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BARBARA MIDDLETON  
COUNTY CLERK

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS # 56**

Notice is hereby given that a Special meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court will be held on Friday, July 26, 1996 at 11 00 a.m in the County Courthouse, Livingston, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed, to wit

- 1 CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION (PER RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY CLERK)

Dated July 23, 1996

Commissioners' Court of Polk County, Texas

By *John P. Thompson*  
John P. Thompson, County Judge

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of Polk County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice in the County Courthouse of Polk County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on July 23, 1996, and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting

Notice filed, July 23, 1996

Barbara Middleton, County Clerk

By *Barbara Middleton*

STATE OF TEXAS }  
 COUNTY OF POLK }

DATE: JULY 26, 1996  
 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
 ALL PRESENT

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS THE 26th DAY OF JULY, 1996  
 THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS COURT MET IN A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
 WITH THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS PRESENT, TO WIT:  
 JOHN P. THOMPSON, COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING. B.E. "SLIM" SPEIGHTS,  
 COMMISSIONER PCT#1, BOBBY SMITH, COMMISSIONER PCT#2, JAMES J.  
 "BUDDY" PURVIS, COMMISSIONER PCT#3, R.R. "DICK" HUBERT, COMMISSIONER  
 PCT#4, AND BARBARA MIDDLETON, COUNTY CLERK, WHEN & WERE AMONG OTHER  
 PROCEEDINGS HAD, CONSIDERED AND PASSED.

1. MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:00 AM BY JUDGE JOHN P. THOMPSON.
2. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS.  
 COUNTY CLERK, BARBARA MIDDLETON, READ A PREPARED STATEMENT FOR THE COURT REGARDING THE RECOMMENDATION OF ELECTION JUDGES
3. MOTIONED BY JAMES J. "BUDDY" PURVIS, SECONDED BY BOBBY SMITH TO APPOINT NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION JUDGES AND ALTERNATES AS RECOMMENDED BY COUNTY CLERK, AND MODIFY "REQUIRED" CERTIFIED ELECTION SCHOOL TRAINING BE HELD BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S ELECTION DIVISION.  
 ALL VOTING YES. (SEE ATTACHED LIST)
4. MOTIONED BY R.R. "DICK" HUBERT, SECONDED BY B.E. "SLIM" SPEIGHTS TO ADJOURN COURT THIS 26th DAY OF JULY, 1996, AT 11:25 AM.  
 ALL VOTING YES.

  
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 JOHN P. THOMPSON, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

  
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 BARBARA MIDDLETON, COUNTY CLERK

## COUNTY CLERK

DUTY/RESPONSIBILITY	AUTHORITY
1 DESCRIPTION OF OFFICE	Local Government Code
Make bond take oath of office, secure errors and omissions insurance	Sec 82 001, 82 003
May appoint deputies,	Sec 82 005
Serve as ex officio clerk of commissioners court,	Sec 81 003
Maintain office at county seat,	sec 291 002
Maintain office at auxiliary courthouse and facilities but also keep office at county seat,	Sec 292 004
	Government Code
May issue marriage licenses, administer all oaths and affirmation take affidavits and depositions,	Sec 51 402
Use seal of county court to authenticate actions of county clerk,	Sec 51 502
In counties with fewer than 8,000 population, office of district clerk is combined with county clerk unless voters authorize separate offices (counties between 7 600 and 8,000 excepted)	Sec 51 501
2 ELECTIONS	
The county clerk has overall responsibility for the holding of elections	Local Government Code
Hold election for authorization to create civil service commission,	Sec 158 001 et seq
May hold referendum concerning property in counties under 40,000,	Sec 291 007
	Vernon's Revised Civil Statutes
Notify secretary of state of county and precinct officers elected	Art 16a
Publish and/or post notice of road district, petition for bond election,	Art 6702-1, Sec 4 416
Post notice of road district bond election,	Art 6701-1, Sec 4 419
	Election Code
Receive necessary forms from secretary of state,	Secs 31 002, 67 009



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Judge Thompson  
Commissioner's Court  
Ladies & Gentlemen

First, I wish to clear up a matter from Monday Morning court. Mr. Fogleman, said "There was one name on my Monday List of Judges, that had Moved from the county & changed their voting registration from Polk County to another one." That person he was referring to was Elaine Stephens, Box#12-Indian Village, that worked as an alternate last November in the Amendment Election. She and her husband have moved, but they are still registered in Polk County Voter Registration records.

