BE IT REMEMBERED THAT on the 31st day of May 1925there was begun and holden a Special Session of the Commissioners Court of Upshur County Texas, at which was present, S J Moughon, County Judge, J B Woodfin, Commissioner Pre No 1; S G Newsom jr. Commissioner Pre No 2; J R Hinson. Commissioner Precinct No 3; L A Richardson, Commissioner Precinct No 4; Ramah Oliver, County Clerk, J W Bryce, sheriff, when the following proceedings were had to wit;

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Tractor accounts allowed. Minutes Accounts Allowed Vol 8 page 19.

County Judge

Commissioner Pre No 1

Commissioner Pre No 2

Commissioner Pre No 3

Commissioner Pre No 4.

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BE IT REMEMBERED That on the 1st day of June A D 1925 there was begun and holden within and for Upshur County Texas a Special Session of the Commissioner court,at which was present S J Moughon, County Judge; J B Woodfin, Commissioner Pre No 1; S G Newsom jr, Commissioner Precinct No 2; J R Hinson, Commissioner Pre No 3; L A Richardson, Commissioner Pre No 4; when the following proceedings were had to wit;

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Commissioners court convened in Special session according to call for the purpose of arranging for the collection of delinquent taxes. After due consideration the proposition of A F Shepperd was accepted by the court and contract signed. The Clerk is hereby ordered to Record contract.

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After due consideration the Bond of W F Steelman was approved.

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On this the 1st day of June 1925, the Commissioners Court of Upshur County Texas, in Special Session hereby authorize and directs G L Florence, County Attorney of Upshur County Texas, to file suits and prosecute to judgment suits on all delinquent taxes for the year 1923 as well as for all previous years.

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The State of Texas

County of Upshur

This indenture made this the 30th day of June A D 1925, by and between the County of Upshur, party of the first part and A F Shepperd, party of the second part, WITNESSETH;

4 That the said second party, for and in consideration herein set forth contracts and agrees to make for said Upshur County a complete ownership map of all the lands of Upshur County, installing what is generally known as a Block System for designating and

locating lands and lots for the convenience of the County Tax Assessor in assessing all the lands and lots in Upshur County and for the convenience of the Tax Collector in collecting the taxes so that he may show proper credit of all taxes collected and correctly show what tracts of lots of land are delinquent each year, and in whose name they appear delinquent.

Said system to consist of a complete plat of each headright of land in Upshur County and complete plat of each town or village in said Upshur County, showing exact location and ownership of each said tract or lot of land. Said tracts or lots of land to be designated by arbitrary numbers and these numbers also set opposite the owner's name on the assessor's Abstract books in order that the assessor map keep track of each tract or lot of land in said Upshur County.

Said plats also to show in what School District each tract or lot of land is located and further described by course and distance, or by reference to book and page in deed records, when recorded, so that the County Attorney may readily secure a description of each tract or lot of land when filing on same for delinquent taxes.

Said Second party further agrees to prepare for the convenience of the County Tax Assessor a complete set of Pocket reference books covering all the lands and lots in Upshur County, giving name of owner Abstract Number, headright survey, number of acres and last assessed value of each tract or lot of land in Upshur County, with corresponding numbers designating numbers of each tract or lot of land in Upshur County, in order that said County Tax Assessor may readily keep track of lands and lots of land in Upshur County and make proper assessment of same.

Said Second party further agrees and binds himself by sufficient bond, that he will once each year, for a period of five years from Jan 1 1927, revise and brown down to date the System hereim described and prepared for said Upshur County, by correcting all plats and Abstract books showing all changes in ownership or additional owners giving proper designating numbers and to prepare and revise the assessor's pocket reference books and it is understood that this work is a part of and under the general contract for putting im System-no additional fee is charged for said work.

Said second party further agrees to furnish to the County Attorney correct field notes for each tract sued on for delinquent taxes due Upshur County, covering all unpaid delinquent taxes for the years, from and since the year 1885 up to and including the year 1923.

It is understood that the field notes herein contemplated are such as can be determined from the records found in the Tax Collector's office, Tax Assessor's Office, and in the Office of the County Clerk in the preparation of said owenrship map hereinabove described.

The compensation for the preparation of the field notes as above contemplated shall be 50 cents for each suit, said sum to be advanced and paid by the Commissioners Court out of the General Fund of Upshur County when said field notes are furnished the County Attorney.

Said sum to be charged as costs in each suit and refunded to the county when said taxes are paid, and consequent costs are paid.

The full compensation for the construction and equipping and keeping up of said Block System hereinbefore described, shall be $5,000.00 and paid as follows; One third of said sum shall be paid to said second party by Upshur County when $25,000.00 of the amount of delinquent taxes now appearing due the State and County shall have been paid into the office of the tax collector of Upshur County, one third when $50,000.00 of said delinquent taxes shall havebeen paid as aforesad, and the balance at the completion of all work as contemplated under this contract.

Delinquent taxes are such as have been declared delinquent by the Commissioners

Court of Upshur Co Texas.

Said Second party is to have from the date of this contract until January 1st 1927 to complete all work as outlined in this contract except the annual revising and bringing down to date the assessors books as above stated, which work shall be done each year for a period of five years, from January 1st 1927 and shall be done just preceding Jan 1st of each year for the convenience of the Assessors in assessing the taxes of said Upshur County.

It shall be understood and agreed that the completion of the work contemplated under this contract for the payment of the last third of $5000.00 due second party shall be the completion of the ownership map and putting in Block System, and the furnishing of the field notes for the delinquent taxes due the state and county both for the known owners and unknown owners as appears from the delinquent records of Upshur County since the year 1885 to the year 1924 as the same can be determined by the records of the tax collectors office, the assessors office and the records of the County Clerk of Upshur and by the additional aid required in making complete ownership map of said Upshur County.

Said second party agrees and binds himself by a good and sufficient bond in some approved Bonding Company in the sum of $5000.00 guaranteeing to said Upshur County his faithful performance of all the duties outlined in this contract.

Dated this the 1st day of June A D 1925.

S J Loughon, County Judge
J B Woodfin Com'r Prec't No 1
S G Newsom jr Com'r Prec't No 2
J R Hinson Com'r Prec't No 3
L A Richardson Com'r Prec'r No 4

A F Shepperd.

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