Monday, January 8, 1990, the Honorable Commissioners Court met in a gegular session at 8:30 A. M., with the following members present:

Royce C. Smith
C. Carlin McDaniel
Commissioner, Prct. # 1
Billy J. McGee
Commissioner, Prct. # 2
James H. Conn
Commissioner, Prct. # 3
Chester Cox, Sr.
Commissioner, Prct. # 4
Nadine Gary
Clerk of the Court

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

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Commissioner Billy McGee made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Chester Cox, to approve minutes. Motion carried.

After the inspection of County bills, Commissioner McGee made the motion to pay accounts and salaries. Commissioner Cox seconded, and all voted for.

Written reports from the County Treasurer, County Clerk, District Clerk, and Tax Assessor/Collector were reviewed. Commissioner McGee then made the motion to approve reports. Commissioner Conn seconded, and motion carried.

Commissioner Chester Cox asked that agenda item # 4, Commission for Economical Development, and item # 7, Speed Limit in Shamrock Shores Subdivision, be posponed.

A Proposal was presented from Sabine County Judge and Commissioners Court to Shelby County Independent School District Board of Trustees, concerning the Sexton Community School building and property. See attached exhibit. There is a need for a public polling place in this area, and this could solve our problem. The Court had agreed to combine voting Prot. 5 and 10, but this has been with-

Commissioner Cox made a motion that the Court accept this proposal, and asked that all sign, so he can present it to the Shelby county School District today, Jan. 8th. Commissioner Conn seconded and all voted for.

Mrs. Maggie Hauser met with the Court explaining the Crime Stoppers program. She had a Crime Stoppers Information Operation Manuel. The Crime Stoppers program must be certified, and citizens are the key information source. After some discussion, the court thanked Mrs. Hauser for her work, and the report she gave. She had addresses and phone numbers of people involved in this program. See attached exhibit.

Sheriff Greer said he would be '/ in meeting with some of the Coordinators for more information on this. Commissioner McGee made a motion, which
was seconded by Commissioner Conn, to accept Mrs. Hauser's report and recommendation
to contact David M. Cobos and Sgt. Dan R. Geen, and set up a time to meet with
them. Motion carried. An open afternoon meeting will be good, if possible.

Tom Phillips, Sheriff Greer, and other local law officers, met with the Court concerning the County,s faulty radio system. Officer Philips had letters from different law men, District Attorney Charles Mitchell, and Attorney R. Earl LOrd, asking for a new and up-dated radio system. Motorola is checking about a Stilite on the Water Tower at Fox Hunters' Hill. Since no cost figures were available, no action was taken at this time. Commissioner Conn made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner McGee, to accept reports presented as a matter of record. Motion carried.

Commissioner Conn made a motion to amend his budget by transferring funds in R&B 3 to pay his truck off. This will be \$39,250.00 plus interest of \$1,743.65, making a total of \$40,993.65. Commissioner McGee seconded this motion, and all voted for.

Although Jan Paradis was on the agenda, she was not present.

Trooper W. G. Bradberry has requested to be on the agenda for January 22nd concerning a radar unit.

The U. S. Forest check in the amount of \$363,904.79 has been received by County Treasurer, Ollie Faye Sparks. This amount is to be divided between Hemphill, West Sabine, Brookeland, and Shelbyville I.S.D., and Sabine County. See attached exhibit. Commissioner Billy McGee made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Conn, to approve this division. Motion carried.

Judge Smith said he will be in touch with Allison and Associates in Austin January 18, 1990, concerning Hillhouse Insurance. The June, 1989 payment still has not been settled.

Commissioner McGee made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel, that meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

C. Carlin In Daniel

MISSIONER, PRCT. # 3

COMMISSIONER, PRCT. # 4

HEMPHILL TEXAS 75948

BLAN GREER SHERIFF

P. O. BOX 848

TO: SABINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

The purpose of our visit to Commissioners Court is to inform the Court and the public served by the Sabine County Sheriff's Department of a dangerous situation existing in the county. The existing radio system utilized by the Sheriff's Department is old, worn out, and in an increasingly large percentage of the time - Useless.

All law enforcement units which operate in Sabine County-Deputies

City of Hemphill officers

City of Pineland officer

Constables

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Game Wardens

are all one man units, meaning they have to rely heavily on their radios, which in Sabine County, cannot be relied on.

911 is scheduled to be implemented in the near future. It will do very little good to have the necessary phone equipment and personnel to operate 911, if once the call is received at the Sheriff's Department it cannot be dispatched to field units because of faulty radio equipment. It is feasible that a wrongful death suit could be filed against the County, and won due to this communication problem. This is a problem that could be prevented by the purchase of new radio equipment. I would like to read the following statements from the law enforcement officers of Sabine County into the

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Page 2 of 3 Excluding Statements

Court Records followed by opinion letters from District Attorney Charles Mitchell and Attorney Earl Lord.

COPIES OF SAID LETTERS ATTACHED:

Report continued

HEMPHILL, TEXAS SABINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

TO: SABINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT:

Department because of worn our and ourdated equipment of interference from another area. There are also times when we cannot
contact the S.O. from approximately 2 miles South of Hemphill.

