

THE STATE OF TEXAS     ()

COUNTY OF JOHNSON   ()

January 10, 1949

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT AT A MEETING of the Commissioners' Court held in the Courthouse in Cleburne, Texas, the following members were present: Honorable H. G. Littlefair, County Judge, W. M. Coward, 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, and Louis B. Lee, County Clerk. Among other things, they did the following:

A motion was made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Evans that all due and properly endorsed bills be allowed and ordered paid as submitted. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, that the County Auditor Murphy be hereby authorized to advertise, according to law, for a Depository Bank for School funds for Johnson County and also advertise for a Depository for Johnson County Funds. All bids to be submitted to the Commissioners' Court for action. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Roland, seconded by Commissioner Coward, that the bonds of Ollie Bransom for public weigher for \$2500.00, and Fred Halbert Jr. for Livestock Commissioner Merchant for \$2000.00, both payable to the Johnson County Judge and his successors in office, be approved. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Roland, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, that the following persons be appointed deputies in the County Tax Collector-Assessor's office for the year 1949: Olga I. Brockette, Avis W. Boyd, Louise Mahanay, J. P. Seroyer and Edith Wilbanks; and the following named persons to be deputies in the County Clerks office: Birta Cain, Ruth Martin, Nell Neal and Catholene Massey. The persons named as deputies in the County Clerks office each to receive \$1800.00 per year in 12 equal payments, and appointments to be for the period from January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1950; and that Mrs. Lillian Ashcraft be appointed a deputy in the District Clerk's office for the year 1949 at a salary of \$1200.00 per year, payable in equal monthly payments. All voted aye.

#### FOLLOW- UP ORDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS               :

COUNTY OF JOHNSON               :

On this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1949, the Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, convened in regular session at a Regular Term thereof, the following members of the Court being present, to-wit:

H. G. Littlefair, County Judge;  
W. M. Coward, Commissioner Precinct No. 1;  
S. W. Evans, Commissioner Precinct No. 2;  
Vern Maddox, Commissioner Precinct No. 3;  
M. W. Roland, Commissioner Precinct No. 4;  
Louis B. Lee, County Clerk,

and, among other proceedings had, were the following:

The County Judge presented for consideration an order. Commissioner Evans, moved that the order be passed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Roland, and was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners W. M. Coward, Vern Maddox, S. W. Evans, M. W. Roland;

NOES: None.

The Judge announced that the order had been passed. The order is as follows:

WHEREAS, heretofore, to-wit: on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1948, the Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, passed an order authorizing the issuance of JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE WARRANTS, SERIES OF 1948, said warrants being dated June 20, 1948, bearing 3 ½% interest per annum, and maturing serially on June 20<sup>th</sup>, \$10,000 in each of the years 1949 to 1963, inclusive; and a tax has been levied sufficient in amount for the payment of said warrants according to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas, which warrants were duly authorized to be issued for the purpose of paying claims to be incurred in purchasing right-of-way for public roads in the County and incidental expenses in connection therewith, and constructing road and bridge improvements in the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the passage of said order of June 19, 1948, claims have been incurred in purchasing right-of-way for public roads in the County and incidental expenses in connection therewith, and constructing road and bridge improvements in the County; and

WHEREAS, said claims have been duly approved by the County Auditor and audited and allowed by the Commissioners Court and have been found and determined to be valid claims against said Johnson County; and

WHEREAS, claims in the aggregate amount of \$53,225.35 have been duly and legally transferred and assigned to First of Texas Corporation, San Antonio, Texas; and

WHEREAS, it was provided in said order above referred to that said warrants above described should be executed, issued and delivered in payment of claims duly approved by the County Auditor and audited and allowed by the Commissioners Court, and that said Commissioners Court in auditing and allowing said claims should designate the numbers of warrants to be delivered to evidence said claims so that the proceedings of this Court shall show to whom each of said warrants was delivered and the purpose for which said was delivered;

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

I.

