

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

July 29, 2014

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on July 29, 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. Paul Mata from Kinder Care Hospice gave the invocation and Commissioner Egger 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 July 15, 2014 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of July 29, 2014 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. 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]

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| 1. General Fund | 9. Juvenile Education Services |
| 2. Tobacco Settlement | 10. Local TYC |
| 3. County Clerk's Microfilm | 11. Jail Commissary |
| 4. Commissioners' Special | 12. Road and Bridge |
| 5. Restricted Fees | 13. Capital Construction |
| 6. D. A. Special | 14. Self-Insurance |
| 7. D. A. Seizure | 15. Employee Benefit |
| 8. Election Contracts | 16. Payroll Clearing |

5. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the June 2014 Treasurer's Report for approval. Beginning book balance for the General Fund was \$30,285,371.89 and market value was \$30,277,344.42; after receipts and disbursements the ending book balance was \$29,194,671.21 and the ending market value was \$29,183,929.35. Beginning book balance for all funds was \$43,701,169.17 and market value was \$43,693,141.70; the ending book balance was \$42,423,553.79 and the ending market value was \$42,412,811.93. Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the

Treasurer's Report for the month ending June 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

6. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the Investment Report as certified by the Investment Committee for the 3rd Quarter of the 2014 fiscal year which ended June 30, 2014. Total interest accrued during the 2nd quarter was \$22,599.44. Beginning market value balance for all funds was \$53,093,415.20, ending balance was \$46,741,097.27; total funds had a net increase of \$6,352,317.93 from the 2nd quarter of fiscal year 2014. At the end of the 2nd Quarter, investments reflected 87% in TexPool and 13% in certificates of deposit. At the end of the 3rd quarter, investments reflect 80% in TexPool, 15% in certificates of deposit and 5% in Agencies. [Exhibit]

7. Judge Bolls has received communication from the 9-1-1 District that the term of the County's board representative Alan Stafford would soon end. Judge Bolls stated that Dr. Stafford has done an excellent job and is currently Board Chair. Dr. Stafford has agreed to continue serving. Judge Bolls made a motion to reappoint Dr. Alan Stafford to the Abilene/Taylor County 9-1-1 Board for a 2 year term. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [No exhibit provided]

8. Judge Bolls presented the Abilene Taylor County 9-1-1 District revised budget for fiscal year 2014. The total revised budget revenue is \$1,637,000.00 and total expenditures are \$2,685,196.00. Ending balance is projected to be \$2,590,408.00. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the revised FY 2014 Abilene/Taylor County 9-1-1 Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Judge Bolls presented the proposed Abilene Taylor County 9-1-1 District budget for fiscal year 2015. Total revenue is projected at \$1,672,000.00; total expenditures budgeted are \$1,114,828.00. The ending balance would grow from FY 2014 to \$3,147,580.00. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the proposed Abilene Taylor County 9-1-1 District budget for fiscal year 2015 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Commissioner Egger presented the revised Abilene/Taylor County Events Venue District's Interest and Sinking Fund budget and the Project Fund budget for FY2014. Commissioner Egger stated that revenue continues to increase. Judge Bolls noted an increase in funding for the Taylor County Expo Center. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the revised budget for the Abilene/Taylor County Events Venue District's Interest and Sinking Fund budget and the Project Fund budget for FY2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. Commissioner Egger presented the proposed Abilene/Taylor County Events Venue District's Interest and Sinking Fund budget and the Venue Project Fund budget for FY2015. He stated the proposed budget was based upon the budget from the revised FY2014 budget. Total Expenditures and Revenue for the Interest and Sinking Fund budget are projected to be \$106,470.00 and \$820,002.00 for the Project Fund budget. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the proposed Abilene/Taylor County Events Venue District's Interest and Sinking Fund budget and the Venue Project Fund budget for FY2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Bettye Gindratt, Director of Social Services recommended the Court approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Taylor County and Indigent Healthcare Solutions. The County has used this software for many years to accurately account for indigent health care expenditures including the amount to pay each claim as well as tracking claims, client expenditures and eligibility. There is no change in either the agreement itself or the cost for the upcoming year. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between Taylor County and Indigent Healthcare Solutions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Commissioner Statler reported to the Court that his negotiations with James Vinson and Texas Department of Transportation to have a traffic signal placed at the intersection of FM1750, FM700 and County Road 114 (Vinson Pollard Road) have concluded. He presented the Court with a proposed Quitclaim Deed from Vinson. The County will pay \$7,500.00 for a 0.29 acre parcel to widen the intersection placing a east-bound right turn lane on CR114. The Department of Transportation will let the project as soon as the property transfer is completed. The Department of Transportation will also maintain the right of way and intersection. Commissioner Statler made a motion to pay for the 0.29 acre partial and authorize him to execute the Quitclaim deed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Commissioner Egger presented a request from a citizen that the County abandon a dedicated utility easement between lots 29 and 30, block B in Cedar Hills Lake Subdivision. The citizen owns both lots and desires to build a home that would extend into both lots. The citizen has paid for the only Utility using the easement to move their lines; the other Utilities state that they will not use the easement in the future. Commissioner Egger made a motion to abandon the easement as described. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]


15. Judge Bolls stated that the County has a duty to operate all departments and functions in the most efficient manner; as a result of budget hearing discussions the Court will discuss the Collections Department. Commissioner Egger noted that each County in Texas has different procedures for following the Texas Administrative Code as it sets

out required elements in collections processes. At the time Taylor County created the Collection's Department it wouldn't have been the most efficient to have each department manage the collection process internally. Since that time advances in software and increases in staff have led him to conclude that a stand-alone collections department was not the most efficient method at this time. The Court discussed various aspects of his proposal, asking questions of April Collum Director of Collections and Larry G. Bevill County Clerk. Commissioner Egger made a motion to cease funding the Collections Office and begin the process to put other procedures in place in the Justice of the Peace offices and the County Clerk's office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously.

16. Karla Rose from the Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse presented her budget request including changes in their procedures and outreach programs as well as grant funding. She requested level funding for FY 2015 in the amount of \$16,000.00. The Court also discussed:
- Volunteer Fire Department funding including funding for MORO in addition to funding of South Taylor County EMS. Commissioner Statler recommended funding MORO at the same level as the other departments and funding STEMS to budget for first aid supplies. Discussed the amount of \$16,670.00 per department.
 - Commissioner Statler recommended funding for the Local Emergency Planning Committee be \$3,100.00.
 - The Court discussed overtime funding with the Auditor; including adding \$75,000.00 to the Sheriff's Department.
 - Commissioner Egger spoke about a need for an additional groundskeeper for courthouse property maintenance.
 - Commissioner Kendrick is working to design and possibly build hand rails for the Expo Center. The cost of materials can be paid from the capital contingency budget and the maintenance budget reduced by \$150,000.00.

17. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 12th day of AUGUST, 2014.


Larry G. Bevill County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas
William H. Egger Judge, Taylor County, Texas