

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

January 29, 2013

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on January 29, 2013, with the following members present:

1. Judge Downing A. Bolls Jr., County Judge
2. Kyle Kendrick, Commissioner, Precinct 2
3. Stan Egger, Commissioner, Precinct 3

When the following motions were heard:

1. Judge Bolls convened the Court in open session at 10:00 a.m.

2. Clyde Keishnick, Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church gave the invocation and Commissioner Kendrick led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 15, 2013 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of January 29, 2013 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously.

4. Judge Bolls presented the service awards to employees who have given 20 years and more service to Taylor County.

Richard Meyer	Commissioners' Precinct 1	20 years
Constable Larry Gill	Precinct 2	20 years
Commissioner Stan Egger	Precinct 3	20 years
Michael Lindsay	Juvenile Probation	30 years

5. Judge Bolls read a proclamation issued by the office of the Taylor County Judge declaring the month of January 2013 as Stalking Awareness Month. He presented the proclamation to Diane Dotson, Executive Director of the Regional Crime Victim Crisis Center, Judge Lee Hamilton, Judge 104th District Court and James Eidson, Criminal District Attorney. Judge Hamilton described the upcoming conference on stalking named West Texas SOS – Sunset on Stalking. The conference will bring new procedures, tools and laws to help the investigation and prosecution of stalking cases. Mr. Eidson commented that just 10 years ago there was no offense for stalking and now it is recognized as a violent crime. [Exhibit]

6. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve bills from the following funds and to order them paid according to minutes of the accounts. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

1. General Fund
2. County Clerk's Microfilm
3. VIT Escrow Interest
4. D. A. Special
5. Juvenile Jury
6. Juvenile Education Services
7. Jail Commissary
8. Sheriff Forfeiture
9. Road and Bridge
10. Employee Benefit
11. Payroll Clearing

7. John Cummins, Deputy Sheriff reported that in past years the Department had received grant funding from the State of Texas to conduct sting operations on merchants selling tobacco products to minors. However, this year Texas State University who coordinates the project did not send a grant application but sent an interlocal agreement. Judge Bolls stated as the Court's agenda specified a grant the Court could not take action. The Court would address the interlocal agreement during its next regular meeting.

8. Judge Bolls informed the Court that the appropriation of \$1,500.00 to fund the Community Health Needs Assessment would not be sufficient. He stated the contract with the consultant was \$12,000.00 however; the consultant's expenses and per diem would make the total cost around \$16,000.00. Commissioner Egger stated this was an important study to identify all barriers to adequate medical care for Taylor County citizens and should be supported. Commissioner Egger made a motion to fund the Community Health Needs Assessment with \$2,500.00 to be paid from Taylor County's annual tobacco settlement proceeds received from the State Of Texas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

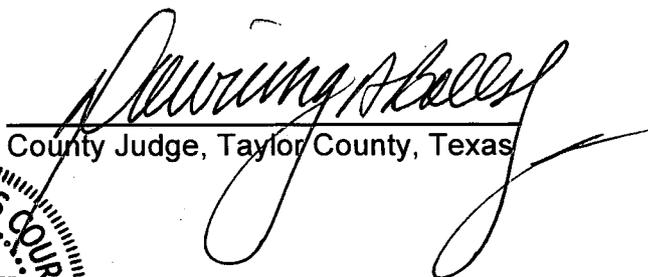
9. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent presented an interlocal agreement between the County and the Abilene Housing Authority for approval. The Abilene Housing Authority would be the fifth local governmental entity to use Taylor County's contract for office supplies and furniture. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Taylor County and the Abilene Housing Authority for office supplies. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Commissioner Kendrick and Egger discussed conditions in their precincts for dangerous wildfire. Commissioner Kendrick had been contacted by several volunteer fire chiefs requesting a ban on outdoor burning. Commissioner Kendrick commented that the vegetation in the rural areas was almost all dry and the upcoming days of low humidity and windy conditions would make matters much worse. He and Commissioner Egger agreed that local conditions necessitated declaring a ban on outdoor burning. Judge Bolts noted that humidity levels forecast for the near future was near 15% and winds forecast for in excess of 50 mph. Sheriff Bishop also suggested the ban be approved. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to reinstate a county-wide burn ban expiring April 29th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this
12 day of February, 2013.


County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas


County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

