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## Hickory Water—

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It was noted that the probable approach would be legislative and that court is probably the answer. Where remains to be seen. We will have to take the most advantageous way," Flemming said.

The mayor noted that Brady is looking to "need a load of money and we can't take on the full load," he said. "We need help, morally and financially. We need to bond together for our life's blood."

It was suggested that a resolution be passed supporting the group's interest in the Hickory

# Fight Over Hickory Water Seems Destined for Court

## Counties Plot How to Stop San Angelo's Grab

A meeting was held last Friday for Mayor H. L. Gober and City Utility Director T. Flemming to discuss the Hickory Underground Water District

and the City of San Angelo's request to drill 13 more wells in the Hickory aquifer.

Representatives from Concho,

Mason, Menard, McCulloch counties were present to discuss how they would handle the situation in an effort to detain San Angelo from drilling 13 more wells added to the nine they already have drilled.

The group voted to talk over how to split money to be spent on legal help if it should be needed.

The Hickory Underground Water Board met Thursday night to discuss the situation, and according to Mayor Gober, there were three ways it could go: Give San Angelo what they were asking for; have the case completely dismissed by the attorneys, or meet in the middle and try to solve the problem.

There was a lot of discussion, but no consensus of opinion other than

the fact the whole case might wind up in court.

It was noted that the board felt in a position to have to be in the best interests of protecting the aquifer and those who have a right to the water from the aquifer.

Brady is the largest of the consumers represented. The city uses 4.5 million gallons a day at times, but averages two million a day.

The City of San Angelo is looking at drawing 13.4 million gallons per day which would amount to 15,011 acre feet per year. "If that happens we are all in serious trouble," Flemming noted.

"If we don't do something and all stick together we are in trouble and will have to fight. Some type of deci-

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