Due to the size of the Sheriff's Department, it is
necessary that we work as one man units, in fact all the law
enforcement entities that work Sabine County, do so as one man
units, which makes it mandatory to have a relaable communications
units, which makes it mandatory to have a relaable communications
system, and at the present time we don"t.

Because of the very nature of our work, there are times
and action communications, of a sensetive nature, or messages I have been employed by Sabine County, in law enforcement for over 10 years. Communications have been a problem as long as I have been employed here. The South end of the county is a dead area from Beechwood to Brookeland.

There have been several times I have made arrests in the Six-Mile area and Brookeland and actually needed the assistance of another officer and could not make contact with the Sheriff"s another officer and could not make contact with the Sheriff"s enother officer and could not make contact with the statisting ference from another area. There are also times when we cannot ference from another area. There are also times when we cannot

when radio communications, of a sensetive nature, or messages apprehend. Radio communications utilized today by most law

apprenent agencies enables them to have secure communications at the push of a button. This technology is a must for 20th Century law enforcement. I am hoping that the County Court in Sabine County will see fit to let the Sabine County of the County will see fit to let the Sabine County of the Officers involved and for the better protection and of the officers involved and for the better protection and service to the citizens of Sabine County.

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HEMPHILL TEXAS 75948

BLAN GREER SHERIFF

P. O. BOX 848

November 17, 1989

Sabine County Commissioners Court Hemphill, Texas

Gentlemen:

I have been employed with the Sabine County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff for only a short time, but in that time there has been a great number of times, while on patrol, that I could not contact the Sheriff's Office because of interference or of dead spots in the county.

I mostly work the south end of the County and the Brookeland area late at night. This is mostly all a dead zone. If you attempt to contact the Sheriff's Office after 10:00 P.M. from Brookeland, or be contacted in that area, it is almost impossible due to the fact our radio equipment is so old and outdated.

I have been informed by radio repairmen that our radio equipment is so outdated that you cannot even buy new parts for them when they break down. I feel this is a very serious matter that needs your attention immediately. All of our officers work alone as one man units which makes us rely on our radio a great deal and at times we cannot do that.

If we do not replace our old out of date radio equipment very soon, the time will come when an officer or a member of the public will be seriously injured due to not being able to get the help needed because of bad radio equipment. When that happens the cost of new radio equipment will look very small compared to the amount of the law suit or law suits that could be filed.

Yours very truly,

SABINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Bruce White, Deputy

BW/cc

HEMPHILL TEXAS 75948

BLAN GREER SHERIFF

P. O. BOX 848

December 1, 1989

To: SABINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

A matter related to our visit to Commissioners Court today, and one which we feel does not need any more public attention than it has already received, is the use of the intercity radio frequency by commissioners and their employees.

We wanted to call the courts' attention to a couple of items that it could be unaware of. The inter-city radio frequency granted to the Sheriff's Department is a specific use frequency for law enforcement purposes only. This frequency is used by surrounding law enforcement agencies for contact between departments.

Discussions on this frequency about broken backhoes and dump trucks and the attributes of a young lady passing out commodities at the VFW could hardly be construed as law enforcement communications.

We are certain the commissioners wouldn't want to run the risk of interferring with possible vital information between departments, especially when informed it is a violation of F.C.C. regulations. According to the F.C.C., the maximum fine for violations of this ruling is \$10,000.00.

We feel it would be advantageous for the court to look at alternative means of communications for the commissioners and their employees rather than run the risk of being fined by the F.C.C.

Blan Greer, Sheriff

Sabine County

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BLAN GREER SHERIFF

P. O. BOX 848

January 4, 1990

Sabine County Commissioners Court Sabine County Courthouse Hemphill, Texas 75948

Re: Radio Communications Equipment

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

Realizing that resistance to change is characteristic of many law enforcement agencies based on the necessity of persuasive solicitation from municipal managers, there is demandly present a dire need for an improved radio communications system in Sabine County Sheriff's Department.

Reliability of communications is the lifeline between the patrol officer, the Sheriff's Department, and the community. All law enforcement personnel operating in Sabine County are continually cognizant of the requirements for transacting business in extended and isolated areas with the knowledge that assistance in case of emergency, or "Officer needs assistance", is not readily available. With the absence of immediate assistance coupled with conjested and ineffective communications a precarious and stressful situation is composed further exposing the officer and county to a potential litigious situation. I am capable of citing, with reinforcement from all law enforcement personnel operating in Sabine County, that our present communications system is not reliable, clear, fast, and functional, and is not conducive to the enhancement of law enforcement motivation or citizenry confidence.

I am not a Doctor of Jurisprudence, and I do not offer legal advice, but I respectfully submit to the Honorable Commissioners Court that unless we structure our Communication System to reduce officers response time, add flexibility, and increase overall efficiency to ensure the safety of our law enforcement personnel and the citizenry we must be prepared to confront the civil

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liabilities of the immediate future - - far outweighing the cost of a moderate and effective communications system.

Respectively submitted,
SABINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

Jim Berton, Deputy

JB/cc

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BILLY CANNON
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BILL BARCHEERS
PIERCE EDWARDS



To Whom it May Concern:

I am critical of the existing radio communications at the Sabine County Sheriff's Department for various reasons.

