BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 9th day of April A D 1917, there was begun and holden a regular session of the Honorable Commissioners Court of Upshur County, Texas, at which were presents; Hon W H McClelland, County Judge; L O Shockey, Commissioner Pre No 1; J W Adkins, Commissioner Pre No 2; A Earp, Commissioner Precinct No 3; W A Tucker, Commissioner Pre No 4; L A Labsh, sheriff, R M Briggs, Co Attonney; D Walker, Co 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 ohhers, were had;

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For accounts allowed at April term 1917, see Minutes of Accounts allowed, Book 4 pages 202-5 inclusive.

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PETITION FOR ELECTION FOR ISSUANCE OF BONDS. (Stamps. Dist No 44)

The State of Texas

County of Upshur

To the Honorable County Judge of Upshur County:

We, the undersigned qualified property taxpaying voters of Common School District No 44 in Upshur County, pray that an election be ordered to be held in said district to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters of said district desire the issuance of bonds, numbered consecutively from one to 15, both inclusive, of the denomination of $100.00 each, aggregating $1500.00, to bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, payable annually April 10th of each year, said bonds to be payable 20 years from their date with option of redemption atter 5 years on the faith and credit of said common school districtn, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in constructing and equipping a public free school building of wooden material and purchasing a site therefor within said district and to determine whether the commissioners court of said county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually while said bonds, or any of them, are outstanding, a tax upon allltaxable 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.

Dated this 12th day of Feb 1917.

W LWilliford	G A Loyd	W A Mangum	D A Bland
A B Willeford	T M Camp	R L Stephens	WH McNair
L O Shockey	D J Smith	J R Nipper	R V Shockey
W F Stanley	J S Shirley	L M Oney	Jacob Shockey
A P Duffey.			

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COUNTY JUDGES ORDER. (Dist No 44)

The State of Texas

WHEREAS, on thw 12th day of February 1917, a petition was presented to me for an election in Common School District No 44 of this county on the question of issuing bonds to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in constructing and equipping a public free school building of wooden material and pur-

chasing a site therefor within said district and authorizing 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, 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 44 has been heretofore, to wit. on the 24thhday of October 1906, properly established in accordance with Article 2817 Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, and,

It further appearing that said district as so established contains an area of more than nine square miles, and that no other district has been reduced in area below nine square miles by reason of the creation of this district; and,

It curther appearing that said District No 44 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 ane election be held on the 17th day of March 1917 at Stamps Schoolhouse in said Common School District No 44 of this county as established by order of the Commissioners Court of date the 24th day of October 1906, which is recorded in Book 3 pages 539 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 bondson the faith and credit of said common school district in the amount of $1500.00, the bonds to be of the denomination of $100.00 each, numbered consecutively from one to fifveen, both inclusive, payable twenty years from their date and bearing five per cent interest per annum, payable annually April 10th of each year, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in constructing and equipping a public free 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.

W L Willeford is hereby appointed presiding officer for said election, and he shall select two judged 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 said election.

The ballots for said election shall have printed thereon the following:

"For the bonds." "Against the Bonds."

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

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

Dated the 20th day of February 1917.

W H McClelland
County Judge Upshur County Texas.

SHERIFFS NOTICE OF ELECTION. (Stamps. Dist No 44)

The State of Texas

County of Upshur .

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 17th day of March 1917, at Stamps School House in Common School District No 44 of this county as established by order of the Commissioners Court of this county, of date the 24th day of October 1906 which is recorded in Book 3 pages 539 of 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 $1500.00, the bonds to be of the denomination of $100.00 each, numbered consecutively from one to fifteen, both inclusive, payable twenty years from their date, and bearing five per cent interest per annum, payable annually on April 10th of each year, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in constructing and equipping a publicfree 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.

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

Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this county by order made onthe 20th day of Febrary 1917, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated the 20th day of Februapy12917.

L A Latch
Sheriff Upshur County Texas.

SHERIFFS - - - - - - - - - - - - AFFIDAVIT

Before me, theundersignedauthority, onthis day personally appearedL A Latbh, known to meto bethe SheriffofUpshurCounty, Texas, and after being by me firstduly sworn, upon his oath,said;

Thatthe abovcand foregoing notice of election is a tmue, fullandexact copy of the threenotices of electiontherein referredto which he, assuch sheriff, made and posted in Common School District No 44 of said county;

Thatsaid notices were posted in three public places insaid district,to wit; O neat J C Willeford one at Gum Creek bridge and one at School house on the 22 day of February 1917, which was twenty one fulldays before the date of said election.

L A Latch, sheriff.

Sworn to and subscribed beforemethis 22 day of Feby A D 1917.

(seal) D Walker, Co Clerk.

ELECTION RETURNS. (Stamps. Dist 44)

The Stateof Texas

County of Upshur

To theHonorable Commissioners Court ofsaidCounty:

We,the undersignedofficers,holding an election on the 17 day ofMarch 1917, inCommon School District No 44 of saidcounty upon thequestionof issuing $1500.00 inf schoolhouse bondsfor said district, running 20years and bearing 05 percent interest, and levying atax on all taxable property insaiddistrictsuffificnet to pay thecurrent interest on said bonds andprovide a sinking fund sufficientto pay the principal at maturity, hereby certify that at said election therewere cast 17 votes, of which number there were cast:

For theBonds	11votes
Against the bonds	6 votes
Majority forthebonds	5 votes

That the polls for said election opened at 8 o'clockA M and closed at 6 o'clock p m.

