

SPECIAL SESSION COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Monday, August 1, 2011 9:00 a.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
Louise Clark	Chief Deputy County Clerk

Also present is County Auditor Joanna Johnson, Treasurer Tricia Jacks and Tax Assessor Martha Stone.

Judge Watson called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM #2-Discuss with possible action to purchase motor grader, Pct. 1

Commissioner Clark said the motor is going out in his motor grader and he is going to purchase one from John Deere through the buy board. He will pay \$100,000.00 down and finance the rest on a lease purchase plan for 1 year. The total cost is \$199,300.00.

Commissioner Clark moved to approve purchase of motor grader from ~~Doggett~~ for precinct 1. Commissioner Dickerson seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM #3-Budget Workshop

Ms. Johnson said this is the mileage according to what the 911 Coordinator has and the percentages that she has calculated per precinct.

Precinct 1	82.21 miles	24%
Precinct 2	99.17 miles	25%
Precinct 3	100.47 miles	25%
Precinct 4	119.13 miles	26%

Commissioner Dickerson said he has picked up about 20 more miles and feels he needs more of a percentage to be able to work his roads.

Commissioner Clark recommended dividing the revenues 24 percent for precinct 1, 25 percent for precincts 2 and 3 and 26 percent for precinct 4.

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The rest of the Court agreed.

Commissioner Clark moved to divide the revenue at 24 percent for precinct 1, 25 percent for precincts 2 and 3 and 26 percent for precinct 4. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. All voted for. Motion carried.

Martha Stone, Tax Assessor, said we added 51 million dollars to our value from last year to this year. This is due to 2 pipelines, an oil well and a few new homes. Next year it may go back down to the average gain in value or it could continue to rise if the oil activity continues to grow. This makes our effective rate go down. Also we collected approximately 100 thousand dollars more in sales tax than the year before. This made our roll back value go down. Our current value is 41 cents. With the added values, our roll back rate is 39 cents. If we do not go back to this rate, we stand the chance of someone petitioning for a roll back election. If that happened and it passed, we would have to go back to our effective rate of 37 cents. We have discussed how hard it has been to get our rates up to the current rate. But, Martha said, a roll back would not be good for the County. She recommended that we not go above the roll back rate.

The Court agreed on the 39 cent roll back rate. At 95 percent collection, this would generate approximately \$1,942,176.00.

Budget requests were discussed. It was also discussed about JP #2 moving out of City Hall in Pineland.

Court recessed at 11:20 a.m. for lunch.

Court reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

More budget requests were discussed.

Sheriff Maddox made his budget request to the Court. The Court agreed to budget for 2 vehicles in 2012.

County Auditor, Joanna Johnson, said each elected official is put into their job by the people. She said her job is to check the finances to make sure they are operating according to the law. She said she does not have any other jobs than that. She said she got the District Judges to appoint Malinda Bryan as assistant auditor. She was an employee in the Treasurer's office in San Augustine County. San Augustine County will still be paying her salary plus \$250.00 to do what she has been doing there, which is payroll and insurance. Sabine County will pay her \$250.00 a month also. She will be able to come over here and sign checks.

Ms. Johnson said her salary is going down about \$6,000.00. This will be \$3,500.00 less even after paying the assistant auditor so she is not asking the County to be out any more money. Maybe later on, Sabine County will have someone here that can do what Malinda will be doing for Sabine County.

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Commissioner McDaniel asked if Ms. Bryan could legally do Joanna's job.

Ms. Johnson said sure she can. She said she has talked to the Judge about this.

The auditor said she would work up the figures for a 3 percent and a 5 percent raise.

Court recessed at 3:30 p.m. and will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday morning.

Court reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, August 4, 2011.

Judge Watson called the Court back to order. The Commissioners, Treasurer, Tax Assessor and the County Auditor are present.

AGENDA ITEM #1-Budget Workshop

The Court discussed how much revenue will be produced from advalorem taxes and how much will be carried over from this year. The expected Federal Forest Service money for Sabine County for next year is \$131,000.00. This will be split between the schools and the County.

Commissioner McDaniel moved to move Dave Felts to full time. Commissioner Dickerson seconded. Commissioners McDaniel and Dickerson voted for. Commissioners Clark and Warner voted against. Judge Watson broke the tie by voting against. Motion failed.

Kevin Dutton, District Attorney, is requesting that Sabine County raise their contribution to his salary to what San Augustine County pays. San Augustine pays \$202.00 and Sabine pays \$92.00. He is also requesting a raise for his secretary. He wants her total salary raised to approximately \$30,000.00.

The Court decided on part-time as follows:

Dave Felts		\$12.00 per hr.
Veterans Officer	21 hrs. @	\$10.50 per hr. (includes 5% raise) =\$11,466.00 yr.
EOC	21 hrs. @	\$10.50 per hr. (includes 5% raise) =\$11,466.00 yr.

County Judge's office will use the \$7,000.00 allotted for his insurance for his part-time.

The Court agreed to give ETHAN program \$1,000.00.

The Court agreed for a 5% raise for employees.

The budget workshop closed at 10:10 a.m., August 4, 2011.

Charles E. Watson CHARLES WATSON

Keith Clark KEITH CLARK

Jimmy McDaniel JIMMY MCDANIEL

Doyle Dickerson DOYLE DICKERSON

Fayne Warner FAYNE WARNER

ATTEST: CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

Louise Clark LOUISE CLARK

The State Of Texas
County Of Sabine

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE FILED AND
DULY RECORDED IN THE COMMISSIONER COURT MINUTES OF SABINE
COUNTY, TEXAS.

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JANICE MCDANIEL COUNTY CLERK
BY Pam Cavender
Deputy



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