Every Law-Enforcement Agency in Sabine County are dependent upon this central terminal. Our lives as well as the lives of those we serve could be jeopardized without good communications.

There are times when the static is so severe I can hardly understand anything. There are times when I hear someone call my number only and I don't hear who is calling me. For instance, I should hear "Hemphill to 67" but all I hear is "67". I have no earthly idea who is calling me unless by some chance I recognize their voice. At other times I cannot understand any of their communications or perhaps only part of it. I get discouraged from checking out of car at locations because I figure the dispatcher doesn't hear me anyway because many times I never get a reply or if I do, I know they're saying something but I don't know what.

I feel the scrambler is also a vital necessity to Law Enforcement Communications for security reasons. There has been times I needed to tell an officer something very important but couldn't put it on the radio because of so many scanners.

I feel the radio at the Sheriff's Office is so obsolete and wore out that one day it will cost someone their life.

Yours-in-Protection

Clyde Kirk

Chief-of-Police

Patrolman Roger McBride City of Hemphill P. O. Drawer L Hemphill, TX 75948

November 15, 1989

Sabine County Commissioner's Court P. O. Box 716 Hemphill, TX 75948

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to you regarding the radio service of the Sabine County Sheriff's Department. I have found that the service is very inefficient. This inefficiency occurs at different times of the day and creates a dangerous situation.

For instance, my main shift is from 6 p.m. until 4 a.m., if I make a traffic stop it is very important to my safety to be able to give to the sheriff's office dispatcher the license plate number and the location where I stop the vehicle. If the radio service is inoperative at the time I start to get out, or the dispatcher is unable to hear or understand me due to inefficient radio contact, then I am the one in trouble. There is always a chance of a dangerous situation occuring during an arrest.

Due to the fact, that the 6 p.m. to 4 a.m. shift has only one patrolman out, the radio is this patrolman's only link to help for myself or any other person in an emergency situation, while on the side of the roadway.

I cannot stress enough the importance of a good-dependable radio system.

Sincerely yours,

Kogw McBule #66
Patrolman Roger McBride

City of Hemphill

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Pineland, Texas

November 3, 1989

Sabine County Commissioners Court Hemphill, Texas 75948

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Gentlemen:

In reference to the county radio system. Late at night around Pineland and in the south of Sabine County, we pick up so much skip from Livingston and Jacksonville that we cannuot talk to the Sherriff's Office. There has been several occassions that I could not hear other officers or the Sherriff's Office.

I feel we need to update our radio system for the officers' safety and the safety of the people we are trying to protect. We work short handed all the time. We have to help each other in all departments. If we cannot talk to each other, sooner or later an officer is going to get hurt or killed because he could not get help. We are always ten to twenty minutes from our nearest backup officer. If it takes another ten or twenty minutes to get someone on the radio because it is not working right then, we are in trouble.

If we could get the scrambled channel capability it would sure help keep the thieves from knowing where we are at all times. We cannot talk about drugs or anything on the radio because everyone has a scanner. The dopeheads and thieves know what we are doing at all times.

Anything that can be done sure would help. It is a bad feeling out on the streets knowing the radio is messing up and you might need help at any time. I don't know what it will take to fix the radio system but it is very poor now.

Yours very truly,

CITY OF PINELAND

Steve Miller Chief of Police

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SABINE COUNTY Hemphill, Texas

TO: SABINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT HEMPHILL, TEXAS

The Sabine County Sheriff's Department is in desperate need of new radio equipment. Since the Department is so small we are forced to ride alone over the county and precints with just a

radio as our partner.

To me, purchasing new radio equipment would be a very small price to pay for the safety of our officers. In the same sense it would be preventative against any possible lawsuits being brought against the county, in the event an officer is injured or a citizens injury could have been prevented or lesseed with a properly functioning radio system. I have heard officers, at different times attempting to give their location on a traffic stop several times before the dispatcher could understand them due to faulty mikes and radios. An incident is going to happen when there just won't be time for the officer to make these repeated calls.

In comparrison to other county equipment that has been purchased, a good, workable communications system is a small price to pay for the safety of our officers, and the citizens of

Sabine County.

I am asking that you put this request at the very top of your list of priorities.

MILLARD JORDAN
Constable, Precint I

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DECEMBER 30, 1989

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SABINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

RE: COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

DEAR HONORABLE MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONERS COURT,

SABINE COUNTY IS NOT UNLIKE MANY OTHER EAST TEXAS COUNTIES IN THAT THE SHERIFFS OFFICE IS THE CENTER OF COMMUNICATION FOR ALL COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THE COUNTY CARRIES THE BURDEN AND LIABILITY FOR PROVIDING PRECISE AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION FOR THE SAFETY OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITHIN THE COUNTY, MANY OF WHICH ARE ONE MAN UNITS WITH LITTLE OR NO BACKUP. HOWEVER, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONEL REPRESENT ONLY ONE ASPECT OF THE NEED FOR A COMPETENT AND RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. THE LOCAL AMBULANCE AND WRECKER SERVICES ALONG WITH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS DEPEND ON THE COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO DISPATCH EMERGENCY CALLS. THESE AGENCIES ULTIMATELY SERVE AND ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITIZENS OF SABINE COUNTY.

