

Monday, December 11, 1995, the Sabine County Commissioners' Court met in regular session. The following members were present:

John L. Hyden	County Judge
Keith Clark	Commissioner Pct. #1
Lynn Smith	Commissioner Pct. #2
Charles Ellison	Commissioner Pct. #3
Will Smith, Sr.	Commissioner Pct. #4
Janice McDaniel	County Clerk

Judge Hyden called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. and stated that notice has been duly posted.

Tracy Lane led the Court in prayer.

Agenda item #1-General Business

Minutes of the November 27, 1995 regular Court meeting were corrected under item #10 to read: Judge Hyden moved to appoint Dr. Grover Winslow as the County Health Officer for the period between June 1995 and June 1997. Also under agenda item #15, the minutes were corrected to read: This is concerning bridges on County roads which have been previously discussed in prior Court meetings.

Judge Hyden moved to approve the minutes of the November 27th regular Court meeting, November 30th special called meeting and December 4th special called meeting with the above stated corrections. Commissioner Lynn Smith seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

Judge Hyden informed the Court that the County will, in all probability, receive less money from the U. S. Forest Service this year than was received last year.

Agenda item #2-Reports

Judge Hyden moved that the September '95 report of JP #1, Thomas Hamilton, be approved. Commissioner Clark seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

Judge Hyden moved that the report of the Extension Agent, John Toner, be accepted and approved. Commissioner Lynn Smith seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

Agenda item #3-Take Action on Tourism Committee Recommendations

A proposal was made to the Tourism Committee from the Sabine County Chamber of Commerce having to do with placing an advertise with East Texas Tourism book with a cost in excess of \$5,000.00. The Committee voted not to recommend this proposal to the Court. However, the Committee does feel that we need to proceed with a County wide advertisement. The Committee is recommending that we

County Fire Fighters Association. Commissioner Lynn Smith seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

Agenda item #7- Resolution - Deep East Texas Commissioners and Judges Association.-Timberland Appraisal Manual

Commissioner Lynn Smith moved for Court approval on this Resolution to the Deep East Texas Commissioner and Judges Association concerning the Timberland Appraisal Manual. Commissioner Clark seconded. All voted for. Motion carried. See attached copy of Resolution.

Court recessed at 9:32 a.m.

Court reconvened at 9:48 a.m.

Agenda item #11-TNRCC Grants

Two applications were received. One is for Waste Reduction and Recycling and one is for Law Enforcement/Illegal Dumping. Both are in for the maximum amount of \$18,500.00 through the Deep East Texas Council of Governments.

Judge Hyden stated that there is not an application for us for the Waste Reduction and Recycling but, if the Court wants to proceed with the one for Law Enforcement/Illegal Dumping, we can. It is a one time \$18,500.00 grant, for one year only.

Commissioner Clark moved to apply for the \$18,500.00 grant for Law Enforcement/Illegal Dumping, not to have any matching funds from the County. Commissioner Lynn Smith seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

Agenda item #10-Bob Russell-911 Appropriate Action

This item is to be placed on the next regular Court meeting agenda.

Agenda item #6-Goodwin-Lasiter - On Site Sewer

Pat Oakes with Goodwin Lasiter informed the Court that four bids have been received for the On Site Sewer Project, grant #703801. The bids were from J. L. Matthews,; Boscoe Lemoine, Brookeland; Vollie Grace, Hemphill; and D & R Backhoe Service, Huntington. D & R Backhoe Service was the lowest bidder and Goodwin Lasiter is recommending that their bid be accepted.

Judge Hyden moved that on the recommendation of Pat Oakes with Goodwin Lasiter, that the Commissioners' Court accept and approve the bid of D & R Backhoe Service of Huntington, Tx. for the construction work on the On Site Sewer Project that was approved under the Community Development Block Grant #703801. Commissioner Will Smith seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

Judge Hyden moved that the Court approve for the County Judge to execute all documents in regards to this contract that is

necessary. Commissioner Clark seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

TNRCC does all final inspections on this project.

Agenda item #8-Liz Harden-Leash Law and Vehicles Parked on County Roads

Ms. Harden told the Court that neither she or her children can walk down the road to her mailbox or for the children to catch the bus without being attacked by dogs. She would like for the County to adopt a leash law for the County. She believes that it is a County wide problem.

Commissioner Will Smith stated that he has been approached about the same problem.

