

THE STATE OF TEXAS ()

COUNTY OF JOHNSON ()

September 2, 1947

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT AT a Special Meeting of the Commissioner's Court of Johnson County, Texas, held on the 2nd day of September, 1947, the following members were present: Honorable H. G. Littlefair, County Judge; Commissioner Wyatt, Precinct #1; Commissioner Evans, Precinct #2; Commissioner Maddox, Precinct #3; and Louis Lee, County Clerk. Among other things they did the following:

A motion was made by Commissioner Wyatt and seconded by Commissioner Evans that all properly endorsed bills be allowed and ordered paid. Commissioners Wyatt, Evans, and Maddox voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wyatt and seconded by Commissioner Maddox that Alf William Wall be appointed Deputy Sheriff, effective August 12, 1947 at a salary of \$140.00 per month. Commissioners Wyatt, Evans, and Maddox voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wyatt and seconded by Commissioner Evans that Marceil Davis be appointed as extra office secretary for County Judge's office August 4, 1947 at a salary of \$100.00 per month. Commissioners Wyatt, Evans and Maddox voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Evans and seconded by Commissioner Maddox that an office be rented for the Welfare Department from Mr. L. B. Young at a rate of \$6.00 per month effective September 1st, 1947. Commissioners Wyatt, Evans, and Maddox voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maddox and seconded by Commissioner Evans that the Bond of B. P. Donoho, Public Weigher Precinct #5 Johnson County, Texas in the amount of \$2500.00

bonded unto the State of Texas be and the same is hereby approved. Commissioners Wyatt, Evans, and Maddox voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maddox and seconded by Commissioner Evans that the County will contract to decorate the Court House for the Johnson County Fair for \$25.00. Commissioners Wyatt, Evans and Maddox voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wyatt and seconded by Commissioner Evans that the Court authorizes the installation of a telephone in the County Nurse's office. Commissioners Wyatt, Evans and Maddox voted aye.

ORDER CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING RESULT OF ELECTION

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On this the 2nd day of Sept, 1947, the Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, convened in Reg. 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,
Roy Wyatt, Commissioner Precinct No. 1,
Sam Evans, Commissioner Precinct No. 2,
Vern Maddox, Commissioner Precinct No. 3

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

There came on to be considered the returns of an election held on the 23rd day of Aug., 1947, in said County, for the purpose of submitting the following proposition to the resident 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 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 30 cents (30¢) on the \$100.00 valuation, in any one year, for County purposes;

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

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

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

And it appearing that said election was in all respects legally held after due notice had been given, and that the said returns were duly and legally made and that there were cast at said election 867 valid and legal votes, of which number there were cast:

“FOR RE-ALLOCATION OF COUNTY TAXES” ----- 717 votes.

“AGAINST RE-ALLOCATION OF COUNTY TAXES” ----- 150 votes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND DECLARED BY THE Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, that the proposition so submitted was sustained by a majority of the resident qualified property taxpaying voters, who owned taxable property in said County and who had duly rendered the same for taxation, voting at said election, and that the Commissioners Court of said County is authorized to levy and collect the taxes as set out in said proposition.

The above order being read, it was moved and seconded that same do pass. Thereupon, the question being called for, the following members of the Court voted Aye: All, and the following voted No: ____.

H. G. Littlefair, County Judge

Roy Wyatt, Commissioner Precinct #1

S. W. Evans, Commissioner Precinct #2

Vern Maddox, Commissioner Precinct #3

RETURN OF AN ELECTION ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

This form is prescribed in accordance with provisions of Title 50, R. C. S., 1925, and all amendments thereto.

Paul H. Brown, Secretary of State

To the Honorable Paul H. Brown:

SIR: In compliance with the election laws of Texas, I submit the following return of an election for the adoption or rejection of a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, held in Johnson County, Texas, on the 23rd day of August, A. D. 1947.

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES POLLED 781

417 votes were cast FOR the amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, adding Sections 17 and 18 providing for the levying of a state ad valorem tax on property in lieu of the present state ad valorem tax of Seven (7¢) Cents for Confederate pensions in order to create special funds necessary for the payment of Confederate pensions and for the financing of the construction and equipment of buildings and other permanent improvements at state institutions of higher learning, in the amounts of Two (2¢) Cents and Five (5¢) Cents respectively; providing for a Five Cent reduction of

the maximum allowable state tax on property, making such tax not to exceed Thirty (30¢) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation providing a method of payment for the construction and equipment of improvements and buildings at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and The University of Texas.

364 votes were cast AGAINST the amendment to Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, adding Sections 17 and 18 providing for the levying of a state ad valorem tax on property in lieu of the present state ad valorem tax of Seven (7¢) Cents for Confederate pensions in order to create special funds necessary for the payment of Confederate pensions and for the financing of the construction and equipment of buildings and other permanent improvements at state institutions of higher learning, in the amounts of Two (2¢) Cents and Five (5¢) Cents respectively; providing for a Five (5¢) Cent reduction of the maximum allowable state tax on property, making such tax not to exceed Thirty (30¢) Cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars valuation; providing a method of payment for the construction and equipment of improvements and buildings at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and The University of Texas.

Note: This return is to be made IN DUPLICATE, one of which shall be Immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State, the other of which shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the County Court.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a correct return of the vote of this County cast for and against the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas at an election held on the 23rd day of August, A. D., 1947.

Witness my hand at Cleburne, Texas, this the 27th day of August, A. D. 1947.

H. G. Littlefair, County Judge.

Johnson County, Texas.

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Attest: _____ [County Clerk](#) _____ County Judge

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