

# Taylor County Commissioners' Court

August 26, 2014

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on August 26, 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.

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2. Commissioner Statler gave the invocation and Commissioner Egger 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 August 12 and August 19, 2014 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of August 26, 2014 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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4. Judge Bolls presented the service awards to employees who have given 25 years service to Taylor County.

Susan Barber	326 <sup>th</sup> District Court	25 years
Mike Pippins	Sheriff's Office	25 years

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

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6. 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. Errors and Omissions

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. State Fees
15. Self-Insurance
16. Employee Benefit
17. Payroll Clearing

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7. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the July 2014 Treasurer's Report for approval. Beginning book balance for the General Fund was \$ 29,194,671.21 and market value was \$29,183,929.35; after receipts and disbursements the ending book balance was \$28,322,053.54 and the ending market value was \$28,306,120.39. Beginning book balance for all funds was \$42,423,553.79 and market value was \$42,412,811.93; the ending book balance was \$42,350,323.70 and the ending market value was \$42,334,390.55. Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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8. Commissioner Statler presented a resolution to Authorize an Agreement with the State of Texas for a Local Transportation Project Advance Funding Agreement. This agreement is the final step in the process of placing traffic safety lighting at the intersection of FM 707, FM1750 and Vinson Road. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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9. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent presented a list of property assigned to Commissioners' Precinct 2 to be declared as surplus. He reported the property would be used for trade-in on a used street sweeper. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the declaration of surplus property as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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10. Commissioner Statler made a motion to remove agenda item #10 from the table. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

Lt. John Cummins with the Taylor County Sheriff's Department presented the Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant Agreement for the Sheriff's Department. The grant proceeds would be used to fund overtime pay for heightened traffic enforcement to reduce traffic fatalities within Taylor County. The enforcement will concentrate on DWI, speed and distracted driving. The grant totals \$12,909.51 with \$2,733.95 as match. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the grant agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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11. Sheriff Bishop presented the list of Sheriff's and Constables fees for 2015. The recommendation was to increase fees for some writs. The following are the changes: Writ of Habeas Corpus, Writ of Restitution, Writ of Protective Order and Writ of Commitment-Mental increase from \$100.00 to \$125.00. Writ of Sequestration increases from \$125.00 to \$150.00 and Writ of Execution from \$150.00 to \$175.00. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the fee structure for the Sheriff's and Constable's fees for Calendar Year 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

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12. Bridget McDowell County Auditor explained to the Court that the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service is the system used to protect the rights and safety of victims of crime. Changes in offender incarceration, court appearances and more are communicated via this system. Each year the contract has to be renewed; contract amount for this year is \$27,715.32. The State of Texas sends the payment direct to the vendor. Essentially Taylor County approves the transaction and operates the system on Taylor County's end. Commissioner Egger made a motion to accept the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service for the Fiscal Year 2015 from the office of the Attorney General. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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13. Commissioner Williams told the Court that the Law Enforcement building is entirely sound but is experiencing a lot of shifting and settling from water issues. Commissioner Williams introduced Rupert Rangel principal with Tittle Luther Partnership/Parkhill Smith & Cooper architectural firm who then introduced Bill Burger with Wiss, Janney, Eistner Associates which is an engineering and architectural firm. Bill explained the stages in their proposal to test and study the facility to determine a solution to the causes and recommend repairs. Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the proposal for investigating the issues causing the foundation to settle at the LEC presented by WJE and the

Tittle Luther Partnership. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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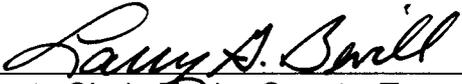
14. Commissioner Williams explained the proposal to study and recommend solutions to the foundation settling problem at the Law Enforcement Center from the Tittle Luther Partnership/Parkhill Smith & Cooper firm and the Wiss, Janney, Eistner Associates firm would be paid 50/50 by the City of Abilene and Taylor County. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the agreement with the City of Abilene regarding repairs to the Law Enforcement Building. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

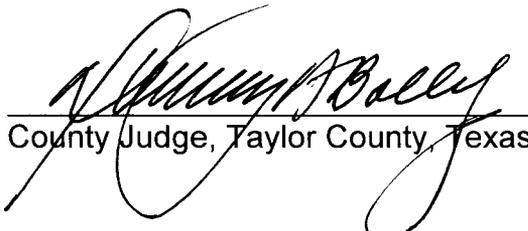
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15. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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

  
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County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

  
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County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

