

**EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE
MARCH 29, 2022 1:00 ANNEX BUILDING**

ATTENDANCE: Chairman Justice Cecil McDonald; Justice Neil Burge; Justice Betty Hepler; Justice Tobye McClanahan; Justice Joe Lewis; Justice Rick Ash; Justice Harbans Mangat; Assessor Harley Bradley, Bob Ramey; Jeremy Bennett; Collector Susan Short; Finance Kelli Jones; Treasurer Peggy Meatte; Attorney Jacob Holmes; Public Affairs Tom Henry; Judge John Alan Nelson NEA Town Courier Revis Blaylock.

1. Meeting was called to order by Justice Cecil McDonald. The committee met last year to discuss drainage fees that were being assessed. Meeting was turned over to Harley Bradley.

2. Mr. Bradley had been assessing since 1987, several years as a State auditor and became Assessor in 2000. Mr. Bradley was a certified reappraisal manager. Mr. Albritton was asked about the formula that was used to get the value of the taxes. Delinquent levee taxes were collected in the Collector's Office. Mr. Bradley was paid \$3,500.00 per year. Mr. Bradley suggested to come up with a formula and put in the system to be collected by the Collector. Rob Veach with the levee district liked the idea of combining the taxes. Could pay Mr. Bradley \$500.00 year. Randy Ferguson took over the drainage district when Mr. Albritton retired. Mr. Ferguson asked Mr. Bradley to take all the drainage districts and would be paid \$3,000.00 per year. Mr. Bradley's suggestion to correct the formula was to take what money was needed at the end and back into it. How much land and improvements and then you could figure a formula.

3. Jim Tompkins was the Assessor. Mr. Albritton was a drainage district supervisor. Randy Ferguson was a drainage district supervisor. There were 9 drainage districts. Bob Ramey stated the commissioners met once a year on big projects. Smaller contractors were used for smaller projects. \$1 million a year was spent on maintenance. Justice Burge stated the problem was not everything was not being taxed equally.

4. Property could have been improved because of the drainage ditches. Helped to determine the rate of tax. Each parcel was given a benefit assessment rate. There was not a standard rate across the board. Formula could be created on what taxes were collected last year.

5. Justice Ash asked before Mr. Bradley was hired who did the assessments for the drainage district. Mr. Albritton did the assessments prior to Mr. Bradley. Justice Ash suggested the drainage district figure what they had collected each year and what they wanted to move to for the coming year and work the formula out. Motion was made by Justice Betty Hepler to table for now. Second was made by Justice Justice Neil Burge. Motion passed.

6. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy George