

Special Session Commissioners' Court

Thursday, March 13, 2008 1:00 p.m.

Members of the Court Present:

Charles Watson	County Judge
Keith Clark	Commissioner Pct. #1
Jimmy McDaniel	Commissioner Pct. #2
Doyle Dickerson	Commissioner Pct. #3
Fayne Warner	Commissioner Pct. #4
Janice McDaniel	County Clerk

Karen Stevens, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Shelia Martin, local realtor and wife of Tommy Martin and Danielle Ebarb are also present in Court.

Judge Watson called the meeting to order.

Agenda item #1-Reconsider and Possible Action on Item #4 from Commissioners' Court on March 10, 2008, Concerning Tourism Funds Request

This agenda item was first brought before the Court on Monday, March 10th during the regular session of Commissioners' Court. At that time the Court voted not to approve the request.

Karen Stevens presented a copy of the minutes from the February 7th meeting of the Tourism Commission. Tommy Martin was present at this meeting and presented information and pictures about his vehicle that is called a "rolling advertisement". See attached copies.

Shelia Martin told the Court that Mr. Martin attends approximately 15 to 20 tournaments a year. He has even traveled overseas to tournaments. She said he will also take brochures with him to these tournaments. The fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) will be spent on the "wrap" of his vehicle. None of this money will be spent on Mr. Martin's personal cost in attending the tournaments.

Judge Watson said we need to do what we can to promote Sabine County.

Commissioner Clark said his only problem is that this money was set aside for brochures and pamphlets. If we had money coming in from this tax money, he would be in favor of doing this.

Ms. Stevens said this is a rolling brochure or advertisement.

Judge Watson moved to allow the Chamber to spend \$1,500.00 out of the \$20,000.00 allocated to them for the advertisement wrap on Tommy Martin's vehicle. Commissioner Warner seconded. Commissioners' McDaniel, Dickerson, Warner and Judge Watson voted for the motion. Commissioner Clark opposed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Warner moved to adjourn. Commissioner Dickerson seconded. All voted for. Meeting adjourned.

Charles E. Watson CHARLES WATSON

Keith Clark KEITH CLARK

Jimmy McDaniel JIMMY MCDANIEL

Doyle Dickerson DOYLE DICKERSON

Fayne Warner FAYNE WARNER

ATTEST: COUNTY CLERK

Janice McDaniel JANICE MCDANIEL

SABINE COUNTY HOTEL/MOTEL TAX COMMITTEE
MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2008
MINUTES

The Hotel/Motel x Committee met on February 7, 2008 at 5 PM in the offices of Chance Construction. Committee members in attendance: Erickson, Yocum, Johnson, Stevens, Berry, Patterson, Reynolds, Chance and Greer. Also in attendance: Tommy Martin, professional fisherman and promoter of Toledo Bend, and his wife, Shelia Martin, who is a realtor in Sabine County

Chairman Patterson called the meeting to order and Secretary Berry read the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve by Erickson, seconded by Stevens. Motion passed.

Member Stevens had pictures of Toledo Bend Lake that she has been making for use in brochures. Patterson announced that he had received \$1,000 from Commissioners Court to be used for work on brochures and other tourism materials.

The floor recognized Tommy Martin with his presentation of ways to promote The Lake through advertising fishing tournaments, also the need for a pavillion where tournaments can be held on this lake, need to print pictures of big catches of fish and he also showed pictures of his vehicle that is a "moving bill board with painted permanent advertising covering the entire vehicle. This is called "a wrap" and it takes approximately \$25,000 to establish. This would be (at least) a 2-year ^{lyr} moving billboard. A discussion ensued on how to establish this money. Committeeman Reynolds volunteered his and member Chance's expertise in the field of fund raising and they can get 10 people to donate \$2,500 each. A motion to have these two members take on this task was made by Stevens, seconded by Berry. Motion passed. We will also ask the Commissioners Court if we can allocate some of the advertising money to cover this project. Erickson will write the proposal to the Court for us to go forward with this project.

Patterson talked about the problem with the plant, Salvenia in Toledo Bend Lake and others. We need to continue to back Senator Nichols, who working on our behalf to control and/or eliminate this problem. There is need to testify before the House Committee on Bill 2009 and send letters to the editor of the local papers to get help from the public in this push for passage of a relief bill. Perhaps money would be available from gasoline tax collection by the State and allocated to Fish & Wildlife use. Letters to the Editor about this problem will help educate the public and get citizens working to back Senator Nichols in our behalf, also.

Therer being no further business, Yocum moved for adjournment, seconded by Berry. Moton approved.

Submitted by:  Rhoda W. Berry, Secretary

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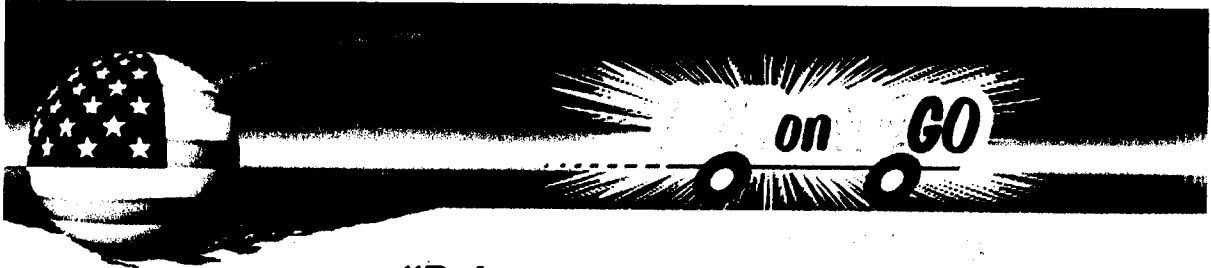
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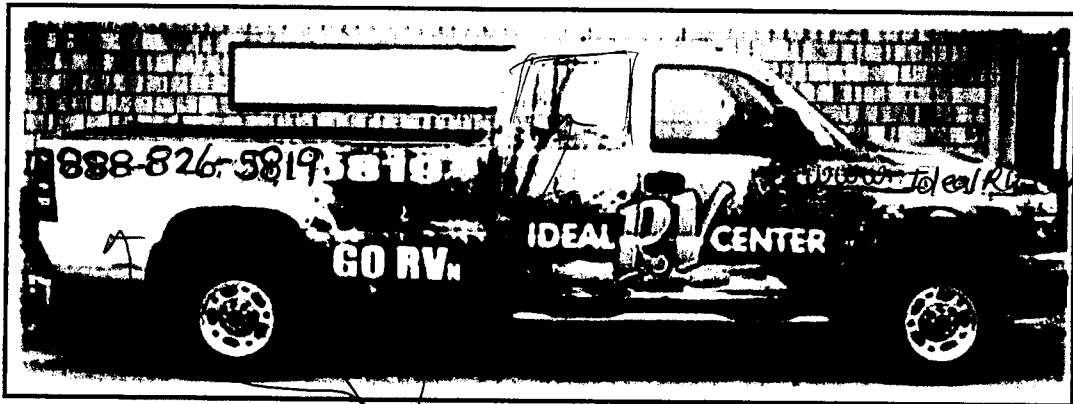
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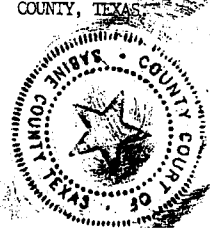


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