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January 5, 1976

The Upshur County Commissioners Court met in regular session with three members present: J. W. Meadows, Charles Still and Judge Everett Dean. The two members absent were Offie Nobles and Floyd Drennan. Judge Dean presided.

Minutes of two previous meetings, December 15, 1975 and December 22, 1975, were read by Judge Dean. J. W. Meadows made motion to approve the minutes as read and Charles Still seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judge Dean read a report from W. C. (Bill) Jones, Tax Assessor Collector, asking for an extension of the \$3,000.00 homestead tax exemption for property owners 65 years of age and over. J. W. Meadows made motion and was seconded by Charles Still to approve this extension. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the installation of a closed circuit television in the county jail as a security measure. Judge Dean stated that the East Texas Council of Governments would pay all costs of system except for installation. He stated that the installation would cost the County \$1,000.00 to \$1,800.00. No action was taken on this matter.

Judge Dean read a letter from the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. The Court asked that this letter be placed with the minutes. (Letter attached.)

J. W. Meadows made motion to pay the monthly bills. Charles Still made a second to this motion. Motion carried.

Charles Still made motion and was seconded by J. W. Meadows for the meeting to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Everett Dean

Offie Nobles

J. W. Meadows

C. L. Still

Floyd Drennan



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COMMISSION
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STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
Atlanta, Texas 75551
December 31, 1975

ENGINEER-DIRECTOR
B L DEBERRY

IN REPLY REFER TO
FILE NO

Upshur County
8019-1-34
IPE 141
S.H. 300: From U.S. 271 in Gilmer, Southeasterly
To Gregg County Line

Honorable Everett Dean
County Judge, Upshur County
Courthouse
Gilmer, Texas 75644

Dear Judge Dean:

Attached is a copy of State Department of Highways and Public Transportation Commission Minute Order #70800 just received.

At the direction of our Austin Office we must hold approved values for the right of way to be acquired for the subject project in district headquarters until comprehensive studies of the department's critical financial situation are completed.

Shortly after the department's financial study is completed we should be able to establish a realistic timetable for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. L. Jester, Jr.".

L. L. Jester, Jr., P.E.
District Engineer

Attachment

CC: Mr. Bybee W. Weisinger
Honorable Buck Florence

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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MINUTE ORDER

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WHEREAS, the acquisition of right of way has been requested and authorized as would be needed for planned improvements to the State Highway System; and

WHEREAS, the financial resources available to the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation have not increased proportionally with the costs of construction and maintenance requirements such that present and projected revenues are not adequate to proceed with construction of all of the meritorious projects on which right of way has been authorized; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive studies are presently being made of the critical financial status of the Department and until these studies are completed, it is not considered to be in the best public interest to invest State and local funds for right of way which may not be used within the foreseeable future;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Engineer-Director is directed to suspend right of way acquisitions except for projects on the Interstate and Farm to Market Systems and other projects which are programmed and can be financed for early construction. This interim action will be in effect until completion of current studies and new priorities can be established. Counties and cities in the process of acquiring right of way on such projects should be requested to cooperate by suspending acquisitions accordingly.

Submitted by

Richard Vandenberg

(Title)

Program Engineer

Examined and recommended by

M. A. Poole

Assistant Engineer-Director

Approved

B. L. DeBerry
Engineer-Director

Approved

Allen Hunter
Commissioner

Al Green
Commissioner

Charles E. Sincars
Commissioner

Minute Number

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Date Passed

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SERVING A FOURTEEN COUNTY REGION

October 1, 1975

Sheriff Doyle Johnson
Upshur County Sheriff's Dept.
Gilmer, Texas 75644

Dear Sheriff:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a resolution for the closed circuit television system to be installed in the Upshur County Jail.

ETCOG will purchase the television system if the county will agree to pay for the installation of the system. The installation charges may range from \$1,000 to \$1,800 depending upon the company that the county selects to install the equipment. The county can probably get it done for less than the \$1,800 we requested in the resolution.

If you will submit the resolution to the Commissioner's Court and get their approval, ETCOG will go ahead and submit bids for the equipment to be shipped to your department.

The resolution needs to be returned to the ETCOG office as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ody Jerden or myself.

Sincerely,

Bill McCay

Bill McCay
Regional Crime Prevention Coordinator

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