

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

October 21, 2014

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on October 21, 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 Williams gave the invocation and Commissioner Statler 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 October 7, 2014 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of October 21, 2014 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

4. Judge Bolls presented the service awards to employees who have given 15 years and more service to Taylor County.

Chris Wuorinen	Sheriff's Office	15 years
Rudy Sayas	Constable, Precinct 1	15 years
Vicky Parker	District Attorney's Office	25 years

5. Abilene Fire Department Deputy Chief Larry Bell presented the County with a 1994 Fire Engine, pumper model. The Court thanked Chief Bell for the cooperation and beneficial working relationship between the Abilene Fire Department and Taylor County. The Court also recognized the support the Abilene Fire Department gives the volunteer fire departments in Taylor County. The Court will wait for a recommendation from the Rural Fire Committee to determine to which department the fire engine will be assigned. [No Exhibit Provided]

6. Jay Evans from the Taylor County Expo Center Board of Directors presented a four phase plan to upgrade and improve the Expo Center. An underlying goal of the recommendations is to improve the Center's capability of hosting diverse

events. Suggestions include a new livestock barn, new multiuse event center, relocation of the carnival space and repurposing the current horse barn as a maintenance facility. The Court will work with the Board to expand the committee with a larger work group to study these changes and make further suggestions. Commissioner Egger made a motion to accept the report as presented and create a larger committee of 20-25 members by November 2014 and report back to the Court with a plan in the spring of 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

7. Commissioner Egger 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. Commissioners' Special
5. Restricted Fees
6. D. A. Special
7. D. A. Seizure
8. Election Contracts
9. Local TYC
10. Jail Commissary
11. Road and Bridge
12. Capital Construction
13. Employee Benefit
14. Payroll Clearing

8. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the September 2014 Treasurer's Report for approval. Beginning book balance for the General Fund was \$26,265,887.90 and market value was \$26,253,723.38; after receipts and disbursements the ending book balance was \$24,049,234.74 and the ending market value was \$24,030,840.58. Beginning book balance for all funds was \$40,115,899.49 and market value was \$40,103,734.97; the ending book balance was \$37,162,977.72 and the ending market value was \$37,144,583.56. Commissioner Statler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending September 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Rebecca Eidson, Information Systems Director recommended the internet service company that provides Taylor County's VPN connection be replaced. Eidson has experienced problems with technical support and accounting issues. Her recommendations were to contract with Suddenlink Communications at "mid-

tier" bandwidth. The cost for the upgraded service would double. Half the expense is paid through the County Clerk's records management funds; County Clerk Larry G. Bevill agreed to the increased amount. The remaining cost would be funded from various existing IS Department budget lines. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve Suddenlink as internet service provider at the middle tier service level. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent presented a request from Commissioner Kendrick to declare as surplus a 1993 tractor truck to be used as a trade-in. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to declare as surplus the 1993 tractor truck. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. Judge Bolls announced that the Court would convene in Executive Session in accordance with Government Code 551.071 to consult with an attorney. Commissioner Williams made a motion to convene the Court in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

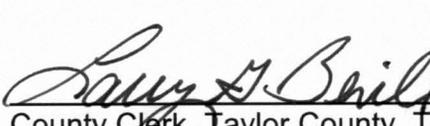
12. Commissioner Williams made a motion to reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

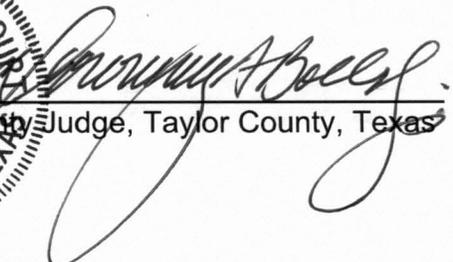
13. Commissioner Williams made a motion to table the discussion regarding the Taylor County Policy and Procedure Manual. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

14. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this

4 day of November, 2014.


County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas


County Judge, Taylor County, Texas



The seal of Taylor County, Texas, featuring a five-pointed star with 'L', 'E', 'X', 'S' at the points and 'COMMISSIONERS COURT' and 'TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS' around the perimeter.