

Motion made seconded and carried that Mrs. Gladys Vaughn be paid \$145.00 per mo. County Clerk authorized to issue warrants on Gen. Fund at close of each mo.

Motion made seconded and carried that County Clerk be authorized to issue warrant of \$5.00 on Gen. fund to Mrs. Mula Newman for Stamps.

- Sid Bule
- E. A. Cobb
- H. S. Taff
- L. G. McKinley
- G. L. Hart

August 7, 1944.

Commissioners Court met on above date in special session with County Judge, Sid Bule and Commissioners, E. A. Cobb, H. S. Taff, L. G. McKinley and G. L. Hart, present.

Motion made seconded and carried that County Judge be authorized to advertise for one Motor Grader, and to advertise sale of one Adams Motor Grader No. 50. Bids to be opened at Gilmer, Texas August 24, at 10:00 o'clock.

Motion made seconded and carried that A. B. Capers and Company, Gladewater, Texas be, and is hereby relieved of his contract for the Evaluation of property, for tax purposes in Upshur County for the year 1945. This action of the Court is made at the request of A. B. Capers.

Motion made seconded and carried that the firm of Pritchard and Abbott, a Partnership of Ft. Worth, Texas, be employed to evaluate oil field property in Upshur County for the year 1945 and 1946 at a salary of \$6,000.00 per year.

STATE OF TEXAS |
COUNTY OF UPSHUR |

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court of UPSHUR County, Texas, has determined that it would be wise and to the best interest of said County for it to employ experts skilled in the matter of appraising and valuing oil and gas properties in said County, said experts to compile and furnish data and information to said Court sitting as a Board of Equalization for the purpose of equalizing valuations of such properties as compared with other property valuations in said County for tax purposes for the years 1945 and 1946, and said data and information to be made available in respect to all of such properties properly and lawfully coming before it for consideration in the equalization of values upon renditions made by the owners thereof, or upon renditions made by the tax assessor where the owner or owners may fail to render the same; and,

WHEREAS, said Court finds that Pritchard and Abbott, a partnership of Fort Worth Texas, are skilled in such matters and have scientific and technical knowledge in respect to the appraising and valuing of such properties and many years experience in the matter of appraising and valuing such properties; and,

WHEREAS, Pritchard and Abbott, have proposed to said Commissioners' Court of UPSHUR County that they will gather and compile information relating to the value of oil and gas properties as of January 1, 1945, and January 1, 1946, and make said information completely available to said Court, to be used by it as it may see fit in determining what values should be assigned to said properties properly coming before it for consideration; and will charge for their services the sum of SIX THOUSAND (\$6000.00) Dollars per year.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED by and between UPSHUR County, Texas, acting herein by and through its Commissioners' Court, Party of the First Part, and Pritchard and Abbott, of Tarrant County, Texas, Parties of the Second Part as follows:

Parties of the Second Part agree to compile a complete list of the record owners

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of all oil and gas producing properties wherever situated and located in Upshur County, Texas, and all undeveloped leases and royalty interests adjacent thereto, as of January 1, 1945, and January 1, 1946, said compilation add record to show the particular interest or interests therein owned.

Parties of the Second Part also agree to secure and make available for the use of Party of the First Part information showing the values of said properties to be considered by Party of the First Part as it may deem fit in determining the proper values for tax assessment purposes for 1945, and 1946, to be assigned to such of said properties as may come before the Party of the First Part sitting as a Board of Equalization for consideration upon renditions made by the owners thereof, or upon renditions made by the Tax Assessor where the owner, or owners, fail or refuse to render the same.

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the skilled services, technical knowledge and experience of Parties of the Second Part in the performance of the obligations devolving upon them hereunder, and in consideration of the information given and assistance furnished by them to Party of the First Part in undertaking to value and equalize the value of the said properties properly coming before it for consideration at its equalization hearings in the years 1945, and 1946, Party of the First Part agrees and obligates itself to compensate Parties of the Second Part as follows:

FOR THE SERVICES HEREIN AGREED to be performed Second Party shall receive the said sum of SIX THOUSAND (\$6000.00) Dollars, per year, to be paid out of the General Fund of Upshur County, Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD by both Parties that Upshur County, Texas, will issue, or cause to be issued to Pritchard and Abbott warrants drawn against the General Fund of said Upshur County, Texas, and payable out of the Current revenues for each respective year, 1945, and 1946.

PARTY OF THE FIRST PART hereby specially contracts and obligates itself to, at any time same may become necessary, pass and enter of record such orders as may be proper and necessary to legalize and facilitate the payment of all sums due Party of the Second Part.

SAID PRITCHARD AND ABBOTT, further agree that in no way will the said Upshur County be obligated to said Pritchard and Abbott, or their assistants, for salaries, expense, or material, except as above stated.

WITNESS our hands in duplicate this the 7 day of Aug., A. D., 1944.

COUNTY OF UPSHUR, Party of the First Part

By: Sid Buie, County Judge

E. A. Cobb, Commissioner, Precinct # 1

H. S. Taff, Commissioner, Precinct # 2

L. G. McKinley, Commissioner, Precinct #3

G. L. Hart, Commissioner, Precinct # 4

ATTEST: Robert Taylor,

County Clerk, Upshur County, Texas

SEAL.

PRITCHARD & ABBOTT, Parties of the Second Part. By: E. G. PRITCHARD.

Sid Buie

E. A. Cobb

H. S. Taff

L. G. McKinley

G. L. Hart