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THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM EMPLOYED BY SABINE COUNTY IS DEMINISHED AS A RESULT OF THREE SERIOUS PROBLEMS;

- 1) THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THERE ARE AREAS WHERE COMMUNICATIONS CANNOT BE RECIEVED SUCH AS INDIAN MOUNDS, BROOKLYN, AND FAIRMONT AREAS.
- 2) THE BLEEDING OVER OF AIR TRAFFIC THAT SHARES THE SABINE COUNTY FREQUENCY, ie., LIVINGSTON AND JACKSONVILLE, WHICH CREATES CONFUSION AND INTERUPTS EMERGENCY TRANSMISSIONS IN THIS COUNTY.
- 3) EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE IS CERTAINLY A CONSIDERATION AS REPAIR WILL BECOME A .
 CHALLENGE. PARTS FOR THE CURRENT SYSTEM AND ITS ANTIQUATED TECHNOLOGY WILL
 BE DIFFICULT TO PROCURE, POSSIBLY LEAVING THE COUNTY AND ITS CITIZENS WITHOUT COMMUNICATION FOR A LENGTHLY PERIOD.

WITH THE INCEPTION OF THE 911 EMERGENCY SERVICE THE COUNTY HAS TAKEN ON ADDED RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY FOR DISPATCHING EMERGENCY CALLS. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PUBLIC SERVICE IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE EQUIPMENT USED TO DISPATCH EMERGENCY CALLS.

WHEN CONSIDERING THE PROBLEMS AND AGE OF THE CURRENT COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ALONG WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY THAT ACCOMPANIES THE 911 EMERGENCY SERVICE, THERE IS LITTLE QUESTION THAT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CURRENT EQUIPMENT BE REVIEWED TO ASSURE THAT THE CITIZENS OF SABINE COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED WITH FAST AND EFFECTIVE EMERGENCY SERVICES.

I SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT TO BEST SERVE THE CITIZENS OF SABINE COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUABLE TIME.

SINCERELY

RANDALL K. ODOM, GAME WARDEN

P.O.BOX 1300

HEMPHILL, TEXAS 75948

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To: Commissioners Court

Subject: New radio equipment for Sabine County S. O.

As a peace officer using the Sabine County radio frequency, I feel like new and updated radio equipment is a must for the county. The present system is weak and unreliable and places an officers' safety in jeopardy. A reliable system is needed to protect the lives of officers and citizens of Sabine County.

At the present time there are many areas of the County where an officer has no radio contact with the S. O. due to dead spots. I personally have found these dead spots in the southern portions of the County, particularly in the Fairmount area and on Toledo Bend Lake.

There have been many occassions when I could not contact the S. O. due to interference or dead spots. As a one man patrol unit, as are other officers in Sabine County, I depend on reliable radio communication for my personal safety and the safety of others. Interference from other agencies have made radio contact with the S. O. difficult or impossible. On several occassions I have had to phone the S. O. for information because of this interference. Using the phone is not always possible or practical. Should an occasion develop where lives are in danger, dependable radio contact is a must.

Concerning the scrambled channel capability, I feel it is necessary for efficient law enforcement. Due to the number of scanners in the county, everyone knows what each officer is doing, including a person committing

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a crime. With scrambled channel capability, some of these violators could be apprehended that would not be possible otherwise.

Pete McAteer, Game Warden

PMcA/cc

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PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT 4200 Smith School Road Austin, Texas 78744

CHARLES D. TRAVIS **Executive Director**

CHUCK NASH Chairman, San Marcos

COMMISSIONERS

RICHARD R. MORRISON, III Clear Lake City

November 16, 1989

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To: Sabine County Commissioners

BOB ARMSTRONG Austin HENRY C. BECK, IN

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DELO H. CASPARY Rockport

WM. L. GRAHAM Amarillo BEATRICE CARR PICKENS

AR (TONY) SANCHEZ, JR. Laredo

Subject: Sabine County Law Enforcement Communications

Law Enforcement Officers of Sabine County have had and still do have problems with the Sabine County Sheriff's Department radio communications. I am one of three Texas State Game Wardens stationed in Sabine County who primarily work as a one man unit. I have only been stationed in Sabine county for about three years, however on several occasions I have been in very remote areas working alone and not have any communication with the Sheriff's Office. We, all officers in Sabine County primarily work alone and depend on the radio system that the county has available. The Sabine County Sheriff's Department radio system is the only frequency that all officers of Sabine County have in common to communicate with each other. Many times a situation that arises may first only require one officer's presence, however that need may change without warning and an officer may need backup or other emergency personnel without any delay to ensure the safety of everyone envolved. I have on a few occasions, mostly at night made a stop and have a need to communicate with the Sheriff's Office and was unable to do so. Some times I was able to talk on a car to car frequency to another officer, and that officer relay messages back and forth between myself and the Sheriff's Office, because the back and forth between myself and the Sheriff's Office, however this has not always been the case. In situations when there is another officer close enough to relay messages, if time is a safety factor the officer is still handicaped. As many remote areas as there are in Sabine County a situation as just mentioned could be very hazardous. The radio communications in Sabine County are not primitive, however they are outdated. One officer's safety being jeopardized one time could justify the trouble, agrivation, and expense that an upgraded radio system could prevent.

