

THE STATE OF TEXAS) (

JANUARY 2, 1952

COUNTY OF JOHNSON) (

BE IT REMEMBERED that at a special meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Johnson County, held in the court house at Cleburne, Texas, the following members were present: Honorable H. G. Littlefair, County Judge, W. M. Coward, Commissioner Precinct 1; S. W. Evans, Commissioner Precinct 2; V. L. Maddox, Commissioner Precinct 3; M. W. Roland, Commissioner Precinct 4, and Louis B. Lee, County Clerk. Among other things they did the following:

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Coward, seconded by Commissioner Evans that the following schedule be used in assessing the 1952 taxes. All voted aye. The schedule is as follows:

Grade Cattle

Milk Cows	\$ 35	to	\$ 50
Springers	25	to	40
Yearlings (1 yr. 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
Springers	50	to	75
Yearlings (1 yr. to 2 yrs.)	30	to	50
Calves (under 1 yrs.)	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.)	20	to	30
Horses (under 8 yrs.)	15	to	30
Horses (over 8 yrs.)	10	to	25
Horses (saddle, gaited or show)	100	to	250

Tractors

1951 - 1950	50% of purchase price
1949	40% of purchase price
1948	40% of purchase price
1947	35% of purchase price
1946	30% of purchase price
1945	25% of purchase price
194 and years before	20% of purchase price
Cars	50% cash value
MERCHANDISE	60% of Inventory
FIXTURES	50% of Inventory

Louis B. Lee, County Clerk is hereby directed to furnish the Tax Assessor-Collector with a copy of the above tax schedule.

A motion was made by Commissioner Evans, seconded by Commissioner Roland that the bid of Donald Diamond for a truck for Precinct 2 be accepted as submitted. All voted aye.

The bid is as follows:

1951 Ford Chassis and Cab with dump, F-6, 6 cylinder, 110 HP, Total	\$2558.54
3 yd water 1-4 yd gate body	645.14
mount body	25.00
tax	<u>16.86</u>
Total	\$3245.54
Less truck tax (99.78) Less body tax (16.86)	<u>116.64</u>
Net	\$3128.90

Less allowance for 1947 Ford Dump	<u>\$ 900.00</u>
NET DIFFERENCE	\$2228.90

IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYMENT OF COUNSEL,

January 2, 1952

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this the 2nd day of January 1952, there came on for consideration the matter of employing counsel to represent the interest in Johnson County in the controversy over the constitutionality of the constitutional amendments and statutes regarding the State ad valorem tax grant to Brazos River Conservation and Reclamation District and the legislative grant of excess state ad valorem taxes for local use pending in the District Court of Grimes County, 12th Judicial District, styled Guy E. Foster, et al v. Emory Bay, et al, Number 18666.

After duly considering the matter the court is of the opinion that the controversy is of vital importance to the interest of Johnson County and that counsel should be employed to represent its best interests in the said controversy.

IT IS ACCORDINGLY ordered, adjudged and decreed that Charles W. Black, Esq. of Austin Texas, Fulbright , Crooker, Freeman & Bates, of Houston, Texas and Carlos B. Masterson of Angleton, Texas, should be and they are hereby employed and retained to represent the interest of Johnson County along with the interests of the other counties interested in the defense of the above mentioned suit in all courts to which the said suit may be tried or appealed including the United States Supreme Court, and to take such action as they may deem necessary or expedient in the proper representation of Johnson County and the other interested counties.

It is further ordered that a fee of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars for services to be rendered by the aforesaid counsel is fair and reasonable and that Johnson County should pay the sum of \$168.00 of the aforesaid fee which is a fair pro rata part of the total fee to be paid by all the counties interested in the defense of the said suit, based upon the 1950 assessed valuation of the said counties.

It is further ordered that for expenses incident to the defense of the said suit the sum of Five Thousand (\$5000.00) Dollars is to be paid on the same pro rate basis by all the interested counties which is a fair and reasonable estimate of such expense and that of this amount the sum of \$42.00 should be paid by the County of Johnson as its fair and proportionate part thereof.

It is further ordered and adjudged that the Clerk should be and he is hereby authorized, directed and required to draw a check payable to Jack Harrison, Secretary-Treasurer, for payment by him over to the aforesaid counsel jointly the sum of \$168.00 as and for Johnson County's proportionate part of these said attorney's fees and a check payable to Jack Harrison Secretary-Treasurer for \$42.00 to be used and expended by the executive committee of County Judges as and for necessary expenses incident to the defense of said suit.

PRONOUNCED AND RENDERED in open court this 2nd day of January, 1952

H. G. Littlefair, Judge,

(Seal)

Johnson County, Texas

ATTEST:

Louis B. Lee, Clerk of the County Court and ExOfficio of the Commissioners' Court of
Johnson County, Texas

At a regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court of Johnson County, Texas after due notice with the following present W. M. Coward, Prec. No. 1, S. W. Evans, Prec. No. 2, Vern L. Maddox,

Precinct No. 3, and M. W. Roland, Prect. No. 4 and None absent constituting a quorum the foregoing order was duly passed and approved on the motion of Commissioner Mr. Roland, seconded by Commissioner Mr. Coward and the following vote thereon was Had: Ayes: all.

Nayes: None.

H. G. Littlefair, Judge,

(Seal)

Johnson County, Texas

Attest: Louis B. Lee, Clerk of the County Court and Ex Officio of the Commissioners' Court
of Johnson County, Texas.

Said amount of \$210.00 to be paid pro rata of the four R & B funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roland, seconded by Commissioner Maddox, that the financial report of the Johnson County Memorial Hospital for the month of November, 1951 be approved as submitted and examined in open court. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Coward, seconded by Commissioner Roland that the salaries for 1952 of all elected county officials be set at the same salary as received for 1951. It is further ordered that the salary of any employee of the Commissioners of the four precincts is not to exceed \$200.00 per month, and that the Commissioner of each precinct will set the salary for every employee under his jurisdiction at an amount commensurate with the work performed. All voted aye.

ATTEST:

_____ COUNTY CLERK

_____ COUNTY JUDGE

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