That the following claims heretofore approved by the County Auditor and audited and allowed by the Commissioners Court incurred in purchasing right-of-way for public roads in the County, and incidental expenses in connection therewith, and constructing road and bridge improvements in the County, be, and the same are hereby approved and allowed:

[\(See attachment for list of claims, original Volume 13, pages 550-558\)](#)

II.

That the assignment of claims to First of Texas Corporation of San Antonio, Texas, be, and the same is hereby approved.

III.

That, in accordance herewith and with the order of the Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1949, there shall be executed and delivered to First of Texas Corporation, San Antonio, Texas, "JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE WARRANTS, SERIES OF 1948" Numbers 1 to 6, 11 to 16, 21 to 26, 31 to 36, 41 to 46, 51 to 56, 61 to 65, 71 to 75, 81 to 85, and 91 and 92 for \$1000 each, aggregating 53,000, evidencing the indebtedness due by Johnson County, Texas, to

said First of Texas Corporation as assignee of said claims; and that the excess of \$225.35, as shown by said list of claims be carried forward to the next exchange of claims for warrants.

IV.

The County of Johnson having received full value and consideration for the warrants herein above described, the County Treasurer is hereby authorized and instructed to register said warrants and after registration thereof to deliver the same to the said First of Texas Corporation, and the County Judge, County Clerk, County Auditor and County Treasurer are hereby authorized to execute such other and further instrument, certificates or statements as shall be necessary, convenient or appropriate to reflect the entire validity of said warrants.

V.

It is further ordered that the above order take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1949.

H. G. Littlefair, County Judge

W. M. Coward,  
Commissioner Precinct No. 1  
Vern Maddox,  
Commissioner Precinct No. 3

S. W. Evans,  
Commissioner Precinct No. 2  
M. W. Roland  
Commissioner Precinct No. 4

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE REFUNDING BONDS

THE STATE OF TEXAS :  
COUNTY OF JOHNSON :

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 163, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-second Legislature, 1931, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is the intention of the Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, to pass an order on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1949, authorizing the issuance of JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE REFUNDING BONDS, in the maximum amount of \$60,000.00, for the purpose of refunding, canceling and in lieu of a like amount of Johnson County Road and Bridge Warrants, Series of 1948, dated June 20, 1948; said Refunding Bonds to bear interest at a rate not to

exceed three and one-half (3 ½%) per cent per annum, and to mature serially, with a maximum maturity date not to exceed ten (10) years from their date.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN in pursuance of an order passed by the Commissioners Court of Johnson County, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1949.

H. G. Littlefair, County Judge  
Johnson County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS                 :  
COUNTY OF JOHNSON               :

On this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1949, the Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, convened in regular session at a Regular Term of said Court, in the Courthouse at Cleburne, Texas, with the following members present, to-wit:

H. G. Littlefair, County Judge,  
W. M. Coward, Commissioner Precinct No. 1,  
S. W. Evans, Commissioner Precinct No. 2,  
Vern Maddox, Commissioner Precinct No. 3  
M. W. Roland, Commissioner Precinct No. 4  
Louis B. Lee, County Clerk

and among other proceedings had, were the following:

Commissioner Evans introduced an order and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coward, and carried by the following vote.:

AYES: Commissioners W. M. Coward, S. W. Evans, Vern Maddox, M. W. Roland.

NOES: None

The County Judge announced that the order had been finally passed. The order is as follows:

AN ORDER

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO GIVE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE ROAD AND BRIDGE REFUNDING BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY THOUSAND (\$60,000.00) DOLLARS, BEARING INTEREST AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED THREE AND ONE-HALF (3 ½%) PER CENT PER ANNUM, AND MATURING SERIALY THE MAXIMUM MATURITY THEREOF TO BE NOT LATER THAN TEN (10) YEARS FROM THEIR DATE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING A LIKE AMOUNT OF ROAD AND BRIDGE WARRANTS HERETOFORE AUTHORIZED.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, has heretofore passed an order authorizing the issuance of JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE WARRANTS, SERIES OF 1948, dated June 20, 1948, numbered from 1 to 150, inclusive, in denomination of \$1,000 each, aggregating \$150,000.00, bearing interest at the rate of 3 ½% per annum, and maturing \$10,000 on June 20<sup>th</sup> in each of the years 1949 to 1963, inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court deems it advisable and to the best interest of Johnson County to cancel \$60,000.00 of the above described warrants by the issuance of refunding bonds in lieu thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is now proper that the County give notice of its intention to issue said Refunding Bonds;