Many times when an officer is looking for a particular person or vehicle there has to be some communication on the radio about that person or vehicle, and with the saturation of scanners in the area everyone including the person the officer is looking for knows. I realize that the public is curious as to what is happening out in the field, however that curriosity often prevents the officer from being able to apprehend the person he is after. A radio system with scrambling and descrambling capability would be one of the best moves for better Law Enforcemnet and criminal apprehension that could be made.

I know that the communications that we have here in Sabine County could. be worse, or we could not have access to radio communications at all, however I also know that there is a lot of room for improvement. I would like to say that the Game Wardens of Sabine County do appreciate the use of the Sheriff's Department radio frequency as well as all the help and support of the Sabine County Sheriff's Department.

> SINCERELY, GAME WARDEN BRAD CHAPPELL by source of the sound

January 7, 1990

Sabine County Commissioner's Court Sabine County Courthouse Hemphill, Texas 75948

Re: Radio Communications System

Dear Judge and Commissioners:

Our Radio Communications System is in need of being updated in Sabine County. The system is the only link between the Officer and his survival. At times there is no contact with Sabine County Sheriffs Department, expecially from the South and West ends of the County. The system allows Polk County and Jacksonville Police Department to bleed over. We are unable to reach fellow Officers in the County for assistance at times. Sure, I have communication with Lufkin DPS and the surrounding Counties but assistance from them would be a long time coming. The system, (plainly speaking), is worn out and outdated.

With the inception of 911, it would be a necessity to have adequate and proper Communications to the Ambulance Companies, Fire Departments, and local, County, and State Law Enforcement personnel. Without radio communication there would be no need for 911.

A system with scramble capability is a very important tool to law enforcement. This allows Officers to carry out their duties without the general public or wanted Felons knowledge of the events taking place with the use of scanners growing.

I believe each of you will take this problem under consideration and vote accordingly. Also, if I can be of assistance to the Honorable Court, please feel free to ask.

Thank You,

W.G. "Bill" Bradberry

Trooper IV

Texas Department of Public Safety

P.O. Box 248

Pineland, Texas 75968

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

CHARLES R. MITCHELL

First Judicial District of Texas ewton, Sabine and San Augustine Counties

P. O. Box 674 Phone 275-2365 San Augustine, Texas 75972

November 22, 1989

Honorable Royce C. Smith Sabine County Commissioner's Court Sabine County Courthouse Hemphill, Texas 75948

Re: New Radio Equipment

Dear Judge Smith and County Commissioners:

I am writing to encourage you to appropriate funds necessary for the purchase of new radio equipment to be placed in the Sabine County Jail and used by the Sheriff's Department, the Police Departments of Hemphill and Pineland, the Department of Public Safety, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the County Constables and the numerous volunteer fire departments throughout the county.

The equipment now in place at the County Jail is antiquated and is subject to several "dead spots" in the county where no radio contact can be made. Since most of the time the patrol units of the law enforcement agencies are being operated alone, the only "partner" the officers have is at the other end of their radios. Unfortunately emergencies involving officers or citizens cannot be relied upon to occur only in areas of the county where radio contact is currently available or during times when the present system is operating properly. A tragedy that could have been avoided with reasonably operable radio equipment could easily present financial exposure as well as the attendant grief, in that the County would be liable for personal injuries or property damage that could be traced to faulty or inadequate communication capacity.

I am of course sensitive to the fact that you are constantly confronted with worthwhile ways to spend the County's money. It is my sincere belief that the appropriation necessary to obtain funds for the purchase of new radio equipment is deserving of a priority and can be successfully defended to your constituents.

Yours very truly,

Lab R. Withelf

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R. Earl Lord Attorney-At-Slaw

January 8, 1990

Sabine County Commissioners' Court Sabine County Courthouse Hemphill, TX 75948

Dear Judge Smith and County Commissioners:

I am writing to urge this governing body to respond to a plea for assistance from the law enforcement officers serving Sabine County, Texas.

The Sabine County Sheriff's Department is the communications center for all law enforcement entities operating in this county. The present communications system forces the officers to work under extreme hardship and even hazardous conditions.

A new radio system for the Sheriff's Department could conceivably cost less to install than liability for property damage or injury that could be attributable to the current inadequate system.

I sincerely believe any delay in appropriating funds for the purchase of a new radio system for the Sabine County Sheriff's Department, unnecessarily jeopardizes law enforcement officers and the citizens of Sabine County.

Sincerely,

R. Earl Lord

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HEMPHILL TEXAS 75948

BLAN GREER SHERIFF

P. O. BOX 848

WE REALIZE THERE ARE SEVERAL CRITICAL ISSUES FACING THIS GOVERNING BODY IN THE NEAR FUTURE, INCLUDING THE CLOSING OF THE LANDFILLS AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF 911, AND WHILE WE HATE TO ADD ANOTHER BURDEN TO THE PROBLEMS YOU NOW FACE, WE WOULD BE DERELICT IN OUR DUTY IF WE DIDN'T INFORM YOU ABOUT THIS CRITICAL SITUATION.

