

THE STATE OF TEXAS ()

COUNTY OF JOHNSON ()

July 14, 1947

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT at a Regular Meeting of the Commissioner's Court of Johnson County, Texas, held on the 14th day of July, A. D. 1947, the following members were present: Honorable H. G. Littlefair, County Judge; Commissioner Wyatt, Precinct #1; Commissioner Evans, Precinct #2; Commissioner Maddox, Precinct #3; Commissioner Roland, Precinct #4; and Louis B. Lee, County Clerk. Among other things they did the following:

A motion was made by Commissioner Roland and seconded by Commissioner Evans that all proper and approved bills be allowed and ordered paid as submitted. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wyatt and seconded by Commissioner Roland that the following named persons be appointed election judges for all elections held in the County during 1947 and 1948:

In Precinct No. 1 at Court House, in the City of Cleburne, Texas, with the election officers:

Mrs. Marlin Russell, Presiding Judge

Mrs. Ernest Guinn, Judge.

In Precinct No. 2 at the Court House, in the City of Cleburne, Texas, with the following election officers:

Mr. Sam Ballew, Presiding Judge

Mrs. W. M. High, Judge

In Precinct No. 3 at the Court House, in the City of Cleburne, Texas, with the following election officers:

Arch Boulware, Presiding Judge

Mrs. E. W. Rawls, Judge

In Precinct No. 4 at the Court House, in the City of Cleburne, Texas with the following election officers:

E. L. Harris, Presiding Judge

A. M. Stark, Judge

In Precinct No. 5 at the School Building, in the City of Rio Vista, Texas, with the following election officers:

Doyle Ball, Presiding Judge

Eldon Ewing, Judge

In Precinct No. 6 at School Building in the Brazos Valley, with the following election officers:

Mrs. L. E. Wilbanks, Presiding Judge

E. B. Kinser, Judge

In Precinct No. 7 at School Building in the City of Bono, Texas, with the following election officers:

H. J. Dickey, Presiding Judge

Walter Kennon, Judge

In Precinct No. 8 at School Building in the City of Lone Willow, Texas with the following election officers:

W. M. Farmer, Presiding Judge

Will Rogen, Judge

In Precinct No. 9 at Blacksmith Shop in the City of Cresson, Texas, with the following election officers:

D. W. Fiddler, Presiding Judge

L. Duvant, Judge.

In Precinct No. 10 at School Building in the City of Godley, Texas with the following election officers:

L. D. Garrett, Presiding Judge

L. P. McNally, Judge

In Precinct No. 11 at School Building in the City of Joshua, Texas, with the following election officers:

P. C. Turner, Presiding Judge

B. E. Doggett, Judge

In Precinct No. 12 at School Building in the City of Burleson, Texas, with the following election officers:

Clayton Griffing, Presiding Judge

J. Hillery, Judge

In Precinct No. 13 at School Building in the City of Egan, Texas, with the following election officers:

Mrs. Charlie Highes, Presiding Judge

Mrs. Russell McGowan, Judge

In Precinct No. 14 at School Building in the City of Lillian, Texas, with the following election officers:

Mrs. Ernest Castevens

~~Marvin Angel~~, Presiding Judge

W. B. Eskridge, Judge.

In Precinct No. 15 at the School Building in the City of Lone Star, Texas with the following election officers:

Mrs. Betty Adams, Presiding Judge

D. F. Hinton, Judge

In Precinct No. 16 at City Hall in the City of Venus, Texas, with the following election officers:

Jess Roten, Presiding Judge

Jake Wells, Judge

In Precinct No. 17 at City Hall in the City of Grandview, Texas, with the following election officers:

R. L. Carter, Presiding Judge

W. E. Laird, Judge

In Precinct No. 18 at G. T. Elliott Office in the City of Grandview, Texas, with the following election officers:

Will Benton, Presiding Judge

H. W. Pitts, Judge

In Precinct No. 19 at School Building in the City of Barnesville, Texas, with the following election officers:

Roy Couch, Presiding Judge

I. Abshire, Judge

In Precinct No. 20 at Office of City Secretary in the City of Alvarado, Texas, with the following election officers:

J. V. Robinson, Presiding Judge

Tom Senter, Judge

In Precinct No. 21 at Kelly's office in the City of Alvarado, Texas, with the following election officers:

E. L. Prestridge, Presiding Judge.

Jim Ezell, Judge.

