

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 13th day of December A D 1915, there was begun and holden a regular session of the Honorable Commissioners Court of Upshur County, Texas, at which were present Hon W H McClelland, Judge Presiding; J E Glover, Commissioner Pre No 1; W J Adkins, Commissioner Pre No 2; O J Phillips, Commissioner Pre No 3; W R Arrington, Commissioner Pre No 4; B C Buie, sheriff; C E Florence, County Attorney, D Walker; County Clerk, and the following proceedings, were had, to wit;

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Court was opened at 10 o'clock A M by proclamation of the sheriff at the Court House door, when the following proceedings, among others, were had;

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The State of Texas
County of Upshur

On the 13th day of December A D 1915, the Commissioners Court of Upshur County, Texas, convened in regular session, all members thereof, to wit;

WH McClelland	County Judge
JE Glover	Commissioner Pre No One
J W Adkins	Commissioner Pre No Two
O J Phillips	Commissioner Pre No Three
W R Arrington	Commissioner Pre No Four

being present, and among the other proceedings had, passed the following order;

WHEREAS at an election held for the purpose on the 14th day of September A D 1915, a majority of the qualified voters being property taxpayers of County Line Common School District Number 18 of said ^{Camp} Upshur County, composed of territory partly in Camp County, Texas, and partly in Upshur County, Texas, voting at said election, voted in favor of the issuance of bonds hereinafter described, and in favor of the tax hereinafter levied.

It is therefore ordered by the Commissioners' Court of said Upshur County Texas, that the bonds of said County to be called County Line Common School District No 18 School House Bonds be issued on the faith and credit of said County Line Common School District No 18 of said counties as re-established and re-defined by order of the County School Trustees of Upshur County, Texas, passed on the 2nd day of August, 1915, which is of record in the minutes of said Board, in Book 1 page 1; and by order of the ^{County School Trustees} Commissioners Court of said Camp County passed on the 11th day of May A D 1915, which is of record in the Minutes of said Court in Book 5 page 338, for the purpose of providing funds to be expended in the payment of accounts legally contracted in erecting a public school building in said County Line Common School District No 18.

Said bonds shall be numbered consecutively from one to five, both inclusive; and shall be of the denomination of \$250.00 each, aggregating \$1250.00 dollars.

They shall be dated Jan 10th A D 1916, and shall become due and payable 20 years after date, with option of redemption in ten years.

They shall bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum, payable annually on April the 10th of each year.

Principal and interest shall be payable upon the presentation and surrender of said bonds or proper coupons in lawful money of the United States of America at the County Depository of Camp County, Texas, or the State Treasurers' Office at the option of the holder.

The bonds shall be signed by the County Judge of Camp County, countersigned by the County Clerk of Camp County, and registered by the County Treasurer of Camp

fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity, said petition bearing the requisite number of signatures of property taxpaying voters of said district and being in every respect in conformity with law; and, it appearing that Upshur County contains a population of more than 10,000 according to the last United States Census; and

It further appearing that said Common School District No 33 has been heretoforeon, to wit, the 11th day of June 1912 properly established in accordance with Article 2817, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911; and

It further appearing that said Common School District No 33 contains an area of only 4994 acres of land, but that this imperfection in the area of said Common School District No 33 was validated by law made effective on the 1st day of July 1913; and that no other district has been reduced in area below nine square miles by reason of the creation of this district; and

It further appearing that said district No 33 does not embrace any territory that was taken from any other school district (either common or independent), that had an outstanding issue of bonds at the date of such inclusion in this district;

Now, therefore, I, W H McClelland, in my capacity as County Judge of Upshur County Texas do hereby order that an election be held on the 11th day of December 1915, at Forrest Hill Schoolhouse in said common School District No 33 of this county as established by order of the Commissioners' court of date the 14th day of June 1915, which is recorded in Book 4 pages 322 & 323 of the minutes of said court to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters of that district desire the issuance of bonds on the faith and credit of said common school District in the amount of \$1200 the bonds to be of the denomination of \$100 each, numbered consecutively from one to twelve, both inclusive, payable 20 years from their date and bearing five per cent interest per annum, payable annually April 10th of this year, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in constructing and equipping a public school building of wooden material and purchasing a site therefor within said district and to determine whether the commissioners court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually while said bonds or any of them are outstanding, a tax upon all taxable property within said district sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity.

T M Oxford is hereby appointed presiding officer for said election, and he shall select two judges and two clerks to assist him in holding the same, and he shall within five days after said election has been held, make due return thereof to the commissioners court of this county, as is required by law for holding a general election.

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

"For the Bonds"

"Against the Bonds"

All persons who are legal qualified voters of this State and of this county and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election.

