

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

June 3, 2014

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on June 3, 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. Commissioner Statler gave the invocation and Commissioner Williams led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America.

3. Judge Bolls noted that he would move agenda item 10 up to item 6 to assist those who would speak to that agenda item. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on May 20 and 27, 2014 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of June 3, 2014 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve budget transfers as recommended by the Auditor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

5. Commissioner Williams 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. Restricted Fees
4. D. A. Special
5. D. A. Seizure
6. Election Contracts
7. Juvenile Education Services
8. Local TYC
9. Jail Commissary
10. Road and Bridge
11. Capital Construction
12. Employee Benefit
13. Payroll Clearing

6. Jim Bryan, Emergency Management Director for the City of Abilene presented a mutual aid agreement to the Court. The agreement was originally signed in 2004. In an effort to reduce paperwork and operate more efficiently, the proposed document adds other entities such as volunteer fire departments. Other changes include language so that the agreement for mutual aid among member entities is not limited to only "declared disasters" and civil emergencies. [Exhibit]

7. Commissioner Egger presented a proposed agreement whereby Taylor County would continue to house City of Abilene inmates. The agreement included an increase from \$30.00 per day to \$38.00 per day. There was discussion as to whether the agreement should include magistration procedures and responsibilities. Sheriff Bishop and Terrie Noret Jail Administrator requested the agreement be tabled due to a separate agreement with the City of Abilene over the use and cost of the City of Abilene's firing range. Chief of the Abilene Police Department requested the agreement not be tabled; the two agreements were separate issues. He also told the Court that he was negotiable on the firing range agreement. Ms. Noret again asked the Court to table the agreement. Commissioner Egger made a motion to table the agreement until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. Commissioner Williams presented a proposed agreement between Taylor County and the City of Tye for renewal. In exchange for water the County will furnish labor and machinery for paving. The City of Tye will provide fuel for the County's equipment and the materials used on the roads. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with the City of Tye for the paving of Hines Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent presented a list of equipment to be declared as surplus. The equipment is two pick-ups; one from the Records Department, the other from Precinct 2. Both will be sold at an upcoming auction. Commissioner Statler made a motion both items be declared as surplus and sell them at the upcoming auction. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. [Exhibit]

10. Judge Bolts asked if the Commissioners had further information to consider regarding retention of jail personnel. The Court discussed the Sheriff's request to increase beginning jailer's salary from \$27,000.00 to \$30,000.00. Commissioner Egger stated he thought increasing the salary might be helpful, but would not be the answer, just a first step. He stated his belief that shift changes used by other counties would be successful here as in the other counties. Bridget McDowell County Auditor reported that the salary change the Sheriff had requested would also include deputies at the Sheriff's Office. Cost for salaries, not including benefits would be about \$160,000.00. Commissioner Egger noted the increase was a cost the taxpayers would have to pay. Judge Bolts asked if the department would be willing to cut their budget to offset the increase. Commissioner Egger made a motion to increase salaries for all those at the

Jail and Sheriff's Department in the Public Safety matrix whose current salary was below \$30,000.00 be brought up to \$30,000.00 using unspent departmental salary and county contingency budget, beginning with the June 9th payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler. Judge Bolts and Commissioners Kendrick, Egger and Statler voted for the motion; Commissioner Williams voting against.

11. Commissioner Statler made a motion to convene in Executive Session in accordance with §551.074 regarding personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The Court convened in Executive Session.

12. Commissioner Williams made a motion to reconvene in Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The Court convened in Regular Session.

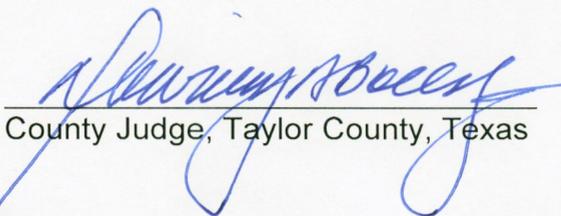
13. The Court thanked the applicants for the position of Director of Information Systems. Commissioner Egger made a motion to offer the position to Rebecca Eidson at a salary of \$65,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

14. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 17th day of JUNE, 2014.



County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas



County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