In Precinct No. 22 at School Building in the City of Highland, Texas, with the following election officers:

Lee Ince, Presiding Judge

Ronald Cope, Judge

In Precinct No. 23 at School Building in the City of Parker, Texas, with the following election officers:

Mrs. Marion Hassell, Presiding Judge

Mrs. Floyd Hays, Judge

In Precinct No. 24 at School Building in the City of Keene, Texas, with the following election officers:

Ollie Glassford, Presiding Judge

Mrs. Pat Nichols, Judge

In Precinct No. 25 at Jr. High School in the City of Cleburne, Texas with the following election officers:

Mrs. Lois White, Presiding Judge

Mrs. O. T. Smyth, Judge

In Precinct No. 26 at Sr. High School in the City of Cleburne, Texas, with the following election officers:

John Jordan, Presiding Judge

Mrs. Nell Barr, Judge

In Precinct No. 27 at J. N. Long School Building in the City of Cleburne, Texas with the following election officers:

W. W. Cochran, Presiding Judge

Mrs. W. C. Pendley, Judge.

In Precinct No. 28 at Irving School Building in the City of Cleburne, Texas with the following election officers:

Albert Lightfoot, Presiding Judge

Mrs. J. S. Wheeler, Judge.

In Precinct No. 29 at City Hall in the City of Cleburne, Texas, with the following election officers:

Porter Glass, Presiding Judge

W. A. Sanders, Judge

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A motion was made by Commissioner Wyatt and seconded by Commissioner Maddox, that the quarterly report of The County Treasurer be approved. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wyatt and seconded by Commissioner Roland That the Commissioners' Court be continued until July 23, 1947. All voted aye.

July 23, 1947.

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT at a continuation of the July 14th Regular Meeting of the Commissioner's Court of Johnson County, Texas, held on the 23rd day of July, 1947, the following members were present: Honorable H. G. Littlefair, County Judge; Commissioner Wyatt, Precinct #1; Commissioner Evans, Precinct #2; Commissioner Maddox, Precinct #3; Commissioner Roland, Precinct #4; Louis B. Lee, County Clerk; and Jack Altaras, County Attorney. Among other things, they did the following:

A motion was made by Commissioner Wyatt, and seconded by Commissioner Evans, that It is ordered by the Commissioners' Court that a loan of \$5,000.00 be made to the Right of Way Fund; a loan of \$3,000.00 be made to the Court House and Jail Fund; and a loan of \$200.00 be made to the Johnson

County Hospital Bond Interest and Sinking Fund; at 1% interest - - due on or before December 1, 1947, and that all specified loans be made from the General Fund. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Roland that the State Bond of S. O. Rosser in the amount of \$5,000.00 payable to the Governor of Texas, be and the same is hereby approved. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wyatt and seconded by Commissioner Maddox, that the amount of \$10,000.00 be transferred from the General Fund to the Officers Salary Fund. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Maddox, that the Tax Rate of \$1.50 as set up erroneously by order of the Commissioners' Court dated June 16, 1947, be and the same is hereby in all respects rescinded. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maddox, and seconded by Commissioner Evans, that Shelton Poteet be employed as a deputy in the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office, at a salary of \$1440.00 per year, payable in 12 equal payments, effective July 11, 1947. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maddox and seconded by Commissioner Roland, that the following order be adopted:

ELECTION ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF JOHNSON

On this the 23 day of July, 1947, the Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, convened in regular continued session, at the regular meeting place thereof in the Courthouse at Cleburne, Texas, with the following members of the Court, to-wit:

H. G. Littlefair, County Judge.

J. R. Wyatt, Commissioner Precinct No. 1,

S. W. Evans, Commissioner Precinct No. 2,

V. L. Maddox, Commissioner Precinct No. 3,

M. W. Roland, Commissioner Precinct No. 4,

being present, and, among other proceedings had by the Court were the following:

Commissioner Maddox introduced an order and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roland. The motion, carrying with it the adoption of the order, prevailing by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Wyatt, Evans, Maddox, and Roland;

NOES: None.

