

# Taylor County Commissioners' Court

March 26, 2013

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on March 26, 2013, with the following members present:

1. Judge Downing A. Bolls Jr., County Judge
2. Randy Williams, Commissioner, Precinct 1
3. Kyle Kendrick, Commissioner, Precinct 2
4. Stan Egger, Commissioner, Precinct 3
5. Chuck Statler, Commissioner, Precinct 4

When the following motions were heard:

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

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2. Commissioner Randy Williams gave the invocation and Commissioner Statler led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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3. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on March 7 and March 12, 2013 changing the March 7 minutes to reflect that it was an emergency meeting and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of March 26, 2013 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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4. Judge Bolls presented the service awards to employees who have given 15 years and more service to Taylor County.

Diann Russell	Tax Assessor-Collector	15 years
David Doherty	Sheriff's Office	20 years
Jeff Jordan	Commissioners' Precinct 1	20 years
Glen Ragan	Commissioners' Precinct 1	20 years
Connie Nichols	Juvenile Justice	25 years

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5. Commissioner Kendrick 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 Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

1. General Fund
2. County Clerk's Microfilm
3. VIT Escrow Interest
4. D. A. Special
5. D. A. Seizure

6. Juvenile Jury
7. Juvenile Education Services
8. Local TYC
9. Jail Commissary
10. Sheriff Forfeiture
11. Road and Bridge
12. Employee Benefit
13. Payroll Clearing
14. Unclaimed Property

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6. Commissioner Statler made a motion to remove from the table receive the financial statements and supplemental information together with the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended September 30, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

Lori Herrick representing Davis Kinard & Co. presenting the findings of the outside audit. Ms. Herrick stated Taylor County had received a clean report, with no material weaknesses or deficiencies and all financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The County's total net assets were \$81,366,829.00. Total revenue from governmental operations was \$43,222,957.00 with total expenses of \$43,428,338.00; general fund expenses were \$1,113,783.00 less than budgeted. At the end of the year the General Fund balance was \$21,972,435.00, an increase of \$59,375.00.

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7. Judge Bolls convened the Court in workshop session to discuss renovations to Taylor County buildings. Mr. Jack Harkins of the Tittle, Luther Partnership an office of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper of Lubbock presented the Court with a plan for renovation of the two Courthouses and the Plaza Building. Although the plan covered renovation and long term goals for the old Courthouse, Commissioner Egger stated his view that renovation of the new Courthouse and Plaza were the projects that were necessary to accomplish the County's needs at this time. As presented, Option 1 would cost approximately \$5.5 million over three budget years. The Court discussed various options in financing the project including certificates of obligation, construction financing and tax notes. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer told the Court that interest rates were low and this was a good time to discuss financing projects. The estimate given by Harkins includes the technology upgrades necessary in the buildings. Judge Wheeler discussed his concerns with the current plan because inmates would be transported through the same common areas as the other participants in trials and hearings. He offered a suggestion from Judge Hacker to move her Court room to another floor to free up more space for a prisoner corridor. The Court and Harkins stressed this was a preliminary plan and more discussion and analysis was needed prior to development of construction plans and funding of this project. Commissioner Statler said the goal is to improve efficiency of county government and not

esthetics and should be planned with the least possible disruption to the operation of county government.

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8. Commissioner Williams made a motion to reconvene in regular session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

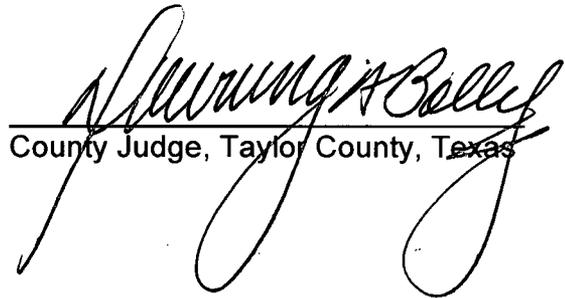
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9. Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this  
9 day of APRIL, 2013.

  
County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

  
County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

