

RESOLUTION

INTERIM STUDY OF UNDER-VALUATION OF OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, in 2007 the Texas Legislature adopted a severance tax-based interpretation of the Texas Tax Code, Sec. 23.175 (commonly known as the market condition factor) to be applied to the valuation of oil and gas properties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Texas State Comptroller's severance tax-based estimate of the market condition factor results in the under-valuation of oil and gas property to the detriment of all other taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, many counties receive the vast majority of their tax revenues from the county's oil and gas values; and

WHEREAS, these counties and their taxpayers are being adversely and catastrophically affected by the market condition factor as interpreted by Texas Comptroller's office; and

WHEREAS, these counties are being forced to underfund essential county government services or shift approximately \$300 million in taxes to other taxpayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Polk County requests that Lt. Governor Dewhurst and Speaker Straus include a study and evaluation of the effect of Texas Tax Code Sec. 23.175 on all Texas taxpayers in their charges for interim studies by the Senate and House, respectively.

READ AND ADOPTED this 14 day of July, 2009.

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County Judge

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ATTEST:

[Signature of Shelana Walker]
County Clerk