Monday, August 24, 1987, the Honorable Commissioners' Court met in a Regular at 8:30 A. M., session,/with the following members present:

Royce C. Smith

County Judge

R. E. Smith

Commissioner, Prct. # 1

Billy J. McGee

Commissioner, Prct. # 2

Eldridge Ellison

Chester Cox, Sr.

Commissioner, Prct. # 3

Chester Cox, Sr.

Commissioner, Prct. # 4

Nadine Gary

Clerk of the Court

Meeting was called to order by Judge Royce C. Smith, with Brother Clarence Howell leading the opening prayer.

First order of business was the reading of minutes of the last regular meeting. Commissioner Smith asked that one correction be made. They read that all bids for the front-end loader were rejected. Commissioner Smith asked that they state he and Commissioner Ellison voted to accept the bid from George Banes, Inc., with Commissioner McGee and Commissioner Cox voting against. Judge Smith voted with Commissioners McGee and Cox to break the tie. Commissioner Ellison made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes after this correction is made. All voted for.

Commissioner McGee made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cox, to approve payment of County bills. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eula Coleman, Carrie McGown, and Linda McGown met with the Court concerning roads in Prct. # 3. They stated that when it rains, their roads are impassable. Linda McGown said last year the grader skipped her road, and didn't drag it at all. All three ladies asked the Commissioner to gravel and work their road. Commissioner Ellison responded that he is working on the road now, and will do what he can to them.

Diane Husband, Tax Assessor-Collector, met with the Court to discuss the Tax rate for 1988. An increase of 3% would set the rate at .2568. A motion was made by Commissioner Chester Cox, seconded by Commissioner R. E. Smith, to hold a called meeting Friday, August 28 at 1:00 P. M. to set the Tax rate. All voted in favor.

Tax Collector Husband also asked the Court for temporaryhelp in her office for the four rush months during tax time. She is planning to hire Diane Hout. Commissioner Cox made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve her request. Motion carried.

Also, Mrs. Husband presented the Tax Office Precedure Manuel for certification by the Court. Commissioner Ellison made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt the manuel. All voted for. She also presented her certificate from the Board of Tax Professional Examiners which stated she had successfully

completed Course 235 of the Property Tax Assessments. Commissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGee, that this certificate be accepted as a matter of record. Motion carried. See Exhibit.

Motion was made by Commissioner R. E. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Ellison to appoint Sabine County Sheriff Rabbies Administrator for Sabine County as required by the State Health Department. Motion carried.

The City of Hemphill presented the only bid for the DD Allis Chalmers Maintainer Prct. # 4 advertised for sell. Their bid was \$ 3,105.00. Commissioner Cox made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGee, to accept this bid. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ellison, to re-advertise for bids to buy a front-end loader for Prct. # 1. This will have the same specs as advertised for August 10. Bid opening will be Sept. 14, 1987, at 9:00 A. M. All voted in favor.

During the budget hearing, County Clerk, Nadine Gary, asked that \$600.00 be included in her budget to pay temporary help in her office during absentee voting for the Primaries. Commissioner McGee made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cox, to approve this request. Motion carried.

After further review of the budget for 1987-1988, it was noted the budget is approximately \$73,000.00 less than last year. Commissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGee, to adopy the budget. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cox asked about the excess money being held in the County and District Clerk's office accounts. Both clerks answered they had not had the time to work out the funds, so the money is still in their accounts.

Commissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGee, that meeting adjourn. All voted for Meeting adjourned.

MY JUDGE

COMMISSIONER, PRCT. # 1

COMMISSIONER, PRCT. # 3

COMMISSIONER PRCT # 2

COMMISSIONER, PRCT. # 4

CLERK OF THE COURT