

Wednesday, December 23, 1987, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in a regular session with the following members present:

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

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

Minutes of the last meeting were read by County Clerk, Nadine Gary. Commissioner Billy McGee made a motion, seconded by Commissioner R. E. Smith, to approve the minutes. All voted for.

Monthly bills were inspected and made ready for payment. Commissioner Smith made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGee, to approve payment. All voted for.

Mr. James Jeansonne met with the Court asking that the roads in Dogwood Forest II be approved as County Roads. Commissioner McGee told him he and the other Commissioners will inspect them before our next meeting, January 11, 1988, and they can be approved at that time.

A Federal Off-System bridge for Mason Creek in Precinct 4 was discussed. In this program Federal funds pay 80 % of the costs and County funds pay the remaining 20 %. Commissioner McGee said this 20 % must be paid up front after we send a letter saying we accept this agreement. (This will be a 20' X 80' cement bridge.) The new bridge will be above the one used now, and the old bridge will be used until the new one is completed. The estimated price for this Off-System bridge is \$ 152,440.00. Commissioner Cox made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGee, that the court accept the Federal Off-System bridge program that is administrated by the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation. This bridge is on Mason Creek in Precinct 4. All voted for. Commissioner Cox will secure a written easement agreement from the adjoining property owners.

Commissioner McGee made a motion, seconded by Commissioner R. E. Smith, that the budget be amended to pay \$300.00 on the restoration on the front walk at the State Capitol. This money will be transferred from the 4 precincts and General County funds to the Sabine County Historical Commission to be disbursed by them. Three voted for, and one abstained. Motion carried.

Judge Smith informed the Court the County has received the U. S. Forest money in the amount of \$419,211.41. This is money received each year from the selling of government timber and any type of leases. The County, and schools in the County, gets 25¢ of every dollar (gross sells), and this is paid in lieu of paying taxes. The money will be an agenda item for January 11, and will be divided then.

County Clerk, Nadine Gary, informed the court the Commissioners Court must deliver a certified copy of an order changing an election precinct ~~precinct~~ boundry to the voter registrar after these ~~chance~~ changes have been approved by the Justice Department and Secretary of State. Commissioner McGee made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, that this order be written, and delivered to our voter registrar, Diane Husband. All voted for.

See the following order.

The Sabine County Commissioners hereby authorize Diane Husband, Tax Assessor-Collector, and voter registrar, the authority, after receiving clearance, from the Justice Department and Secretary of State, with letters dated Dec. 14, 1987, to combine voting precinct 16 into precinct 15, and change the voting place to the New Pine Park Church. Also, the voting box in Precinct 8 will be changed to the Geneva Baptist Church.

There being no further business, Commissioner McGee made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith that meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Raymond Smith
COUNTY JUDGE

R. E. Smith
COMMISSIONER, PRCT. # 1

E. Ellison
COMMISSIONER, PRCT. # 3

Billy McGee
COMMISSIONER, PRCT. # 2

Chester D. Calhoun
COMMISSIONER, PRCT. # 4

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CLERK OF THE COURT