The sheriff of this county shall give notice of said election by posting three notices in three public places in the said district for three weeks before the election.

Dated the 17th day of November 1915.

W H McClelland
County Judge Upshur County, Texas.

aid thereof; and also to submit to said resident property taxpaying voters of said Justice Precinct and defined district of Upshur County, Texas, at said election, the question whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said Justice Precinct and defined district of Upshur County, Texas, subject to taxation, for the purpose of paying the interest of said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof.

We pray that the amount of the proposed bonds to be equal to the above stipulated amounts not to exceed one fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of said Justice Precinct No 7 of Upshur County, Texas, as shown by the Tax Rolls of Upshur County, Texas, for the present year ¹⁹¹³ 1915. And that the amount of said bonds as above prayed for be stated in the order ordering the election and in the notices thereof.

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| T W Smith | J M Bauknight |
| J R Meason | FR Bradley |
| H D Campbell | L T Mings |
| Globe Merc Co | R H Snow |
| G W Smith | J P Davis |
| J W Buchanan | H S Bunch MD |
| Ulen Hill | J A Hill |
| G A Tohill | A W Phelps |
| E N Towater, | D Beck |
| J C Collins | Sam Kay |
| G B Prothro | W H Hamlin |
| J M Prothro | V B Halsett |
| J C Wood | O J Bruce |
| C Mines | B R Dial |
| H G Ferrell | W S Honeycutt |
| J P Hart | T W Collins |
| H C Dial | P G Blackstone |
| J R Sheppard | R C Trinkle |
| G J Daniels | Lee trinkle |
| T R Chambers | C C Hudnall |
| J T King | H S Haynes |
| E H Scago | |
| J H Van Natten | J G Howell |
| L R Kay | L Parker |
| O A Tucker | J G Key |
| Hollie Sheppard | H L Haynes |
| John A Mings | W B Wood |
| G C Ferrell | W L Perdue |
| T L Prothro | L L Smith |
| T J Kelley | HMW Smith |
| J M Mings Jr | H Hopper |
| J M Mings sr | B W Weeks |
| B A Vaughn | D G Robinson |
| C E Kay | J R Harwood |
| A D Kay | H E Speir |
| Ivy Heabert | T J Sison |
| J R Wood | T J Greer |
| W W Kay | |

The following are boundary line of Big Sandy Precinct No 7 of Upshur County, Texas, according to records now on file in the office of the county clerk of Upshur County. Beginning at the South West corner of said Upshur County on Sabine River; Thence North with the Upshur and Wood County line to the North boundary line of the Chas Duncorne headright survey, and the South boundary line of the M Ryan headright survey. Thence East with the headrights line and with the North boundary line of Blocks Number 18,17, 16,15 and 14 subdivisions of the W M Pulvader headright survey. And Thence continuing East to the SW Boundary line of Gilmer Precinct No 1. Thence S 45 E with said SW boundary line of said Precinct No 1, to a corner of same. Thence East with the SB line of said Precinct No 1 to Glade Creek. Thence Southwardly down said Glade creek with its meandering to the Gregg and Upshur County line. Thence Southwestwardly with said Gregg and Upshur County line to a corner of said Gregg and Upshur Counties on Sabine River. Thence up said river westwardly with its meandering to the place of beginning.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

(BIG SANDY) (JUDGES ORDER AND SHERIFFS NOTICE)

The State of Texas

County of Upshur

On this the 8th day of November 1915, the Commissioners Court of Upshur County Texas being in regular session, came on to be considered the petition of W J Roden and seventy six other persons, qualified property taxpaying voters of the sub-division hereinafter described, praying that bonds be issued by said political sub-division of said Upshur County, in the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars, bearing five and one half (5 1/2%) per cent rate of interest, maturity forty years from the date thereof, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof;

And it appearing to the court that said petition is signed by more than fifty of the resident property taxpaying voters of said political sub-division of said Upshur County, Texas, and that the amount of bonds to be issued will not exceed one fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of said subdivision of Upshur County.

It is there fore considered and ordered by the court that an election be held in said political subdivision of this county, on the 11th day of December 1915, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, to determine whether the bonds of said political subdivision shall be issued in the amount of Seventy five thousand dollars, bearing five and one half (5 1/2%) per cent rate of interest and mature forty years from the date thereof; And whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said political sub-division of said Upshur County, subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity.

Notice of said election shall be given by publication in a newspaper published in said political subdivision or defined district for four successive weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto there shall be posted notices of such election at three public places in said political subdivision or defined district of this county, for three successive weeks prior to said election.