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

1. That the County Judge be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to give notice, as required by Chapter 163, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-second Texas Legislature, 1931, of the intention of the Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, to issue Road and Bridge Refunding Bonds, of said County in an amount not exceeding Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding three and one-half (3 ½%) per cent per annum, and maturing serially, the maximum maturity date thereof to be not later than then (10) years from their date, for the purpose of canceling, refunding and in lieu of a like amount of Johnson County Road and Bridge Warrants, Series of 1948, dated June 20, 1948.

2. That the notice of intention to issue said bonds shall provide for the passage of the order authorizing the issuance of said Refunding bonds at the Regular Term of the Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1949.

H. G. Littlefair,  
County Judge, Johnson County, Texas

ATTEST:

Louis B. Lee, County Clerk

THE STATE OF TEXAS :

COUNTY OF JOHNSON :

On this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1949, the Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, convened in regular session at a Regular Term thereof, at the Courthouse in Cleburne, Texas, with the following members present, to-wit:

H. G. Littlefair, County Judge,

W. M. Coward, Commissioner Precinct No. 1,

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

Vern Maddox, Commissioner Precinct No. 3

M. W. Roland, Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Louis B. Lee, County Clerk

constituting a quorum, when, among other proceedings had, were the following:

Commissioner Roland introduced a resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans.

The motion, carrying with it the adoption of the resolution, prevailed by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners W. M. Coward, S. W. Evans, M. W. Roland and Vern Maddox.

NOES: None

The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO PUBLISH  
NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF  
JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS, TO ISSUE ROAD AND BRIDGE WARRANTS.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court has heretofore determined the advisability and necessity of purchasing right of way for public roads in the County and constructing road and bridge improvements in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court deems it advisable to issue interest-bearing time warrants against the Road and Bridge Fund of Johnson County for the purpose of paying claims to be incurred in purchasing right-of-way for public roads in the County and incidental expenses in connection therewith, and constructing road and bridge improvements in the County; and

WHEREAS, it is proper and necessary that the County give notice of its intention to issue such Road and Bridge Warrants;

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

That the County Judge be, and he is hereby authorized, ordered and directed to do all things necessary and/or convenient to have published the notice required by Chapter 163, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-second Texas Legislature; that said notice shall give notice that it is the intention of the Commissioners Court of said County to issue not exceeding \$100,000.00 of Road and Bridge time warrants to mature at such times as may be fixed by the Commissioners Court, serially or otherwise, with a maximum maturity not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from their date, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 3 ½% per cent per annum, and to be payable out of an ad valorem tax to be levied against all taxable property in said County, such time warrants to be issued for the purpose of paying claims to be incurred in purchasing right-of-way for public roads in the County and incidental expenses in connection therewith, and constructing road and bridge improvements in the County.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1949.

H. G. Littlefair, County Judge

Johnson County, Texas.

Attest:

Louis B. Lee, County Clerk



A motion was made by Commissioner Maddox, seconded by Commissioner Roland, that the following tax valuation rate schedule for tax purposes for the Tax Collector-Assessor's office be adopted and that the Tax Collector-Assessor be instructed to use this schedule as a guide in assessing taxes in 1949, and that each deputy assessor be supplied a copy of schedule and that he be instructed to use it as a guide while assessing taxes; and the rate of pay for all Tax Assessors in the field be set at 30 cents per sheet, with the exception of the Assessor in Precinct #8, whose pay rate shall be 35 cents per sheet.