The article in yesterday's newspaper, just had a couple of misconceptions. Mr. Fogleman said "He was prepared to file a law suit with the Justice Department, and contact the Secretary of State, if the Commission's court, voted to approve my first list of election judges.

The "Mistake" I made, was not putting it in writing what I expected each party chairman's responsibility in training procedeures.. In the near future, I plan on making a request in Commissioner's Court to "ADOPT", certain training standards for ALL election judges and alternates, for all future elections. According to Texas Election Code, Subchapter F. "Training" Sec 32.111 & 32.114 & 32.115, "The Commissioner's court may adopt"Minimum Standards of training in election law and procedure for presiding or alternate judges serving in its elections " (I have attached a copy of the pages) It is within the scope of my duties as County Clerk, to request this action. I also, plan to have a training session at the time the Election Boxes and supplies are picked up.

Today, I am submitting a lists of election judges for the November general Election, based on the outcome of the last Governor's election, November 1994 Plus a list of alternates to serve in case there are cancellations, from the approved list But I am insisting that they receive more "Training".

If commissioner's court appoints judges from this list, I would like for them to put a "CONDITION OR STIPULATION" into those appointments. I still believe that the Judges that did not attend the training seminar, need more training & should be expected to get certified election training before being allowed to work in the General Election, November 5, 1996. I have written to Ann McGeehan, Secretary of State Elections Division, and requested that a session be given here in Polk County, sometime during September or October. I haven't received a reply yet, but I plan to see her next Week at the Annual State Election Law School in Austin.

Last & in closing, I want Mr. Fogleman to know that I take my job duties & responsibilities very "SERIOUS". I always try to search out answers to problems, and "THINK" about decisions very carefully, that will affect the community and the many citizens that have entrusted me with this most important position.

THANK YOU, TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !!!!!!!!!!!



**Barbara Middleton**  
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ACCORDING TO THE OUTCOME OF THE LAST GOVERNOR'S ELECTION,  
 NOVEMBER, 1994, THE ELECTION BOXES VOTED AS FOLLOWS.

1. REP.	2 DEM.
4 REP.	3 DEM.
5. REP.	8. DEM.
6 REP.	9. DEM.
7. REP.	11. DEM.
10 REP	12. DEM.
13. REP	14. DEM.
15 REP	17. DEM.
16 REP	18. DEM.

**GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 5, 1996**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING  
 FOR ELECTION JUDGES & ALTERNATES

**COMMISSIONER PCT#1**

BOX #1	GAY GENENWEIN	IRENE MILNER
BOX #2	LaVEE McVAY	ELOISE BORIE
BOX #3	ALINE FISHER	MARGIE HAMILTON
BOX #4	DANIELLE WELBORN	SKEETZ GROSS
BOX #5	JO ANN MORELAND	JEAN MURRAY

**COMMISSIONER PCT#2**

BOX #6	DORIS MARCUS	MARY CLARK
BOX #7	DEWAYNE COBURN	ED PEEBLES
BOX #17	CLAUDE BALDREE	MYRNA HALL

**COMMISSIONER PCT#3**

BOX #8	ELAINE BARRINGTON	DAVID SHORES
BOX #9	NELLE DUDLEY	KATHY WELCH
BOX #10	LEON STRICKLEN	BOBBY SMILEY
BOX #11	KEITH ANDERSON	GLADYS SWEARINGEN
BOX #18	BETTYE WASHINGTON	VICKI ANN LOUCEL

**COMMISSIONER PCT#4**

BOX #12	VERNON POLK	KAREN SYLESTINE
BOX #13	JAMES HENDRIX	MAUDINE ROBRAN
BOX #14	JOE ROEDER	FRANCES PITTMAN
BOX #15	JOYCE MUNSON	D K PRICE
BOX #16	S MARK CROW	SHIRLEY CRAGER



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**RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING  
FOR ELECTION JUDGES & ALTERNATES:**

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BOX #1  
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BOX #3  
BOX #4  
BOX #5