THIS IS A PROBLEM WHICH URGENTLY NEEDS YOUR ATTENTION. WE HAVE SHOWN THAT ANY UNDUE DELAY IN RESOLVING THIS MATTER MIGHT PROVE QUITE COSTLY TO YOUR CONSTITUANTS IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. WE RESPECTIVELY REQUEST THAT YOU GIVE THIS MATTER PROMPT ATTENTION.

SABINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

Blan Greer, Sheriff

and

The Law Enforcement Community Serving Sabine County

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U. S. Forest Check	\$363,904.79
Schools	181,952.40
Less 5% Commission (Salary Fund)	9,097.62
Less Commissioner's Salaries	112,828.00
Total to be divided among Commissioners	\$ 60,026.77
Road and Bridge Funds: Road and Bridge #1 Road and Bridge #2 Road and Bridge #3 Road and Bridge #4 Total	\$ 13,205.89 16,207.23 12,005.35 18,608.30 \$ 60,026.77
Schools:	
Hemphill Independent School District	\$125,977.81
West Sabine Independent School District	36,502.40
Brookeland Independent School District	15,262.33
Shelbyville Independent School District	4,209.86
Total	\$181,952.40

January 8, 1990

PROPOSAL

From: Sabine County Judge

and

Commissioner's Court

to: Shelby County Independent

School District,

Board of Trustees

CONCERNING the Sexton Community School building and property.

The Sexton Community School building no longer WHEREAS: functions as a school and has fallen into disrepair, and

There exists a need for a public polling place and community gathering place in this geographic area, and

The original grantors, James M. Ingram and his y C. Ingram, granted this property with the WHEREAS: wife, Mary C. Ingram, granted this property intention that it serve the needs of the community,

The Sabine County Judge and Commissioner's Court therefore

PROPOSES that the Sexton Community School building and site become the property of Sabine County in whatever manner is deemed most appropriate by qualified and authorized persons so that state, federal and other funding can be accepted and dispursed for the purpose of this building' repairs, and further further

PROPOSES that the building be stabilized, renovated or otherwise repaired in a manner that would allow the building to function in the following capacities:

- as a public polling place for the convenience of citizens of Sabine County Voting Precinct No. 5,
- as a public meeting place at the disposal of the citizens of Sabine and Shelby counties;
- as a disaster center or relief station to aid in the organization or dispursal of assistance and or aide to the citizens of both counties when and if the occasion for such a need arises, and we do further

PROPOSE that in recognition of the appreciable age of the building itself and of the educational and historical significance of the property in general, the renovations and

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repairs done to the exterior and where possible the interior of the building be accomplished in a manner that the building appear as it once did originally, and we

PROPOSE that in appreciation of the gift of this building and site to Sabine County a plaque or marker be affixed to the exterior of the building noting this contribution and further noting the purpose and function this building once served in the Sexton Community and, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sabine County Judge and Commissioner's Court, upon the completion of due legal process required in the transference of the Sexton Community School building and site from the Board of Trustees, Shelby County Independent School District, to Sabine County, will adhere to the conditions and requirements as set forth in this instrument pertaining to the repairs, renovations and uses of the Sexton Community School building and site.

Smith, County

Carlin McDaniel

Precinct 1

James Conn Precinct 3 Billy Joe McGee Precinct 2

Chester Cox Sr

Precinct 4

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY 5, 1990

GENERAL	\$ 28,483.83
SALARY	(44,811.66)
JURY	7,211.65
ROAD AND BRIDGE SPECIAL	366,936.79
ROAD AND BRIDGE TAX	0
RIGHT-OF-WAY	14,688.33
LATERAL ROAD	O
ROAD AND BRIDGE #1	23,801.37
ROAD AND BRIDGE #2	1,109.96
ROAD AND BRIDGE #3	70,177.72
ROAD AND BRIDGE #4	36,103.84
н. в. 841	1,629.00
н. в. 451	387.60
н. в. 21	3;934.00
ARREST FEES	1,281.00
JUDICIAL AND COURT PERSONNEL TRAINING	- 247.10
FAILURE TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	67.50
VOTER REGISTRATION	0
	323.91
LIBRARY	56,136.05
JAIL FUND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	6,233.09
INTEREST EARNED FROM FIRST STATE BANK	2,529.90
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TIME WARRANTS	
ROAD AND BRIDGE #1 (Truck)	\$ 39,250.00
ROAD AND BRIDGE #2 (Loader)	31,350.00
ROAD AND BRIDGE #2 (Truck)	10,581.26
ROAD AND BRIDGE #2 (Land)	5,000.00
ROAD AND BRIDGE #2 (Truck)	39,500.00
ROAD AND BRIDGE #3 (Truck)	39,250.00
ROAD AND BRIDGE #4 (Truck)	19,000.00
ROAD AND BRIDGE #4 (Bridge)	7,600.00
JAIL	215,000.00