#### Grade Cattle

Milk Cows	\$ 35 to \$ 50
Springers	25 to 40
Yearlings ( 1yr to 2 yrs )	15 to 25
Calves ( under 1 yr )	10 to 20
Stock Cattle	35 to 50
Steers	40 to 65
Bulls	30 to 50

#### Registered Cattle

Milk Cows	\$ 70 to \$150
Springs	50 to 75
Yearlings ( 1 yr to 2 yrs.)	30 to 50
Calves (under 1 yr)	30 to 40
Bulls (Service)	80 to 150
Bulls (Imported)	150 to 250
Sheep	6 to 10
Hogs	Market Price
Mules ( under 8 yrs.)	\$ 20 to 40
Mules (over 8 yrs.)	10 to 30
Horses (under 8 yrs.)	15 to 30
Horses (over 8 yrs.)	20 to 150
Horses, Saddle, gated or show	150 to 250

#### Tractors

1948-47	50% purchase price
1945	40% “ “
1944	40% “ “

1943	35%	“
1942	30%	“
1941	25%	“

1940 and years before 20% purchase price

#### Automobiles

All automobiles and trucks to be assessed for taxes at ½ value of sale price as listed in N.A.D.A. red book for Region B for January, February and March 1949.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Maddox that in compliance with the Constitutional Amendment of Section 61, Article XVI of the Constitution of Texas, as voted by majority of the Voters of Texas, in the General Election November 2, 1948, placing Constables pay on a salary basis instead of fee system, the Commissioners Court at a regular meeting, set the yearly salaries of Constables in Johnson County as follows:

Prect. #1 Gus Capps	\$1500.00
Prect. #2 Ed Pyeatt	120.00
Prect. #3 Charles G. Lockett	300.00
Prect. #4 S. H. Bradley	300.00
Prect. #7 Joe Neustupa	180.00
Prect. #8 Lee F. Crook	120.00

The Constables list will be paid on a monthly basis of 12 equal payments, effective January 1, 1949. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maddox, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the bond of Joe Neustupa in the amount of \$1000.00, payable to the Governor of Texas, for Constable of Precinct No. 7 of Johnson County, be approved. All voted aye.

THE STATE OF TEXAS :

COUNTY OF JOHNSON :

We, the undersigned officers of Johnson County, Texas, indicated by the official title opposite our names, do hereby certify that we did officially sign \$53,000.00 JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE WARRANTS, SERIES OF 1948 (being part of a total authorized issued \$150,000) issued for the

purpose of paying claims incurred in purchasing right-of-way for public roads in the County and incidental expenses in connection therewith, and constructing road and bridge improvements in the County, dated June 20, 1948, bearing interest at the rate of 3 ½% per annum, payable December 20, 1948, and semi-annually thereafter on June 20<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup> in each year, said warrants being in denomination of \$1,000 each, and numbered and maturing as follows:

WARRANT NUMBERS	MATURITY DATE	AMOUNT
1 – 6 inclusive	June 20, 1949	\$ 6,000
11-16 “	June 20, 1950	6,000
21-26 “	June 20, 1951	6,000
31-36 “	June 20, 1952	6,000
41-46 “	June 20, 1953	6,000
51-56 “	June 20, 1954	6,000
61-65 “	June 20, 1955	5,000
71-75 “	June 20, 1956	5,000
81-85 “	June 20, 1957	5,000
91-92 “	June 20, 1948	2,000

and that we were at the date of such signatures the duly chosen, qualified and acting officers indicated therein and authorized to execute the same.

WE FURTHER CERTIFY that claims covering the purchase of right-of-way for public roads in the County and incidental expenses in connection therewith, and constructing road and bridge improvements in the County have been duly audited and allowed and declared to be the lawful indebtedness of said County, and said indebtedness has been evidenced by the issuance and delivery to First of Texas Corporation, San Antonio, Texas, the holder of said claims of JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE WARRANTS, SERIES OF 1948, above described; and that said County of Johnson has received full value and consideration for said warrants above described, in the aggregate amount of \$53,000, under the laws of the State of Texas now in force.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY that there is no litigation pending or threatened growing out of the issuance of said warrants, nor in any way affecting the titles of the within named officers of said County to their respective offices.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1949.

