

# Taylor County Commissioners' Court

August 12, 2014

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on August 12, 2014, with the following members present:

1. Judge Downing A. Bolls Jr., County Judge
2. Kyle Kendrick, Commissioner, Precinct 2
3. Stan Egger, Commissioner, Precinct 3
4. 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.

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2. Jason Craddock, minister at University Church of Christ gave the invocation and Commissioner Kendrick led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America.

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3. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 5, 2014 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of August 12, 2014 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

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4. Judge Bolls presented a service award to an employee who has given 25 years service to Taylor County.

James "Gary" Kalmus	Sheriff's Office	25 years
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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. Tobacco Settlement
3. County Clerk's Microfilm
4. Restricted Fees
5. D. A. Special
6. D. A. Seizure
7. Election Contracts
8. Juvenile Education Services
9. Local TYC
10. Jail Commissary

11. Sheriff Forfeiture
12. Road and Bridge
13. Capital Construction
14. Self-Insurance
15. Employee Benefit
16. Payroll Clearing
17. Sinking Fund - Jail

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6. Betsy D'Acierno, Executive Director of Care Here! Texas presented the Court with the annual report for the Taylor County Employee's Health Clinic. She reported that 65% of employees have used the clinic. Eighty-four percent (84%) of available appointments were filled which represents a 33% increase from the previous 12 months. Claims to BC/BS were down 4% due to the use of the clinic. On average, the cost of a visit to the clinic is \$85.29, while average cost for a visit to the doctor using Blue Cross/Blue Shield is \$98.02. In total, the clinic itself has seen an 8% increase in cost to run the clinic. [Exhibit]

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7. Kit Horne, Taylor County Extension Agent for 4-H shared with the Court that the Texas 4-H Congress is the premiere citizenship and leadership experience for Texas 4-H members. Texas 4-H Congress allows select 4-H members to experience the law making process first hand by writing, submitting, and then serving as a member of the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Press, or as a Lobbyist. From these roles, the 4-H members determine the fate of each bill submitted over the four day event. Katie Willis was Taylor County's participant. She told the Court about the bill she wrote and how it progressed through the process as well as what she learned as a participant. The event is held in even years in Austin at the Capital. [No Exhibit Provided]

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8. Kelly Stephens presented the Benefits Committee's recommendation on renewal of the employee, retiree and dependent insurance coverage. To address the ever skyrocketing increases in expenses the committee recommended large increases in retiree and family premiums. Kelly detailed the specific costs as well as factors causing the increase. She explained that some of the increases are mandated by Obamacare provisions which are out of the County's control. She warned that those mandates would become even more costly in the future. She thanked the Commissioners' Court for making the decision to continue funding employee premiums at 100%. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the renewal of the TAC Health Employment Benefits Pool contract for Fiscal Year 2015 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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9. Lt. John Cummins from the Taylor County Sheriff's Department requested the agenda item on the Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant be tabled. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to table the Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously.

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10. Lt. John Cummins from the Taylor County Sheriff's Department presented information on the annual Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. This annual grant totals \$20,387.00 for this fiscal year and will be expensed for Stop Stick Rack Kits, Ballistic Vests and patches for the vests. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the application for the 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the Taylor County Sheriff's Department as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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11. The Court discussed many of the elements affecting the County budget for the upcoming year including mandates and requirement from the State government, salary and health insurance costs. The Court also discussed the pressures and increased costs caused by more people moving to the rural areas including ambulance service, volunteer fire department expenses and increasing costs of the Sheriff's department. [No Exhibit Provided]

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12. Assuming that a proposed budget and tax rate for FY 2015 will be approved during special session on August 19, 2014, Traci Graham Taylor County Administrative Assistant presented a schedule for public hearings. Both hearings will be conducted before Commissioners' Court and would begin at 10:00 a.m. on August 26<sup>th</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. Commissioner Egger made a motion to schedule the 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing on August 26<sup>th</sup> and the second on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

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13. Judge Bolls announced that after a brief recess the Court would convene in Executive Session in accordance with §551.071 regarding consultation with an Attorney.

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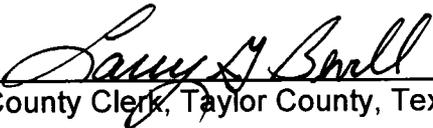
14. Commissioner Statler made a motion to reconvene in Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. The Court convened in Regular Session at 11:30. [Note: County Clerk did not witness nor attests to the accuracy of the information on this agenda item]

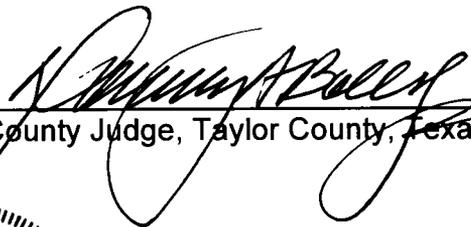
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15. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m. [Note: County Clerk did not witness nor attests to the accuracy of the information on this agenda item]

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The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this  
26<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2014.

  
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County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

  
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County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