We herewith enclose poll list and tally sheet ofsaid election.

Signedthis the 17 day ofMarch 1917.

W L Willeford , Presiding Officer
D A Bland Judge
T MKeath Judge
G A Loyd Clerk

ORDER DECLARING RESULT OF ELECTION. DIST NO 44. (Stamps)

The State of Texas) In Commissioners Court Upshur County Texas.
County of Upshur) April term 1917. April 9hh 1917.

On this day came on to be considered the returns of an election held on the 17th day of March 1917 in Common School District No 44 of this county upon the question of issuing $1500.00 of schoolhouse bonds for said district, running 20 years and bearing five per cent interest, and levying a tax on all taxable property of said district sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient to pay the principal at maturity, and it appearing that said election was in all respects legally held and that said returns were duly and legally made and that there were cast at said election 17 votes, of which number there were cast;

For the Bonds.....11 votes
Against the Bonds..... 6 votes

And it appearing to the court from said returns that a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of said district, voting at said election voted in favor of issuing said bonds and for said tax, the court does hereby declare the said tax to have carried in said district and the proposition for the issuance of said bonds to have been adopted, and that this court is authorized to issue said bonds and to levy and have assessed and collected said tax.

ORDER AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BONDS Dist No 44. (Stamps)

The State of Texas

County of Upshur

On the 9th day of April 1917 the Commissioners Court of Upshur county convened in regular session, all the members thereof, to wit;

W H McClelland	County Judge
L O Shockey	Commissioner Precinct No 1
J W Adkins	Commissioner Precinct No 2
A Earp	Commissioner Precinct No 3
A W Tucker	Commissioner Precinct No 4

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

WHEREAS, at an election held for the purpose on the 17th day of March 1917 a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of Common School District No 44 of this county, voting at said election voted in favor of the issuance of the bonds hereinafter described, and in favor of the tax hereinafter levied;

It is therefore ordered by the said Commissioners Court of Upshur County that the bonds of said county to be called "Common School District No 44 Schoolhouse bonds" be issued on the faith and credit of Common School District No 44 of said county, as established by order of the Commissioners court of said county passed on the 24th day of Oct 1906 which is of record in the minutes of said court on page 539 of Book 3 for the purpose of providing funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in constructing and equipping a public free school building of wooden material and purchasing a site therefor within said district.

Said bonds shall be numbered consecutively from one to fifteen inclusive; shall be of the denomination of One Hundred ($100.00) Dollars each, aggregating Fifteen Hundred ($1500.00) Dollars.

They shall be dated April 10th 1917; and shall become due and payable 20 years after date with option of redemption after five years:

They shall bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum payable annually on April 10th of each year.

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

The said bonds shall be signed by the County Judge, countersigned by the county clerk, and registered by the county treasurer, and the seal of the Commissioners' court shall be impressed upon each of them. The fac simile signature of the county Judge and county clerk may be lithographed, engraved or printed on the coupons.

It is further ordered by the court that, to pay interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund sufficient to discharge them at maturity, a tax of and at the rate of 25 cents on each $100 of the assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in said Common School District No 44 of this county shall be annually levied, assessed and collected upon said property until said bonds, with interest, are paid, and said tax is here now levied for the year 1917.

In re public road from E B Clarks residence to Soules Chappel.) In Commissioners Court Upshur County Texas.) April Term 1917. April 9th 1917

On this day came on to be considered the petition of W L Whiteside and others praying for a public road to be established from E L Clarks residence via W B Sallmans to Soules Chapel.

And it appearing to the court that said petition has the required number of signers; it is therefore ordered by the Commissioners Court of Upshur County that said croade be and the same is established as prayed for, with the understanding that petitioners pay all expenses of said road, without cost to the county.

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In Re establishing public road Dreainct No 4, Rosewood.) In Commissioners Court Upshur County Texas.) April term 1917. April 9th 1917.

On this day came on to be considered the petition of G W Hudson and others praying for the following road to be made; a public road of the third class, twenty feet in width, Commencing at the NW corner of the townsite of Rosewood and thence East across block #1 to 4th street, according to the plat and plan of the said townsite of Rosewood, in precinct #4, the whole distance being 300 feet;

And it appearing that said petition has the required number of signers thereto and that 20 days notice has been given as required by law and no objection filed.

It is therefore considered and ordered by the court that said road be opened as prayed for in said petition, without cost to Upshur County.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.) COUNTY OF UPSHUR.) In Commissioners Court Upshur County, Texas.

On this the 9th day of April, 1917, there came on to be considered the returns of an election held in Latch, School District No 25, of Upshur County, Texas, on the 7th day of April, 1917, to determine whether the majority of the qualified tax paying voters of said school district, desire to tax themselves for the purpose of raising funds to supplement the available school funds for said district. It appearing to the court that said election was in all respects legally held and that said returns were duly and legally made and that there was cast at said election 40 votes, of which number there cast:

For the Tax 25. votes,

Against the Tax, 15. votes.

And it appearing to the court from said returns that a majority of the qualified property taxpaying voters of said district, voting all said election, voted, in favor of the tax the court does hereby declare the said tax to have carried and this court is authorized to annually levy and have assessed and collected a tax of and at the rate of not to exceed 50 cents on the $100.00 valuation on all taxable property within said district. And said tax is hereby levied for the year 1917, and the tax assessor is authorized to assess said tax.