Sabine County, Texas
Summary of claims to be approved <u>January 8</u>

12/29/89 First State Bank Social Security and Withholding for wages paid 12/21/89 County & District Retire. John Fortenberry Insurance on 1985 Mack Dump Truck Insurance on 1985 Mack Dump Truck A4919 A4919 A4918 A4919 A4919	Date Received	Vendor Name	Brief Description	Check#	Account	Amount
	12/29/89 1/4/90 12/27/89 12/27/89 12/29/89 1/3/90 1/3/90 1/3/90 1/3/90 1/5/90 1/5/90 1/5/90 1/8/90 1/8/90	First State Bank County & District Retire. John Fortenberry Insurance Perry's #95 Genuine Auto Parts T. D. Fuller & Son Leslo Sales, Inc. Griffin Feed Company Lehman's Pipe & Steel, Inc. George P. Bane, Inc. Independent Employer Trust Deep East Texas Electric City of Hemphill, Tex. Keith Clark Jerry Miller	Social Security and Withholding for wages paid 12/21/89 December, 1989 Retirement Report Insurance on 1985 Mack Dump Truck Invoice #234531 and #234534 - Pens and film Invoice #069928, #069972, #070094, #070123, #07019 #070234, #070310 and #070479 - Parts 2 spray Invoice #242888, #242331, #259083 and #258833 Invoice #28075 - Culverts Invoice #45689 - Pipe Installment on Tiger Special 80-66, Serial No. 411497 & TRB-50C Mower, #TB 1412 - Final Jan. 1990 - Group Insurance Employer #19-00826 Account #386037 City Yard 7.00 and Hwy. 1175 yard 13.00 Salary - 10 days @ 51.10 Salary - 10 days @ 51.10	44912 44919 44948 44949 4, 44950 44951 44952 44953 44954 44954 44955 44932 44934 44939 44940	Road & Bridge #1	\$ 471.78 480.00 2,482.36 12.05 336.82 4.50 85.93 1,210.70 169.45 987.11 535.25 10.00 20.00 381.16 419.16

Grand Total

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Total \$7,896.43

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Date Received	Vendor Name	Brief Description	Check#	Account	Amount
12/29/89	First State Bank	Social Security and Withholding for wages paid 12/29/89	44913	Road & Bridge #2	\$ 161.55
1/4/90.	County & District Retire.	December, 1989 Retirement Report	44920	Road & Bridge #2	160.00
1/4/90		#198069 - 10.60 and #6569022327 16.69	44925	Road & Bridge #2	27.19
12/27/89		eInsurance on 1984 Mack Dump Truck	44956	Road & Bridge #2	2,048.99
12/29/89	Edgar's Conoco Station	Invoice #564674, #5646724, #3646594, #7646700,			
·		#7646713,#7646681,#1646538,#7646674,#7656815 and #3646648- Gas 201.24; wash and grease 64.9	0 44057	D = 1 6 D = 11 = #2	266 74
12/29/89	Genuine Auto Parts	Invoice #069784,#069795,#069896,#069999,#07007	0 44957	Road & Bridge #2	266.14
12/25/05	dendine Adto laits	#070171,#070286,#070381 and #070475 - Parts	44958	Road & Bridge #2	436.89
1/3/90	Gulf Welding Supply	Invoice #86417 - 5 cylinders @ 4.00	44959	Road & Bridge #2	20.00
1/3/90	Napa Autp Parts	Invoice #034979 - Brake Fluid	44960	Road & Bridge #2	2.98
1/3/90	East Texas Mill Supply	Invoice #66850 and #73126 - Parts	44961	Road & Bridge #2	70.33
1/4/90	B&W Hardware & Furniture	Ticket #10 - Supplies	44962	Road & Bridge #2	90.35
1/3/90		Invoice #IV62427 - Tooth	44963	Road & Bridge #2	13.76
1/5/90		Jan.1990 - Group Insurance-Employer #19-00826	44929	Road & Bridge #2	358.50
1/8/90	Herbert R. Wood	Salary	44942	Road & Bridge #2	418.70
1/8/90	Thomas Ladner	Salary - Part	44943	Road & Bridge #2	251.55
1/8/90	C. E. Gray	Salary - Part	44944	Road & Bridge #2	503.10
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Total \$4,830.03

Sabine County, Texas Summary of claims to be approved <u>January 8</u>, 19<u>90</u>

Date Received	Vendor Name	Brief Description	Check#	Account	Amount
12/29/89 1/4/90 12/27/89 12/29/89 1/3/90 1/3/90 1/5/90 1/9/90 1/9/90 1/9/90	John Fortenberry Insurance Genuine Auto Parts Griffin Feed Company East Texas Machinery.Inc.	Social Security and Withholding for wages paid 12/21/89 December 1989 Retirement Report Insurance on 1985 Mack Dump Truck Invoice #069798 and #070111 - Parts Invoice #27327,#27562 and #28387 - Culverts Invoice #33241 - Parts Jan.1990 - Group Insurance-Employer #19-00826 Trans. rep, and labor Salary - 10 days @ 51.10 Salary - 10 days @ 51.10 Salary - 10 days @ 51.10	44914 44921 44964 44965 44967 44968 44930 44969 44945 44946 44947	Road & Bridge #3	\$ 466.18 480.00 2,482.36 46.89 680.75 37.48 535.25 371.58 394.16 406.16 394.16
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Sabine County, Texas Summary of claims to be approved <u>January 8</u>, 19<u>90</u>

