informed the Court this system could not be approved at this time. At the present time our District Court uses the wheel system for selecting jurors. If the computer system was used by the County Court and the wheel method is used by the District Court, we may find some duplication of names. Therefore no action was taken at this time.

Mrs. Joe Williams met with the Court concerning the Scrappin Valley Road in Precinct 2. She said in dry weather it is fine, but in rainy weather like we have been having, they are almost impassable. In fact, there were three days the mail could not get through. She asked that the ditches be dug, and the culverts be cleaned out; and stated that big holes were washed in the road.

Commissioner Billy J. McGee made motion, seconded by Commissioner Chester Cox to approve the Quarterly Report. Motion carried.

The County's retirement system for County employees was discussed. Correspondence from the system states that if we adopt the new plan, our retired county employees that are already receiving benefits will be given an increase of \$8.00 to \$10.00 a month at no additional cost to the county. Following discussion on the matter, Commissioner R. E. Smith stated that if the new program will not cost the county extra money, and will help some of our retired residents, we should accept the plan. Commissioner Smith made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge Ellison to adopt the new system. Motion carried.

Commissioner Chester Cox made motion, seconded by Commissioner Billy J. McGee to approve the Sabine County Children's Welfare Board. Motion carried. See exhibit attached.

Commissioner Chester Cox made motion, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge Ellison to pay temporary help only for hours they work. This is to become effective January 1, 1987. Motion carried.

The Commissioners' Court voted to enter into a contract with J. O. Toole to lease the building located on the northeast side of the Courthouse square to provide a location for the much needed County Courtroom. Mr. Toole agreed to lease the building for \$100.00 per month. County Attorney Herbert Fortson looked at the building and agreed that after renovation, the building would be adequate for use as a courtroom. Toole wanted the court to understand they would be responsible for any type of renovation that was needed to turn the building into a courtroom. Commissioner McGee made a motion that County Attorney Fortson prepare a contract that would secure the discussed structure for the county's use as a County Courtroom for one year/ with option to renew. Commissioner R. E. Smith seconded, and all voted for.

Commissioner Cox made motion, seconded by Commissioner R. E. Smith that meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

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COUNTY JUDGE

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