H. G. Littlefair, County Judge

Louis B. Lee, County Clerk

Geo. L. Murphy, County Auditor

Eula Landers, County Auditor

THE STATE OF TEXAS :

COUNTY OF :

I, Harry Ratliff, \_\_\_\_\_ of First of Texas Corporation, San Antonio, Texas, DO HEREBY CERTIFY  
that said company has received from

H. G. Littlefair, County Judge

Louis B. Lee, County Clerk

Eula Landers, County Treasurer

Geo. L. Murphy, County Auditor

of Johnson County, Texas, respectively, \$53,000 of JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE WARRANTS,  
DATED June 20, 1948, in denomination of \$1,000 each, bearing 3 ½% interest per annum, and numbered  
and payable as follows, to-wit:

WARRANT NUMBERS	MATURITY DATES	AMOUNTS
1 – 6 inclusive	June 20, 1949	\$ 6,000
11-16 “	June 20, 1950	6,000
21-26 “	June 20, 1951	6,000
31-36 “	June 20, 1952	6,000
41-46 “	June 20, 1953	6,000
51-56 “	June 20, 1954	6,000
61-65 “	June 20, 1955	5,000
71-75 “	June 20, 1956	5,000
81-85 “	June 20, 1957	5,000
91-92 “	June 20, 1958	2,000

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the said First of Texas Corporation is the owner and holder of certain claims or accounts, aggregating the sum of \$53,403.65, duly audited and allowed by that certain order adopted by the Commissioners Court of Johnson County, Texas, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1949, and which claims or accounts are described in detail in said order, and reference thereto is hereby made for full, complete and accurate description of said claims or accounts.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the said First of Texas Corporation had delivered to the County Officials, above named, each and all of said claims or accounts described in the aforesaid order of the Commissioners Court, and which said claims or accounts are to be cancelled by said officials, the delivery of said claims or accounts being in lieu of the above mentioned \$53,000 JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE WARRANTS, SERIES OF 1948, dated June 20, 1948, this day received by the said First of Texas Corporation from the County Officials hereinabove named.

WITNESS MY HAND, at Cleburne, Texas, this the 12 day of January, 1949.

Harry Ratliff

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, on this the 12 day of January, 1949.

Patsy Wilson, Notary Public in and for Johnson

(Seal)

County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS :

COUNTY OF JOHNSON :

I, M. T. Aubrey, Cashier of Cleburne National Bank, Cleburne, Texas, hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with H. G. Littlefair, County Judge, Louis B. Lee, County Clerk, Eula Landers, County Treasurer, and Geo. L. Murphy, County Auditor, of Johnson County, Texas, and with their respective signatures as follows:

H. G. Littlefair, County Judge,  
Louis B. Lee, County Clerk,  
Eula Landers, County Treasurer,  
Geo. L. Murphy, County Auditor,

and I know the persons aforesaid were on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1949 the date of the execution of the hereinafter described warrants, and now are the duly qualified and acting officers of Johnson County, Texas, as indicated by the titles appended to their respective signatures as they appear on the \$53,000 JOHNSON COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE WARRANTS, SERIES OF 1948 (being part of a total authorized issue of \$150,000), Numbers 1 to 6, 11 to 16, 21 to 26, 31 to 36, 41 to 46, 51 to 56, 61 to 65, 71 to 75, 81 to 85, and 91 and 92, in denomination of \$1,000 each, dated June 20, 1948.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I have examined and identified the signatures on said Warrants above described in the amount of \$1,000 each, aggregating \$53,000, as the signatures of the officers therein indicated.

WITNESS MY HAND, this the 12 day of January, 1949.

M. T. Aubrey, Cashier, Cleburne National Bank

(Bank Seal)

Cleburne, Texas, Bank, Cleburne, Texas.

A motion was made by Commissioner Maddox, seconded by Commissioner Evans, that the Bond of Joe Neustupa in the amount of \$1,000 payable to the Governor of Texas, for Constable of Precinct No. 7 of Johnson County, be approved. All voted aye.

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