

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

June 17, 2014

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on June 17, 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. Pastor Jay Walker of the CAPS Baptist Church 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 June 3, 2014 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of June 17, 2014 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

4. Kristi Allyn, Elections Administrator described the opportunity and benefits to the voters of Taylor County should the County decide to adopt County wide polling places and Vote Centers. The greatest benefit will be that a voter can go to any polling place in the County and vote, regardless of where they live, which is the same process the County uses during early voting. Voting center locations will be strategically placed around the county based upon previous polling places, historic voting numbers and with knowledge of population and traffic patterns. The system will utilize real time voting list software ensuring that each voter is able to cast a ballot only one time. Kristi's proposal exceeds the Secretary of State's office requirement that the first time a county uses vote centers that at least 65% of the previous polling places be used. The next steps are to conduct a public hearing and for the Court to appoint an advisory committee to assist in the planning and implementation for the change to county wide voting and provide written reports and feedback after the November election.

5. Commissioner Williams made a motion to convene in a public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously.

Judge Bolls stated the purpose of the public hearing was to hear input from citizens regarding the proposal to move to county-wide polling places utilizing Vote Centers. Seven members of the public testified as to the need for adoption of county-wide voting utilizing Vote Centers. They cited the following: protects the integrity of the vote, should increase the number votes cast, recognizes the mobility of the population, reduces eligibility questions to cast votes at only a specific polling place, helps the disabled with transportation because suggested Vote Centers are on a multitude of bus routes and stops. Two citizens who represented the City of Abilene and Abilene Independent School District reported that those governments and their leadership were in favor of the move to Vote Centers. No one spoke against the recommendation.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously.

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

7. Kristi Allyn provided a list of potential members for the Advisory Committee for county-wide voting centers. Her recommendations included members of community groups, civic leaders and representatives of local government. She also provided a list of 23 locations for Vote Centers; exceeding the Secretary of State's requirements. She stated that she would adjust the number of centers and locations during the next few voting cycles to better serve voter's needs. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the members of the Taylor County Vote Centers Advisory Committee as well as the list of polling places as recommended by the Taylor County Elections Administrator. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. 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]

1. General Fund
2. Restricted Fees
3. D. A. Special
4. D. A. Seizure
5. Juvenile Education Services
6. Local TYC
7. Jail Commissary
8. Sheriff Forfeiture
9. Road and Bridge
10. Capital Construction

11. State Fees
12. Employee Benefit
13. Payroll Clearing
14. Sinking Fund - Jail

9. Becky Freeman, First Assistant County Treasurer presented the May 2014 Treasurer's Report for approval. Beginning book balance for the General Fund was \$31,767,867.71 and market value was \$31,761,381.04; after receipts and disbursements the ending book balance was \$30,285,371.89 and the ending market value was \$30,277,344.42. Beginning book balance for all funds was \$45,161,858.37 and market value was \$45,155,371.70; the ending book balance was \$43,701,169.17 and the ending market value was \$43,693,141.70. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to accept the May 2014 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Judge Bolls presented a request from Jenny Goode, Chief Executive Officer of the Betty Hardwick Center to reappoint Dr. Michael Whitehorn and Mr. Keith Dowell to two year terms on the MHMR Board. Each have agreed to continue serving. Judge Bolls made a motion to approve the re-appointments to the Betty Hardwick Center Mental Health/Mental Retardation Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent presented the three bids received in response to ITB 2014-106 IHC Pharmaceutical Provider. Richard was pleased with the bid results as they were similar in cost. He recommended the bid be awarded to the lowest and best bid received from HEB RxTRA Advantage. Bettye Gindratt, Director of Social Services recommended the same. Commissioner Williams made a motion to follow the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent and Director of Social Services awarding ITB 2014-106 IHC Pharmaceutical Provider to HEB RxTRA Advantage. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent presented the two bids received in response to ITB 2014-107 Gasoline and Diesel Fuels for Precincts. After evaluation, Richard recommended award to the bidder submitting the lowest and best bid, Johnson Oil Company. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approved the bid recommendation by the Purchasing Agent for ITB 2014-107 Gasoline and Diesel Fuels for Precincts to Johnson Oil Company. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Kelly Stephens, Director of Human Resources and Risk Manager presented the renewal for the County's property insurance coverage. She recommended the renewal from the Texas Association of County's risk pool. This year she had added over \$2,000,000.00 in value for a total valuation of \$121,769,218.00. The total premium increased approximately \$5,000.00 from \$73,272.00 to \$78,737.00. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the renewal of the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool 2014/2015 Property Coverage. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Judge Bolls announced that consideration of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Abilene for housing inmates would remain "on the table."

15. Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this
1st day of July, 2014.



County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas



County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

