

STATE OF TEXAS :

MARCH 18, 1983

COUNTY OF JOHNSON :

BE IT REMEMBERED AT A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT IN AND FOR JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS, with the following members present: Billy F. Roe, Commissioner of Precinct No.1, David Russell, Commissioner of Precinct No.2, Loyd H. Reese, Commissioner of Precinct No.3 B.B. Aldridge, Commissioner of Precinct.#4, Absent, Judge Altaras and Joe L. Towens, County Clerk.

Judge Altaras made an explanation of action necessary by land appraiser and acquisitional attorney in acquiring land parcel on FM 3048.

Bill Parnell gave the Commissioners' Court a brief up date on the water supply in Johnson County. The water table in the Trinity sands is dropping at a rate of 20-25 feet per year, because of over use. In the shallower Paluxy sands - the drop isn't as sharp, but still significant. Reason for the declines: More and more wells are being dug by the subdivision developers' meet the standards of the Public Utility Commission, and the State Health Department, most do not, and they are perfectly legal. Mr. Parnell stated the situation is serious and studies are necessary by all levels of government to try to meet the needs of the people in the rural areas.

Dr. Raines, County Health Officer, stated a public health problem can develop in Johnson County if corrective measures are not taken by the Court to combat the increasing number of improperly functioning septic tanks, creating areas of raw sewage on top of the ground, and drainage of sewage lines into shallow wells, which can and will cause serious diseases from polluted water systems.

Problem areas should be reported to: 1. Area 5 Health Department, 2. Texas Water Department, 3. Texas Department of Health and 4. Public Utilities Commission.

Suggested: Johnson County create a well organized health department with enforceable regulations and man power.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roe and seconded by Commissioner Russell to inquire to the County Attorney: Can Johnson County pass an ordinance to require septic tanks to be inspected by Johnson County for proper installation and functioning and in the event it can, how would it be enforceable?

All voted aye.

A motion was made by Commissioner Russell and seconded by Commissioner Reese to amend the subdivision rules and regulations as follows:

Page 6, Subletter (h): Add at the end of paragraph: "The correct size of pipe for drainage is the sole responsibility of the developer."

Add Separate paragraph: "A planimeter schedule shall accompany the preliminary plat for approval."

Page 7, Subletter (i), Number 2 should read: " The road bed, after it has been graded, will be covered with a minimum width of twenty-six (26) feet of State approved crushed stone compacted into two equal courses of (4) inches in depth each for a total of eight (8) inches in depth.

Page 8, Subletter (j), bond amount should be changed to read: "in the minimum amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

All voted aye.

There was no hospital contract discussion as no report had been submitted to the court.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reese and seconded by Commissioner Roe to adjourn.

All voted aye.

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY JUDGE

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