

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

September 17, 2013

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on September 17, 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.

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

3. Commissioner Statler made a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting of September 17, 2013 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent presented a proposed interlocal agreement between Taylor and Walker Counties. The purpose of the agreement was Walker County's request to utilize Taylor County's contract for Jail Pharmaceuticals. Richard recommended the Court approve the interlocal agreement. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with Walker County regarding jail pharmaceuticals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

5. The Court discussed the steps undertaken in analyzing requested projects and programs in creating the budget for Fiscal Year 2014. In past years requests were cut to absorb increasing costs and expenses such as fuel, energy, providing indigent defense and health care. These increasing costs affect every business and citizen too. Even though the budget will require a tax increase, the Court felt the budget is a conservative one and still does not address every need presented to them by department heads and elected officials. Commissioner Egger made a motion to adopt the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler. Vote on the budget was by roll call with Judge Bolls and Commissioners Williams, Kendrick, Egger and Statler unanimously voting for adoption. [Exhibit]

6. Bridget McDowell, County Auditor gave an overview of the tax rates to fund the budget for FY2014. The Court discussed the State's requirements for specific wording in the motion and in the order adoption which makes the process more confusing for citizens instead of providing clarification. Judge Bolls moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 50.47, which is effectively a 6.07 percent increase in the tax rate and the declaration of surplus in debt service in the amount of \$194,600.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Vote on the tax rate was by roll call with Judge Bolls and Commissioners Williams, Kendrick, Egger and Statler unanimously voting in favor. [Exhibit]

7. Judge Bolls began discussion on declaring a ban on outdoor burning by reported the average Keetch Byram Index in Taylor County for today was 594. A reading of 574 or higher is indicative of drought conditions. The Court discussed conditions in their precincts as well as Commissioner Statler reporting he had met with the rural fire committee. The Committee's consensus was to support a ban on outdoor burning. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to reinstate the burn ban. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The ban will be in placed unless renewed or rescinded by the County Judge due to changing climate conditions. [Exhibit]

8. Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this

24th day of September, 2013.

Larry A. Baul
County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

Barney A. Bolls
County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

