

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

November 18, 2014

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on November 18, 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 a Public Hearing at 9:50 a.m. to hear input from the public regarding setting a speed limit on Peppergrass Lane in Commissioners' Precinct 1, Taylor County Texas. Two citizens spoke in favor of establishing a speed limit.

2. Judge Bolls closed the Public Hearing at 10:06 a.m.

3. Judge Bolls convened the Court in open session at 10:06 a.m.

4. Captain Kenney from the Abilene Salvation Army gave the invocation and Commissioner Kendrick led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America.

5. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on November 4 and November 12, 2014 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of November 18, 2014 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

6. Judge Bolls presented the service awards to an employee who has given 15 years service to Taylor County.

Ben Molina

Sheriff's Dept.

15 years

7. Mike Strawn from the Texas Association of Counties presented the Court with a plaque recognizing Taylor County being a founding member of the Texas

Association of Counties' Worker's Compensation Risk Management Pool. The pool is celebrating its 40th year.

8. The budget transfers presented by the Auditor represent the "carry over" budget lines from FY2014 to FY2015. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve budget transfers as recommended by the Auditor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. 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]

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| 1. General Fund | 8. Road and Bridge |
| 2. Restricted Fees | 9. Capital Construction |
| 3. D. A. Special | 10. State Fees |
| 4. Election Contracts | 11. Self-Insurance |
| 5. Juvenile Education Services | 12. Employee Benefit |
| 6. Local TYC | 13. Payroll Clearing |
| 7. Jail Commissary | |

10. Commissioner Williams noted that he had received an overwhelming response from the citizens who reside on Peppergrass Lane regarding establishing a speed limit. All those who contacted him except one, requested a speed limit. The Court discussed what exact speed limits were necessary to improve safety on this road which is used by non-residents as a short cut from Antilley to Rebecca Lane. Commissioner Williams made a motion to establish a speed limit of 30 miles per hour for 1.5 miles from the intersection with Antilley, the remaining 1.3 miles to Rebecca would be 45 miles per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried 4-1. Judge Bolls voted against the motion stating that he preferred a 35 miles per hour for the entire length of Peppergrass Lane. [Exhibit]

11. Jay Evans, President of the Expo Center Board presented an expanded member list to be appointed to the Expo Facilities Committee. Each proposed member had been contacted and has agreed to serve. Once appointed, Evans said that the committee would begin work to bring a report and recommendation on expanded facilities at the Expo Center. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the expanded list of Expo Facilities Committee members. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Commissioner Egger presented a proposed lease for the Taylor County Expo Center facility and grounds between the County and the Expo Center of Taylor County, Texas.

Commissioner Egger said that there had been a lot of work by County and Expo Board representatives to document the duties and responsibilities of each party in regard to buildings, grounds, equipment, repair, maintenance, policy and more. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the 10 year lease of the Taylor County Expo Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Commissioner Egger presented a request to abandon five foot from a ten foot utility easement which runs in front of Lot 11, Block E, Section 6 in Remington Estates, at the cul-de-sac on Springfield Street. At closing it was determined that the house had been constructed three feet into the utility easement. Commissioner Egger reported that two utility companies had submitted their approval to decrease the size of the easement. The City of Abilene had communicated to the developer that they were disinterested in whether the easement was reduced. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the Order abandoning a portion of the utility easement located in front of Lot 11, Block E, Section 6 in Remington Estates, Section Five. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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

Commissioner Williams presented his recommendations to revise the manual. The court discussed those revisions and made others as detailed in the exhibit. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the changes in the Policy and Procedures Manual Chapter 8 and Chapter 9 as reviewed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously.

15. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 2nd day of December, 2013.


Larry D. Bull County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas
Quinn A. Bailey County Judge, Taylor County, Texas