The order is as follows:

WHEREAS, at the general election held throughout the State of Texas on November 7, 1944, the qualified electors of the State, voting on the proposition, approved the amendment to Section 9, of Article 8, of the Texas Constitution, which amendment provides that the Commissioners Court in any county may re-allocate the county tax levies authorized in said Section 9 of Article 8, by changing the rates provided for any of the purposes authorized in said Section by either increasing or decreasing the same, but in no event shall the total of such taxes exceed Eighty (80¢) Cents on the one hundred dollars' valuation for any one year, provided that before the Commissioners Court may make such re-allocations and changes in such levies the same shall be submitted to the qualified property taxpaying voters of such county at a general or special election; and in event such re-allocations and changes are approved by a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of any such county, such re-allocations and changes shall remain in force and effect for a period of six (6) years from the date of the election at

which same shall have been approved, unless the same again shall have been changed by a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of such county, voting on the proposition; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, deems it advisable and to the best interest of said County to re-allocate the county taxes authorized to be levied annually by Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, by changing the rates in respect to certain county taxes as herein provided;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS:

That a special election be held in said County on the 23 day of Aug., 1947, which is not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the adoption of this order, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted to the qualified property taxpaying voters, who own taxable property in said County and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, for their action thereupon:

“Shall the the Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, be authorized to levy and collect in each year for a period of six (6) years from the date of said election, county taxes as follows:

Not exceeding Thirty Cents (30¢) on the \$100.00 valuation, in any one year, for County purposes;

Not exceeding Twenty seven Cents (27¢) on the \$100.00 valuation, in any one year, for roads and bridges;

Not exceeding Three (3¢) on the \$100.00 valuation, in any one year, to supplement the jury fund of the County; and

Not exceeding Twenty Cents (20¢) on the \$100.00 valuation, in any one year, for the erection of public buildings and other permanent improvements.”

In the event that the annual levy of a tax not exceeding fifteen (15¢) cents on the one hundred dollars' valuation for the further maintenance of the public roads of said County has heretofore been, or shall hereafter be, authorized by a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of the County, voting at an election held for that purpose, nothing herein shall be construed as rescinding or in any manner affecting the power and authority of the Commissioners Court to levy and to continue to levy said tax.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, particularly amended Section 9, of Article 8, of the Constitution, and Section 3a, Article 6, of the Constitution, and all persons who are legally qualified voters of said County, and who are resident property taxpayers who own taxable property in said County and who have duly rendered the same for taxation, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

The ballots for said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"FOR RE-ALLOCATION OF COUNTY TAXES."

"AGAINST RE-ALLOCATION OF COUNTY TAXES."

Each voter shall mark out with black ink or black pencil one of the above expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his or her vote.

The polling places and presiding officers of said election shall be respectively as follows:

PRECINCT NO.

VOTING PLACE

PRESIDING OFFICER

(As designated in Vol. 13, page 415, Commissioners Court Minutes of Johnson County, Texas).

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State regulating general elections.

A copy of this order, signed by the County Judge of said County, and certified to by the County Clerk of said County shall serve as proper and sufficient notice of said election.

Notice of said election shall be given by posting a copy of this order at the top of which shall appear the words "NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE RE-ALLOCATION OF COUNTY TAXES," at the Courthouse door of said County, and in each of the election precincts of said County for thirty (30) days prior to the election, which notices shall be posted by the Sheriff or a constable, who shall make return on a copy of such notice, how and when he executed the same.

Notice of said election shall also be given by publication thereof in a newspaper published in Johnson County, once each week for three consecutive weeks, the date of first publication being not less than twenty-one (21) full days prior to the date of said election.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this the 23 day of July, 1947.

H. G. Littlefair, County Judge.

J. R. Wyatt, Commissioner Precinct No. 1

S. W. Evans, Commissioner Precinct No. 2

V. L. Maddox, Commissioner Precinct No. 3

M. W. Roland, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

All voted aye.

Attest: _____ County Clerk. _____ County Judge.

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