Said election shall be held at Big Sandy and Rocky and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election;

Big Sandy.....T L Prothro
Rockey.....J L Dunagan

Said election shall be held under the provisions of the Road District Act passed at the First Called Session of the Thirty First Legislature, and only qualified voters who are property tax-payers of said political subdivision or defined district shall be allowed to vote at said election, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREFOR," and those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREFOR."

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

A copy of this order signed by the County Judge of said Upshur County shall serve as a proper notice of said election, and the county judge is directed to cause said notice to be published in a newspaper published in the said political subdivision or defined district in which said election is to be held for four successive weeks next preceeding said election and cause to be posted a notice thereof at three public places in said political subdivision or defined districts, for three successive weeks prior to said election.

Said political sub-division or defined district is described by boundaries as follows;

Beginning at the South west corner of said Upshur County Texas, on the Sabine River; Thence North with the Upshur and Wood Counties line to the North Boundary line of the Charles Duncombe Headright survey, and on the South boundary line of the M Ryan headright survey; Thence East with the said headrights line and with the North boundary line of Blocks Nos 18,17,16,15 and 14, subdivisions of the M H Pulvador headright survey; Thence East to the southwest boundary line of Gilmer Justice Precinct No 1; Thence S 45 E with said SW boundary line of said precinct No 1 to a corner of same; Thence East with the South Boundary line of said Precinct No 1 to Glade Creek; Thence Southwardly with said Glade Creek with its meanderings to the Gregg and Upshur counties line; Thence Southwestwardly with said Gregg and Upshur County line to a corner of said Gregg and Upshur Counties on Sabine River; Thence up said river westwardly with its its meanderings to the place of beginning.

W H McClelland
County Judge Upshur County Texas.

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING ELECTION NOTICE

The State of Texas
County of Upshur

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Fred C Fox, Dept. Sheriff UC Tex who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says on oath, that he posted a true copy of the election notice hereto attached at the places designated for holding said election, one of which was posted at the courthouse door of said county at least three weeks prior to the date of said election, Pinale, Wilkins & Big Sandy, Texas.

Fred C Fox, Dept. Sheriff

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Fred C Fox the 13th day of December 1915.

J P Hart
Notary Public Upshur Co Texas.

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ELECTION RETURNS.

Return of an election held at Big Sandy in Election Precinct No Seven of Upshur County, Texas, on the 11th day of December A D 1915, the same being a regularly designated voting place of said County.

Said election having been held for the purpose of enabling the duly qualified voters to determine by vote whether or not there shall be issued bonds of said election Precinct to the amount of \$75000 Seventy Five Thousand Dollars for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes or in aid thereof and for the further purpose of determining whether or not a tax of 25 cents on each \$100.00 of assessed property values should be annually levied and collected to pay interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund therefor, and we the undersigned, the regular officers of election at said election precinct do hereby certify that at said election, so held, there were cast 149 votes of which number there were cast;

For the issuance of said bonds and for the levy of said tax.....122 votes
Against the issuance of said bonds and against the levy of said tax.....127 votes

The State of Texas
County of Upshur

WE, the undersigned, managers of election in Election Precinct No Seven of said County, hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct return of the total number of votes cast in said election precinct, and correctly shows the total number of votes cast "for the issuance of bonds and for the levy oftax," and "Against the issuance of Bonds and Against the levy of tax," at said election, held on the 11th day of December 1915, at Big Sandy in said Election Precinct, by the qualified voters, who are property tax payers of said Election Precinct, for the purpose of determining whether or not bonds for the purpose of constructing and maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, amounting to Seventy Five Thousand (\$75000) Dollars, should be issued.

In testimony whereof, witness our hands, this 11th day of December 1915.

Managers of Election
(C E Kay Presiding Officer
 Lee Trinkle Judge
 J P Hart Judge
 S M Burgin Clerk
 S K Borough Clerk

WE, the undersigned Judges and Clerks of election, serving at an election in Election Precinct No Seven in the County of Upshur on the 11th day of Decerber 1915 duly selected and qualified as such, do hereby certify that C E Kay the Presiding Officer serving at said election in said Election precinct on said date, at which time and place a Special Election was held, was appointed from and by the voters at the precinct voting place on the day of said election, because the regular presiding officer T L Prothro refused to act.

Witness our hands, this 11th day of December 1915.

C E Kay Judge }
Lee Trinkle Judge } Judges of Election
J P Hart Judge }

S M Burgin Clerk } Clerks of Election
S K Borough Clerk }

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Return of an election held at Hockey in Election Precinct No 16 of Upshur County, Texas, on the 11 day of Dec A D 1915, the same being a regularly-designated voting place of said County.

