

## Taylor County Commissioners' Court

November 4, 2014

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on November 4, 2014, with the following members present:

1. Judge Downing A. Bolts 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 Bolts convened the Court in open session at 10:00 a.m.

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2. Don Wilson, Pastor of First Christian Church gave the invocation and Commissioner Williams 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 meeting held on October 21, 2014 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of November 4, 2014 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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4. The budget transfer list represent the last payment of bills from the FY2014 budget. Commissioner Williams 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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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 Statler 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. Self-Insurance
14. Employee Benefit
15. Payroll Clearing

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6. Judge Bolls presented the Court's resolution declaring November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in Taylor County to Connie Garrett of the Pancreatic Cancer Network. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams to approve the resolution for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in Taylor County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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7. Judge Bolls presented the Court's resolution declaring November 8-15 as Veteran's Week in Taylor County. Judge Bolls presented the resolution to Larry Denton of the Texas Veteran's Commission. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the resolution that Taylor County celebrate Veteran's Week in Taylor County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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8. Kelly Stephens, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management presented the renewal of the FY2015 Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool Workers Compensation Program. Kelly presented the renewal numbers and then introduced Mike Strawn from the Texas Association of Counties. Mike recommended the Court consider additional coverage of adding a stop loss rider of \$500,000.00. The Court determined with an increase in cost of just \$2,793.00, it was worth adding the additional insurance. Commissioner Egger made a motion to including the \$500,000.00 stop loss coverage and to approve the renewal of \$142,464.00 for Worker's Compensation coverage. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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9. Bridget McDowell, County Auditor presented the Investment Report as certified by the Investment Committee for the 4th Quarter of the 2014 fiscal year which ended September 30, 2014. Total interest accrued during the 4th quarter was \$22,699.97. Beginning market value balance for all funds was \$46,741,097.27, ending balance was \$42,305,306.91; total funds had a net decrease of \$4,435,790.36 from the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of fiscal year 2014. At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, investments reflected 80% in TexPool, 15% in certificates of deposit and 5% in Agencies. At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, investments reflect 79% in TexPool, 16% in certificates of deposit and 5% in Agencies. [Exhibit]

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10. Bridget McDowell, County Auditor presented the Taylor County Investment Policy for the Court's review. The main objective of Taylor County's Investment Policy is the security of the principle; investment income is secondary. She stated that there were no changes to the current policy because the Public Funds Investment Act has not changed. Included with the policy document is a list of brokers that will need approval also. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the list of authorized brokers to coincide with the Taylor County Investment Policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried 4-0 with one abstention. Judge Bolts did not vote due to his wife's employment with Wells Fargo. [Exhibits – 2]

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11. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent presented a report on the damage to Taylor County facilities caused by the June 12, 2014 hail storm. He recommended selecting three vendors through purchasing cooperatives to bid on the work. Commissioner Egger made a motion to utilize the TIPS Purchasing Cooperative and the Choice Partners Purchasing Cooperative in choosing roofing companies to re-roof from hail damage. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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12. Bridget McDowell, County Auditor presented a resolution to authorize Taylor County to receive grant money from the State as a partial reimbursement of local tax money spent complying with state indigent defense laws. It is unknown what this year's amount will be; last fiscal year was \$132,000.00. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the Indigent Defense Grant Program Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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13. Commissioner Statler made a motion to remove from the table the Discussion regarding Taylor County Policy and Procedure Manual and any action as necessary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Williams presented recommendations to re-visit the Court's recent policy changes in the area of vacation leave, compensatory time and sick leave. He reported the changes were based upon legal counsel's advice, comments from county employees and his own recommendations. He stated that the Texas Association of Counties found no legal concerns with the changes the Court had made previously. The Court discussed Commissioner Williams' recommendations. Commissioner Williams made a motion to request that Kelly Stephens, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management make the changes as discussed and present the draft to each member of the Court individually prior to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The Court will consider the changes at the next Court meeting. [No Exhibit Provided]

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14. Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this  
18<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2013.

  
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County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

  
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County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

