

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

November 5, 2013

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on November 5, 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. Richard Petree, minister at Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church gave the invocation and Commissioner Williams led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 22, 2013 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of November 5, 2013 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. Commissioner Statler presented the Commissioners' Court with a proclamation recognizing November as Report Animal Abuse Month. Commissioner Statler, co-chair of the campaign, with daughter Caroline, reported that a significant number violent criminals started by abusing animals and pets. Often when arresting someone for crimes against another person, law enforcement officers will also see abused animals. Commissioner Statler has organized an ACU student volunteer group of around 300 members to distribute door hangers in Taylor County. Paul Washburn thanked the Taylor County Sheriff's Office for their efforts to protect abused animals. He also announced that approximately 20 other counties and cities in the area were also recognizing Report Animal Abuse Month.

5. Bridget McDowell, County Auditor presented a list of budget transfers and reported to the Court that the amounts before them represented the last transfers for Fiscal Year 2013. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve budget transfers as recommended by the Auditor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

6. Bridget McDowell, County Auditor reported to the Court that the bills before them represented the last payments for Fiscal Year 2013. 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 Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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| 1. General Fund | 4. VIT Escrow Interest |
| 2. Tobacco Settlement | 5. Election Contracts |
| 3. Commissioners' Special | 6. Juvenile Education Services |

- 7. Local TYC
- 8. Jail Commissary
- 9. Road and Bridge

- 10. Self-Insurance
- 11. Employee Benefit
- 12. Payroll Clearing

- 7. Judge Bolls stated his term on the Taylor County/City of Abilene Venue Tax Board was ending. Commissioner Egger made a motion to reappoint Judge Bolls to the Taylor County/City of Abilene Venue Tax Board as a Taylor County representative. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick. [no exhibit provided]

- 8. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the Investment Report as certified by the Investment Committee for the 4th Quarter of the 2013 fiscal year which ended September 30, 2013. Total interest accrued during the 4th quarter was \$28,945.84. Beginning market value balance for all funds was \$45,586,392.50, ending balance was \$39,397,653.56; total funds had a net decrease of \$5,648,738.94 from the 3rd quarter of fiscal year 2013. At the end of the 3rd Quarter, 76% of County funds were invested in TexPool, 19% in certificates of deposit and 5% in agencies. At the end of the 4th quarter, investments reflect 77% in TexPool, 12% in certificates of deposit, 5% in commercial paper and 6% in agencies. [Exhibit]

- 9. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the Investment Policy for the Court's review. The main objective of Taylor County's Investment Policy is the security of the principle; investment income is secondary. She recommended no changes to the current policy; presenting the policy annually is required by the Public Funds Investment Act. Included with the policy document is a list of brokers that will need approval also. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the Taylor County Investment Policy and the list of authorized brokers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried 4-0 with one abstention. Judge Bolls did not vote due to his wife's employment with Wells Fargo. [Exhibits – 2]

- 10. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent, presented a request from Commissioner Statler to purchase a John Deer Motor Grader using the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Buyboard Contract and to finance the purchase using Taylor County funds. Total cost of the purchase is \$225,000.00. Commissioner Statler would like to pay \$58,701.00 down and repaying the County by making one payment per year for three years, plus interest. Commissioner Statler made a motion to purchase the motor grader through TASB Buyboard contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve financing through Taylor County as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- 11. Bridget McDowell, County Auditor presented a resolution to authorize Taylor County to receive grant money from the State for a partial reimbursement of local tax money spent complying with state indigent defense laws. Each year Taylor County receives \$60,000.00 to \$115,000.00 toward the County's expense of approximately \$1,600,000.00. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the Indigent Defense Grant Program Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

Sharon Miller, Taylor County's Indigent Defense Coordinator reported that the County's program had received glowing comments at the recent state-wide Indigent Defense conference. She also reported that the purchase of new software, authorized during budget hearings, had already paid for itself in cost savings in the first month of operation.

12. Sheriff Ricky Bishop presented an interlocal agreement between Taylor County and the City of Tye for dispatch services. In the agreement the City of Tye will pay Taylor County \$10,000.00 per year to provide dispatch services for the City; the Taylor County Sheriff's Department will provide the dispatch services. Sheriff Bishop also noted that the 911 District would also contribute \$10,000.00 to Taylor County for providing the service. Bishop reported that the City of Tye averages approximately 700 calls per month. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement between Taylor County and the City of Tye for Taylor County Sheriff Dispatch Services and authorizes the Auditor's Office to set up an income and expense line item for the operation funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Kelly Stephens, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management presented the annual order setting the FY 2014 plan provisions for Taylor County's plan in the Texas County and District Retirement System. Planned funding of 10.07% of payroll will fund plan expenses and to recover some account losses from 2008. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the Authorization to Maintain Texas County and District Retirement System Plan as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Judge Bolls convened the Court into Executive Session in accordance with Government Code 551.071, regarding consultations with the Court's attorney.

15. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to reconvene in regular session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. Judge Bolls announced the Court would take no action based upon the Executive Session.

16. Commissioner Egger made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 5 day of NOVEMBER, 2013.


County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas




County Judge, Taylor County, Texas