

Boundary Settlement Gets Nueces Approval

A boundary line adjustment which would give Aransas County a string of small islands extending from Rockport to Harbor Island and a small part of Harbor Island received the approval of Nueces County Commissioners Court yesterday.

The settlement, which would end a 10-year-old boundary suit with Aransas County, would cost Nueces County less than \$100 a year in taxes. Most of the islands in the settlement area are state-owned.

The boundary line has been in dispute almost continually since the creation of Aransas County in 1871. In its suit filed in 1957, Aransas County claimed most of Harbor Island, all of Port Aransas and other land producing \$100,000 a year in tax revenue for Nueces County.

Commissioners yesterday

gave attorney M. Harvey Weil authority to proceed with the settlement. Weil and County Judge Noah Kennedy said the Aransas County Commissioners Court had agreed to the settlement.

Included in the proposal is establishment of the center line of the Intracoastal Canal as the boundary line from a point just north of Harbor Island Causeway northeastward about five miles. The boundary would then turn to the southeast to the Lighthouse Tract on Harbor Island, and extend from there southwestward to the center of the Ship Channel and then out to the Gulf of Mexico.

Weil said he and Hobart Huson, Aransas County's attorney in the suit, both considered the settlement to be fair.

The Commissioner Court also

opened, on six cars for the sheriff's department, a sedan for Precinct 2 and one truck each for Precincts 1 and 2.

Lew Williams Chevrolet submitted the apparent low bids on the two trucks and sedan — \$2,547.78 for one truck, \$2,747.64 for the other and \$1,763 for the sedan.

The firm's gross bid of \$2,027.25 for each of the six cars for the sheriff was low. However, trade-in allowance on six old cars varies, as did trade-in allowances of other bidders.

Bids on all the vehicles were tabled for study.

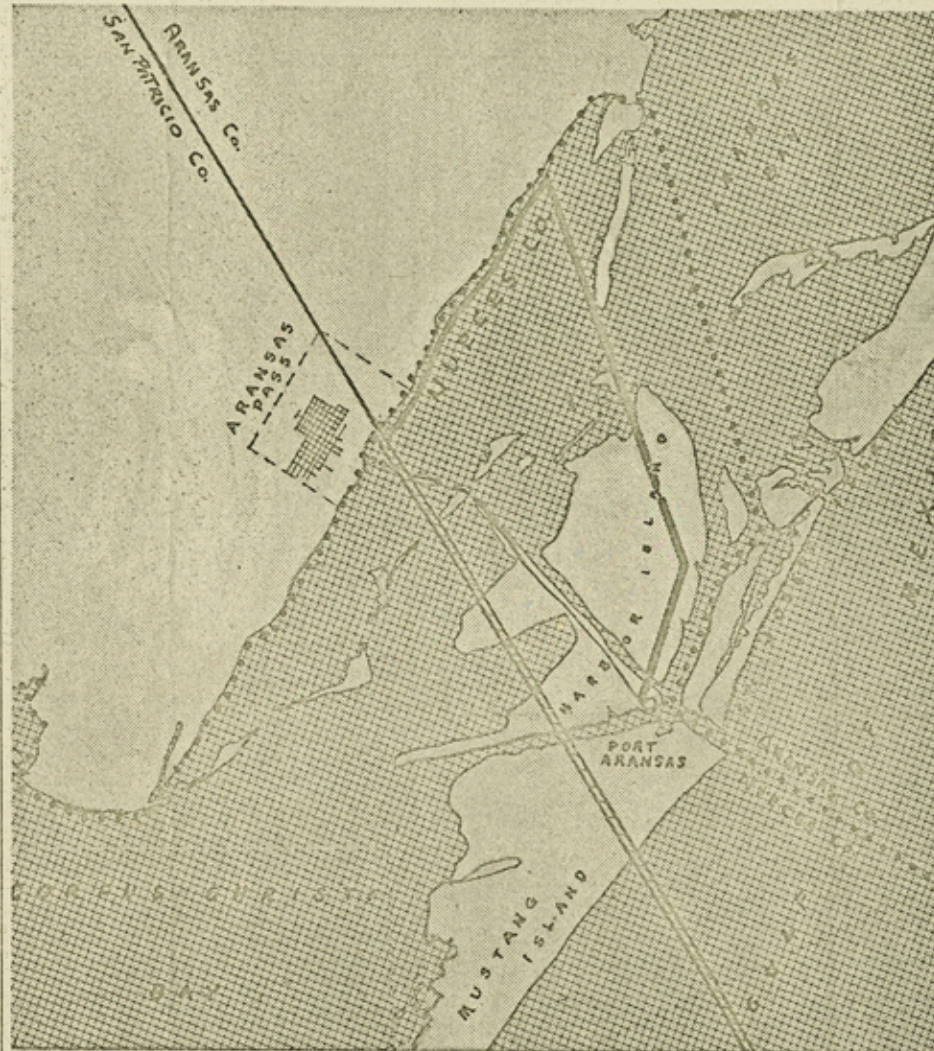
The court opened bids on paving improvements to .666 of a mile of Buddy Lawrence Drive between the city limits and the Missouri Pacific Railroad, on the installation of 350 linear-feet of piling on the north side of the Port Aransas Ferry landing, and on a postage meter for the tax office.

The Asphalt Paving Co. submitted the only bid, \$4,496, for the Lawrence improvements. It was within \$122 of County Engineer Jesse Laurence's estimate and was accepted.

W. T. Young Construction Co. submitted the lowest of four bids on the pile driving. It amounted to \$2,299.50, and Young was awarded the contract.

Also awarded was a \$1,443.50 contract to Pitney-Bowes, Inc., for the postage meter. It was the only bid.

The commissioners decided to advertise for bids on a parking lease for a small irregular tract of property left over in acquisition for right of way for Interstate Highway 37. The Petroleum Tower has had a five-year lease which expires March 31.



COUNTY BOUNDARY SETTLEMENT — The solid line above shows where the boundary between Nueces and Aransas Counties would run under a proposal approved yesterday by the Nueces County Commissioners Court. Shown by the dotted line is the boundary previously claimed by Nueces County. In a suit filed in 1957, Aransas County claimed the county line should be an extension of the San Patricio-Aransas County line (double line).

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