After some discussion, Judge Hyden moved that the Court ask the County Attorney to draft an ordinance for approval by the Court in regards to control of animals, that places the responsibility for the animals on their owners and that responsibility would not only include the physical control but the noise of the animals also. Commissioner Lynn Smith seconded. Commissioners Will Smith, Lynn Smith and Clark and Judge Hyden voted for. Commissioner Ellison voted against. Motion carried.

This also takes care of agenda item #13-Nuisance Ordinance.

Agenda item #12-Policy Manual-Appropriate Action

After some discussion and changes made, Commissioner Lynn Smith moved to approve the personal policy manual with the changes that were mentioned in Court today. Commissioner Clark seconded. All voted for. Motion carried. Updated personal policy manual may be viewed in the County Judge's office after corrections are made.

Agenda item #9-Purchase Rock Crusher

This is postponed to a later meeting.

Agenda item #15-Dixie League-Appropriate Action

Commissioner Lynn Smith moved to allow the Little League to clean off the County's property behind pct.#1 barn and let them use this property for a practice field. Commissioner Clark seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

Agenda item #14-Storage Building for Pct. #3-Appropriate Action

Commissioner Ellison informed the Court that he has found a 10x20 storage building with electrical wiring for a price of \$1,000.00. He is asking for Court approval.

Commissioner Lynn Smith moved to give Pct. #3 approval to buy this building. Commissioner Clark seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

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COUNTY CLERK

James McDaniel

ALBERT

December 6, 1995

U. S. Forest Check	28,985.70
Schools	14,492.85
To be divided among commissioners	14,492.85

Road & Bridge Funds:

Road & Bridge #1	3,550.74
Road & Bridge #2	3,550.75
Road & Bridge #3	3,550.75
Road & Bridge #4	3,840.61
Total	14,492.85

Schools:

Hemphill Independent School District	10,034.37
West Sabine Independent School District	2,907.49
Brookeland Independent School District	1,215.67
Shelbyville Independent School District	335.32
Total	14,492.85

November 28, 1995

cc
Comm
12/11/95

Honorable John Sharp
Comptroller of Public Accounts
P. O. Box 13528
Austin, TX 78711-3528

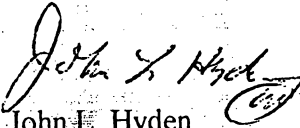
Dear Mr. Sharp:

As President of the Deep East Texas County Commissioners and County Judges Association, it gives me great pleasure to transmit to you the enclosed resolution which was passed at our meeting on October 30.

We recognize the vast amount of work that you and your Property Tax Division have put into the proposed Timber Manual, and we want you to know that we support it wholeheartedly. In fact, we believe in it so much, that we are sending it to our 14 member counties to be presented at their regular commissioners court meeting.

Once again, we appreciate your efforts.

Yours truly,

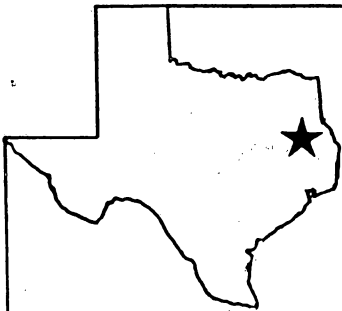


John E. Hyden
Sabine County Judge

JLH:jed

Enclosure

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**DEEP EAST TEXAS
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS &
COUNTY JUDGES ASSOCIATION**

274 East Lamar Street ~ Jasper, TX 75951
409 384-5704 Phone
409 384-5390 Fax

TO: Member Counties
Deep East Texas County Commissioners & County Judges Association

FROM: John L. Hyden, President

RE: Manual for the Appraisal of Timberland Resolution

DATE: November 28, 1995

As many of you know, at our October 30 meeting, our association passed the attached resolution in support of the timberland appraisal manual.

This resolution has been transmitted to John Sharp, along with our appreciation for the vast amount of work which his Property Tax Division put into this project.

I would like to request that this resolution be noted as part of a regular session of your commissioners court and be made part of the minutes for that meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of this resolution.

/jed

...for the benefit of all citizens in Angemia, Fannin, Houston, Jasper, Liberty, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler counties; and,

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 1-d-1, of the Texas Constitution, in order to promote the preservation of open-space land, allows the legislature to provide for taxation of open-space land devoted to timber production; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has provided by general law taxation of open-space land devoted to timber production; and

WHEREAS, law provides for the Comptroller of Public Accounts to, by rule, develop and distribute to appraisal districts, appraisal manuals setting forth required appraisal methodology to appraisal qualified timber land, and

WHEREAS, Comptroller Sharp, through his Property Tax Division, has developed and proposed draft manuals; and he has taken public comments seriously and with great concern for fairness; and

