

In Accordance with Stock Law Election held Nov. 5, 1918, the running at large of horses, mules, jacks, jennets, cattle, sheep, goats and hogs was prohibited within Clay County, Texas.

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Order No. 5

September 11, 1918

On this the 11th day of September, 1918, this court being in regular session, came on to be considered the petition of more than 100 persons praying that an election be ordered to be held in said Clay County to determine whether the following stock shall be permitted to run at large in said Clay County, viz: horses, mules, jacks, jennets, cattle, sheep, goats and hogs. And it appearing to the Court that such petition is signed by the requisite number of the resident qualified freeholders who are voters in said Clay County, and that as many as twelve of said petitioners are resident voters and freeholders in each Justice Precinct of said Clay County, it is the judgment of the Court that said petition should be granted; It is therefore ordered by the court that the said petition be and the same is hereby granted.

It is further ordered that an election be held at each of the various voting places in said Clay County, Texas, on the 5th day of November 1918, said date being not less than 30 days from the date of this order, to determine whether horses, mules, jacks, jennets, cattle, hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large in said Clay County. Said election shall be held under the provisions of the law applicable thereto, and the manner of holding such election shall be governed by the general laws of the State of Texas.

Only resident legally qualified voters who are freeholders in said Clay County shall be allowed to vote in said election, and all voters desiring to vote for the proposition to prohibit said stock from running at large in said Clay County shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the Stock Law", and those wishing to vote against the proposition shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the Stock Law". The County Judge of Clay County shall issue an order for such election and cause public notices thereof to be given for at least thirty days before the day of election, by ~~publishing~~ publication of the order therefor in some newspaper published in said Clay County.

N O V E M B E R T E R M 1 9 1 8

BE IT REMEMBERED that at a regular term of the Commissioners' Court of Clay County, Texas, begun and holden at the Court House thereof in Henrietta, on Monday, the 11th day of November, 1918, the Hon. E.W.Coleman, County Judge, present and presiding. All Commissioners being present and concurring: Officers Present- J.R.Phagan, Sheriff and J.F.Vaden County Clerk, Court was duly opened by proclamation of the Sheriff, whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

Order No. 1

November 11, 1918

WHEREAS on a day of a regular term of the Commissioners' Court of Clay County, Texas, to-wit: the 11th day of September, 1918, coming on to be considered the petition of more than one hundred freeholders in said county, and as many as twelve of whom are resident freeholders in each Justice precinct in said County, praying for an election to be held in said county to determine whether the following stock shall be permitted to run at large in said Clay County, viz: horses, mules, jacks, jennets, cattle, sheep, goats and hogs, and

WHEREAS, said Commissioners' Court in regular session on said 11th day of September, 1918, ordered that an election for determining the proposition above stated be held in each voting precinct of said Clay County, at the usual voting places thereof, on the 5th day of November, 1918, and that said election be held under the provisions of law applicable thereto and in the manner to be governed by the general laws of the State of Texas, and

WHEREAS, on the 11th day of November, 1918, came on to be opened, tabulated and counted the returns of said election by E.W.Coleman, County Judge of said Clay County, in the presence of J.F.Vaden, County Clerk of said Clay County, and two respectable freeholders of said Clay County, to-wit: Nat Fleming and G.B.Rush, and it appearing that said election was held and the returns thereof made in accordance with the law: That there were 737 votes cast at said election; That there were 551 votes "For the Stock Law" and 186 votes "Against the Stock Law" and that there was a majority of 365 votes "For the Stock Law",

NOW, THEREFORE, I, E.W.Coleman, County Judge, do hereby declare and proclaim that said election resulted in favor of the Stock law and that the running at large of horses, mules, jacks, jennets, cattle, sheep, goats and hogs, be prohibited within Clay County, Texas, after the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of office at Henrietta, Texas, this the 13th day of November, 1918.

E.W.Coleman
County Judge