



**BEFORE THE
STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

CJC No. 17-1342-CO

INQUIRY CONCERNING

**HONORABLE JOHN LOVETT, JR.
SAN JACINTO COUNTY JUDGE
COLDSRING, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS**

ORDER OF SUSPENSION


Be it known that on April 23, 2018, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct received a copy of an Indictment issued by the Grand Jury for San Jacinto County issued on April 23, 2018, in Cause No. 12,492, in the 258th Judicial District Court of San Jacinto County, entitled *The State of Texas vs. John Lovett, Jr.* (the "Indictment"). A true and correct copy of the Indictment is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein for all relevant purposes.

Having considered the Indictment, the Commission concluded that the judge is charged with Burglary, Tampering with Governmental Record, and Forgery, one or more of which constitutes a felony offense, and determined that **JOHN LOVETT, JR.** should be **SUSPENDED, WITHOUT PAY**, from the office of County Judge of San Jacinto County, Texas, pursuant to the authority contained in Article 5, § 1-a(6)A of the Texas Constitution and Rule 15(a) of the Procedural Rules for the Removal or Retirement of Judges, adopted and promulgated by the Supreme Court of Texas pursuant to Article 5, § 1-a(11) of the Texas Constitution, and that such suspension shall remain in effect until further orders of the Commission.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that **JOHN LOVETT, JR.** shall be **SUSPENDED, WITHOUT PAY**, from the office of County Judge of San Jacinto County, Texas. It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that such suspension shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further order of the Commission. It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that

the Commission retains the authority to reconsider this Order should additional information not yet received warrant such action.

ISSUED on the 23rd day of April, 2018, at 1:30 o'clock p.m.



Honorable Douglas S. Lang, Chair
State Commission on Judicial Conduct

NO.: 12,492

BOND: \$ _____

COURT: 258th

THE STATE OF TEXAS VS. JOHN LOVETT, JR.

W/M DOB: 01/19/1967

CHARGES:

BURGLARY

TEXAS PENAL CODE § 30.02

STATE JAIL FELONY

TAMPERING WITH GOVERNMENTAL RECORD

TEXAS PENAL CODE § 37.10

STATE JAIL FELONY

FORGERY

TEXAS PENAL CODE § 32.21

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IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

THE GRAND JURY, for the County of San Jacinto, State of Texas, duly selected, empaneled, sworn, charged, and organized as such at the January Term A.D., 2018 of the 258th Judicial District Court for said County, upon their oaths present in and to said court at said term that JOHN LOVETT, JR., hereafter styled Defendant,

COUNT I

on or about July 7, 2017, and before the presentment of this indictment, in San Jacinto County, Texas, did then and there enter a building (or any portion of a building) not then open to the public, to wit: the San Jacinto County Clerk's Office, located inside the San Jacinto County Courthouse at 1 State Highway 150, Coldspring, Texas, with intent to commit a felony, to wit: Tampering With Governmental Record;

COUNT II

on or about July 7, 2017, and before the presentment of this indictment, in San Jacinto County, Texas, did then and there knowingly make a false entry in a governmental record, to wit: Defendant did knowingly falsify the certification and/or facsimile signature stamp of the San Jacinto County Clerk, Dawn Wright, on a Notice of Meeting of the San Jacinto County Commissioners Court;

And it is further presented that Defendant's intent was to defraud or harm another, to wit: the San Jacinto County Clerk, Dawn Wright, and/or the San Jacinto County Commissioners Court, and/or members of the public entitled to an accurate Notice of Meeting;

COUNT III

on or about July 7, 2017, and before the presentment of this indictment, in San Jacinto County, Texas, did then and there forge a writing, to wit: certification and/or facsimile signature stamp of the San Jacinto County Clerk on a Notice of Meeting of the San Jacinto County

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Clerk District Court, San Jacinto County, Texas
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Deputy

Commissioners Court, by altering, making or completing said writing such that it purported to be the act of another, to wit: the San Jacinto County Clerk, Dawn Wright, who did not authorize the act

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE.


Foreman of the Grand Jury