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12/29/89 1/4/90 1/4/90 12/29/89 1/3/90 1/3/90 1/3/90 1/5/90 1/8/90 1/8/90 1/8/90	First State Bank County & District Retire. Deep East Texas Electric Genuine Auto Parts Leslo Sales, Inc. East Texas Machinery, Inc. Napa Auto Parts Independent Employer Trust Johnny Meeks James Edwards Troy Burch T. W. Thomas	Account #179135 Invoice #069872,#069943 and #070008 - Parts Invoice #242894 - Supplies	44915 44922 44926 44970 44971 44972 44973 44931 44935 44936 44937	Road & Bridge #4	\$321.51 472.00 11.62 218.92 11.39 88.00 12.72 535.25 435.65 435.65 418.65 303.90
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Total \$3,265.26

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	12/29/89 12/29/89 1/4/90 12/29/89	Millard Jordan Millard Jordan County & District Retire. First State Bank	Salary 45.00; Insurance benefit 121.00 Expense December, 1989 Retirement Report Social Security and Withholding for wages paid 12/31/89	44910 44911 44918 44916	Salary Salary Salary Salary	\$ 144.46 55.80 5,815.88 6,578.17
	1/4/90 1/5/90	Dawn D. Procell Independent Employer Trust	Salary 401.00 - 1/2 Month; Ins.benefit 60.50	44923 44927	Salary Salary	376.69 7,890.80
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Total \$20,861.80

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1/3/90 1/4/90 1/2/27/89 12/27/89 12/27/89 12/27/89 12/28/89 12/29/89 1/3/90 1/3/90 1/3/90 1/3/90 1/3/90 1/3/90 1/3/90 1/3/90 1/3/90 1/3/90	Deep East Texas Electric Perry Brothers, Inc. #95 Pitney Bowes R&R Uniforms, Inc. Hemphill True Value Hdw. Herman W. Bragg Diane Husband Board of Tax Prof. Examine Rogers Office Supply The Rambler/Reporter Hart Graphics, Inc. Business Records Corp.—We East Texas Chemical Co. T. D. Fuller & Son Sabine County Appraisal D	Co.Judge 147.01; Co.Treasurer 24.74; J.P.#1 29.71; Tax Collector 62.21; Co.Clerk 33.11; Co.Atty. 95.10; Vet.Co. 24.88; Co.Agent 50.58; District Clerk 42.73 and Sheriff 284.04 Polygraph Examination of Sherry Lynn McCormick file #89-0025 #141036 Judge 15.78 - #6569570861 - Sheriff 14 Invoice #234532,#234533 and #234535 - Supplies Account #7790-5460-20-8 - Invoice #627400 Invoice #113788 - Shirts Invoice #3309 - Phone cord Inquest on Fulton and Cordray 1 day Seminar in Lufkin - Rhonda and Diane rs 1990 Registration Fees Invoice #2828,#2967,#3160,and #3162 - Office S Page #39 - Account #3089 - Legal Ads. Invoice #0196228 and #0197170 - Co. Atty. stInvoice #0905494 - Control #363161 - 675.02 Invoice #0905495 - Control #363162 - 161.21 Invoice #091610 - Supplies - Courthouse Pipe fittings	44887 44917 44976 44977 44978 44979 44980 44981 44982 44982 44983 44984 44985 44986 44987 44988	General	\$ 794.01 150.00 30.33 26.97 117.17 142.40 3.39 50.00 50.00 35.00 116.27 35.10 55.70 836.23 127.16 13.08
1/3/90 1/4/90 1/4/90	Herbert Glass & Mirror Co Blan Greer, Sheriff Corley's	Invoice #33189 - Glass and labor Board bill for December, 1989 Service Unit #62 - Sheriff's Dept.	44989 44990 44991 44992	General General General General	2,098.33 143.50 628.43 20.50

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Date Received	Vendor Name	Brief Description	Check#	Account	Amount
1/4/90 1/4/90 1/4/90 1/4/90 1/4/90 1/4/90 1/4/90 1/4/90 1/4/90 1/4/90 1/4/90	The Prescription Center K-C Drugs #2 Grover C. Winslow, M.D. Hemphill Motor Co., Inc. Xerox Corporation R&R Uniforms, Inc. B&W Hardware & Furniture	Ticket #40 - 24 wash cloths - Sheriff's Dept. Invoice #2972 - Office Supplies - Sheriff's D Invoice #21719 - Battery packs - Sheriff's D. Invoice #12816 and #12995 - Gas Sheriff's Dept. Ticket #45 - Film - Sheriff's Dept. Invoice #11530 - Prescription for Roy Durbin Account #1256 - Roy Durbin - Sheriff's Dept. Invoice #46047 - Parts and Labor - Sheriff's Invoice #524179725 - Customer #957240211 Invoice #113787 - Uniforms - Sheriff's Dept. Ticket #33 and #25 - bulbs Pre-registration for Commissioners and Judge Courthouse 195.85 and 330.63; A/C 47.04; Tax Office 159.68; Elevator 32.96; County	44993 44994 44995 44996 44997 44998 44999 45000 45001 45002 45003 45004	General	\$ 16.32 4.75 173.00 990.00 4.39 53.15 33.60 78.50 69.74 814.70 3.72 500.00
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Total \$9,914.15

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I, NADINE GARY, County			do hereby certify
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