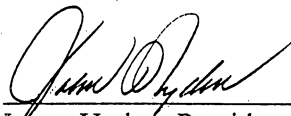
WHEREAS, in an effort to reach a consensus among the major parties affected by the proposed manual, Comptroller Sharp appointed a committee of ten persons to resolve the major issues. This committee process resulted in resolution of all major issues in order that a new proposed manual may be published and hopefully adopted in the near future; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY JUDGES ASSOCIATION THAT

THE Deep East Texas County Commissioners and County Judges Association membership, on behalf of the citizens of Deep East Texas, wishes to express its deep appreciation to the Honorable John Sharp, Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, and to the dedicated staff of his Property Tax Division, for their willingness, desire and the enormous amount of time spent on research and development in order to achieve a document which may very well set a standard for the rest of the nation.

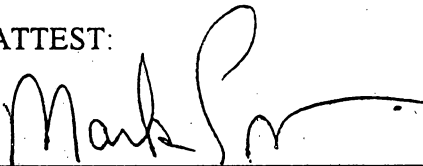
PASSED AND APPROVED AT A QUARTERLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY JUDGES ASSOCIATION HELD IN LIVINGSTON, TEXAS, THIS THE 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1995.

DEEP EAST TEXAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY JUDGES ASSOCIATION

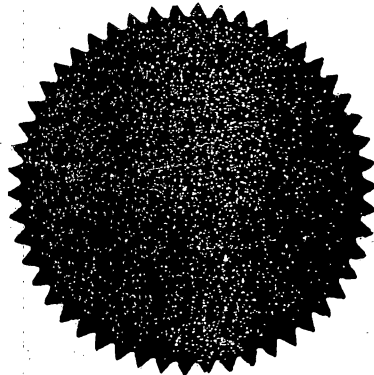


Larry Hyden, President
Sabine County Judge

ATTEST:



Mark Evans, Secretary
Trinity County Judge





Sabine County Firefighters

P. O. Box 721 • Hemphill, TX 75948

11-24-95

Judge L.R. Hyden
Sabine County Commissioners Court
Sabine County, Texas

Dear Judge Hyden:

The Sabine County Firefighters Association respectfully requests a renewal for 1996 of our budget of \$5,000.

During calendar 1995, we used the funds to acquire and make payments on an air compressor system which allows all area fire departments to fill our air bottles locally. We continue to upgrade and maintain the mobil command vehicle used by all departments in major disasters and search-rescue efforts. We are, with the support of our commissioners, installing dry hydrants throughout the county and we just completed a nine hour training session for volunteers attended by five of our local departments. Some of the funds were used in the fire prevention training we furnished to Sabine County school children this fall.

While we receive benefits from our social contact as an association, you can see that we're also active as an organization with goals of improving our local environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Chance
President

Check to TP&WL 85% of Their Fines
Restitution Paid to Local People on Iss. Bad CK

32.30
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Criminal Cases Filed
Cases Where Defendant Pled Guilty and Paid Fine
Dismissed After Driver Safety Course
Dismissed After Proof of Liability Insurance
Served Time in Jail to Pay Fine
Juvenile Warnings Given
Inquests
County Complaints Accepted
Felony Complaints Accepted
Warrants Issued
Statutory Warnings Given
Cases Referred to Teen Court
Search Warrants Issued
Civil Cases Tried

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I certify that the above account is true and correct.

Sina White

County, Texas

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ... day of ... Vol AA Pg 304 19

Title *Court Clerk*

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

P.O. Box 2131 • Austin, TX 78768-2131



1204 San Antonio • Austin, TX 78701-1806

Sam D. Seale • Executive Director

November 29, 1995

*My Packet
for Comm. Ct.
12/11/95*

Hon. John L. Hyden
Sabine County Judge
P. O. Box 716
Hemphill, Texas 75948

Dear Judge Hyden:

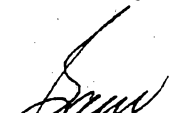
Just a few lines to let you know that Lori Huneycutt, who is the marketing representative for your area of the State, was recently injured in a car accident. Although she suffered several injuries, she seems to be getting along just fine.


Because of the nature of some of the injuries, Lori will probably take several weeks to recover. Texas Association of Counties wants you to know that although Lori will not be available, Field Services will continue to provide the same level of services. Judge, would you please advise the other members of the Court, as well as the other elected officials, of this accident.

Lori is looking forward to getting back to work, almost as much as we are to have her back.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at (800) 456-5974.

Sincerely,


Sam Seale


Donnie Carriker