GAY GENENWEIN  
LaVEE McVAY  
ALINE FISHER  
DANIELLE WELBORN  
JO ANN MORELAND

IRENE MILNER  
ELOISE BORIE  
MARGIE HAMILTON  
~~(TO BE ANNOUNCED)~~ *Keety Hoos*  
JEAN MURRAY

**COMMISSIONER PCT#2**

BOX #6  
BOX #7  
BOX #17

DORIS MARCUS  
DEWAYNE COBURN  
CLAUDE BALDREE

MARY CLARK  
ED PEBBLES  
MYRNA HALL

**COMMISSIONER PCT#3**

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BETTYE WASHINGTON

DAVID SHORES  
KATHY WELCH  
BOBBY SMILEY  
GLADYS SWEARINGEN  
VICKI ANN LOUCEL

**COMMISSIONER PCT#4**

BOX #12  
BOX #13  
BOX #14  
BOX #15  
BOX #16

VERNON POLK  
JAMES HENDRIX  
JOE ROEDER  
JOYCE MUNSON  
S. MARK CROW

KAREN SYLESTINE  
MAUDINE ROBRAN  
FRANCES PITTMAN  
D. K. PRICE  
SHIRLEY CRAGER

I AM ALSO RECOMMENDING, THAT WE RETAIN MR. WOODROW BATTISE,  
BOX #12 AS OFFICIAL INDIAN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

*Barbara Middleton*  
BARBARA MIDDLETON  
POLK COUNTY CLERK



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JULY 22, 1996

TO: JUDGE JOHN P. THOMPSON  
COMMISSIONER B.E. "SLIM" SPEIGHTS  
COMMISSIONER BOBBY SMITH  
COMMISSIONER JAMES J. "BUDDY" PURVIS  
COMMISSIONER R R. "DICK" HUBERT

FROM: BARBARA MIDDLETON  
POLK COUNTY CLERK

RE: 1996 GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 5, 1996  
EARLY VOTING PERIOD.....

MAIN POLING PLACE POLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE BASEMENT

OCTOBER 16, 1996 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 1996

8 00 AM TO 5 00 PM (MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY)

OCTOBER 26, 1996 (ONE-SATURDAY ONLY)  
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

BRANCH POLING PLACES: ONALASKA SUB-COURTHOUSE  
and CORRIGAN SUB-COURTHOUSE

OCTOBER 16, 1996 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 1996  
8 00 AM TO 12.00 PM  
(CLOSED ONE HOUR FOR LUNCH)  
1 00 PM TO 5:00 PM

HIRING OF (4) EARLY VOTING CLERKS  
SHIRLEY CRAGER -- COURTHOUSE, LIVINGSTON  
GLORIA WICKES----- COURTHOUSE, LIVINGSTON  
SYBLE LOVING -----CORRIGAN SUB-COURTHOUSE  
MARY CLARK----- ONALASKA SUB-COURTHOUSE

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

BARBARA MIDDLETON





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8 28 AM  
7 24 1996

July 23, 1996

Secretary of State  
Ms Ann McGeehan  
Elections Division  
P.O. Box 12060  
Austin, Texas 78711-2060

Dear Ann,

Pursuant to Election Code Sec. 32.111, Training standards for election judges, I am requesting that your office send a representative to our county for a training program for Judges & Alternates for the general election on November 5, 1996. The election training can be scheduled anytime September or October. Although I would prefer it to be before, Early Voting Period.

I have specifically requested that the Commissioner's Court adopt minimum standards of training in election law & procedure for presiding or alternate judges serving in this election.

Please have someone in your office contact me as soon as possible for arranging a time & date.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Middleton*  
Barbara Middleton  
Polk County Clerk

c: Commissioners Court  
Republic Chairman  
Democratic Chairman



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**RECOMMENDED LIST ALTERNATES:**

MARIE McFARLAND  
DICK COOLEY  
MARIE ARRINGTON  
SKEETZ GROSS  
BOBBIE SCHAFFER  
ELOISE MOBLEY  
NELL PUCKETT  
JOYCE JONES  
HAROLD BARRINGTON  
SIBLE RICE  
SYBLE LOVING  
GLADYS SWEARINGEN  
WOODROW BATTISE  
EUNICE SWINT  
DRUCILLA PRICE  
LOUNELL STEGALL  
RITA ROEDER  
GLENN MURRAY  
MARTHA JOHNSON

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**BARBARA MIDDLETON**  
POLK COUNTY CLERK