Said election having been held for the purpose of enabling the duly qualified voters to determine by vote whether or not there shall be issued bonds of said _____ to the amount of Seventy Five Thous _____ Dollars for the purpose of constmcting, main- taining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes or in aid thereof and for the purthes purpose of determining whether or not a tax of _____ cents on each \$100.00 of assessed property vales should be annually levied and collected to pay interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund therefor, and we the undersigned, the regular officers of election at said election precinct do hereby certify that at said election, so held, there were cast 60 votes of which number there were cast;

For the issuance of said bonds and for the levy of said tax.....16 votes
Against the issuance of said bonds and against the levy of said tax.....44 votes

We herewith enclose poll sheets and tally list of said election.

The State of Texas
County of Upshur

We, the undersigned, managers of election in Election Precinct No 16 in said County, hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct return of the total number

of votes cast in said election precinct, and correctly shows the total number of votes cast "for the issuance of bonds and for the levy of tax," and "against the issuance of bonds and against the levy of tax," at said election, held on the 11 day of Dec 1915, at Hockey in said Election Precinct, by the qualified voters, who are property tax payers of said Election Precinct, for the purpose of determining whether or not Bonds for the purpose of constructing and maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, amount to 75000 Dollars, should be issued.

In testimony whereof, witness our hands, this 11 day of Dec 1915.

Managers of Election (J L Dunagan Presiding Officer
(W D Humphreys, Judge
(S H Seabolt, Clerk
(M J Perdue Clerk

The State of Texas } In Commissioners Court Upshur County Texas. Dec 13th 1915.
County of Upshur } December Term 1915.

At a meeting of the Commissioners Court of the County of Upshur Texas, held on the 13th day of Dec 1915, came on to be considered the returns of an election held on the 11th day of Dec 1915, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District No 7 of Upshur County Texas should be issued to the amount of \$75,000.00, bearing interest at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent per annum, payable 40 years from date, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled, or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; and whether or not a tax shall be annually, levied, assessed and collected in said Road District No 7 of Upshur County Texas sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and to provide the required sinking fund to redem them at maturity, and it appearing that said election was in all respects lawfully held, and said returns duly and legally made, and that there were cast at said election 209 votes, of which number 148 votes were cast "For the issuance of bonds and levying of the tax in payment therefor," and 61 votes cast "Against the issuance of bonds and levying of the tax in payment therefor."

It is therefore ordered and declared that the proposition to issue said bonds and levy said tax was sustained by a two thirds majority of the qualified property taxpayers voting at said election, and that the Commissioners Court of the said County is authorized to issue said bonds, and to levy, and have assessed and collected said tax.

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ELECTION.

The State of Texas
County of Upshur

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared W J Roden, who, after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Editor and Publisher of the Big Sandy Times a newspaper published once a week in said County (or road district No Big Sandy Upshur Co Tex of Upshur County, Texas, as the case may be) and that he published a true copy of the notice of election hereto attached in said paper for four weeks next proceeding said election.

W J Roden

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____ this the 11th day of December 1915.

(seal) J P Hart
Notary Public in and for Upshur Co Texas.

The State of Texas

County of Upshur

On this the 13th day of December 1915, this court being in regular session, came on for consideration the establishment of Road District No 7 in Upshur County, Texas.

And it appearing to the court that it is desirable to establish, said Road District;

It is therefore ordered and considered by the court that said Road District No 7 be and the same is hereby established, with the following metes and bounds, to wit;

Beginning at the South West corner of said Upshur County on Sabine River; Thence North with the Upshur and Wood County line to the North Boundary line of the Chas. Duncombe headright survey, and the South Boundary line of the M Ryan headright survey. Thence East with the headrights line and with the North boundary line of Blocks Numbers 18,17,16,15 and 14 subdivision of the W M Pulvador headright survey. Thence continuing East to the SW boundary line of Gilmer Precinct No 1. Thence S 45 E with said SW Boundary line of said Precinct No 1 to a corner of same. Thence East with the SB line of said Precinct No 1 to Glade Creek; Thence Southwardly down said Glade Creek with its meanderings to the Gregg and Upshur County Line. Thence Southwardly with said Gregg and Upshur County line to a corner of said Gregg and Upshur Counties on Sabine River. Thence up said river westwardly with its meanderings to place of beginning.

The establishment of said Road District being for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled and paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, in said District.

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In re road bond election) In Commissioners Court Upshur County Texas. December term 1915. December 13th 1915

It is ordered by the commissioners court that an election be held in Justice Pre No One Upshur County on Jany 17th 1916 to determine whether or not there shall be issued bonds in said Precinct for the purpose of building roads, in the sum of \$150,000.00.

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D. Walker
Co. Clerk.

J. H. M. Ellwood,
County Judge