

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

January 14, 2014

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on January 14, 2014, 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. John Shepherd, Pastor of Northside Assembly of God gave the invocation and Commissioner Kendrick led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America.

3. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 31, 2013 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of January 14, 2014 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. 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 Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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| 1. General Fund | 8. Jail Commissary |
| 2. County Clerk's Microfilm | 9. Sheriff Forfeiture |
| 3. Restricted Fees | 10. Road and Bridge |
| 4. D. A. Special | 11. State Fees |
| 5. D. A. Seizure | 12. Self-Insurance |
| 6. Juvenile Jury | 13. Employee Benefit |
| 7. Local TYC | 14. Payroll Clearing |

5. Sheriff Bishop began discussion on solid waste disposal from the Taylor County Jail into the City of Abilene Sanitary Sewer Collection System. He distributed documents to the Court and introduced Richard Bilbrey who described the project proposed by the Sheriff's department and answered questions. After discussion, Commissioner Egger recommended that the Sheriff's office continue to gather information on the equipment and design and determine an accurate

cost for the equipment and installation. The County can then fund the project in FY2015. Commissioner Statler asked Sheriff Bishop to contact the City to inform them that a plan is being put together and the County is moving forward toward resolution. [Exhibit]

6. Sheriff Bishop presented an interlocal agreement between Taylor County and the City of Merkel for emergency dispatch services from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. and weekends and holidays. Merkel will pay \$16,000.00 which is approximately \$470.00 more than is necessary for the estimated cost to the County. He requested the \$470.00 be credited to Dispatcher training expense. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the contract to provide emergency dispatch services to the City of Merkel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

7. Judge Bolls reported that the Keetch Byram Index does not indicate Taylor County is in a drought. However, a recent Daily Fire Danger map from the Texas Forest Service shows Taylor County from Extreme to High danger. Commissioner Statler stated he has discussed conditions in Taylor County with various fire department officials. They feel with the lack of moisture, low humidity and high winds justify a ban on outdoor burning. Each Commissioner detailed conditions in their precincts and felt as if the ban was necessary. Commissioner Williams cautioned that those who start fires are liable for any damage resulting from those fires. Commissioner Statler made a motion to declare a ban on outdoor burning. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The burn ban will remain in effect until April 19, 2014 unless climate conditions change. [Exhibit]

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

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this

28 day of January, 2014.


Larry D. Brill
County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas
James A. Brees
County Judge, Taylor County, Texas