

Taylor County Commissioners' Court
January 27, 2015

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on January 27, 2015, with the following members present:

1. Judge Downing A. Bolls Jr., County Judge
2. Randy Williams, Commissioner, Precinct 1
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.

2. Reverend Andrew Penns pastor of Valley View Mission Baptist Church and member of the Taylor County Historical Commission 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 January 13, 2015 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of January 27, 2015 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. Judge Bolls presented the service awards to an employee who has given 30 years' service to Taylor County.

Lynn Franklin	Sheriff's Dept. - Jail	30 years
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5. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve bills as presented 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]

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| 1. General Fund | 10. Sheriff Forfeiture |
| 2. Tobacco Settlement | 11. Road and Bridge |
| 3. County Clerk's Microfilm | 12. Lateral Road |
| 4. Commissioners' Special | 13. Capital Construction |
| 5. Restricted Fees | 14. State Fees |
| 6. D. A. Special | 15. Self-Insurance |
| 7. Juvenile Education Services | 16. Employee Benefit |
| 8. Local TYC | 17. Payroll Clearing |
| 9. Jail Commissary | |

6. Becky Freeman, First Assistant Treasurer presented the December 2014 Treasurer's Report for approval. Beginning book balance for the General Fund was \$23,075,825.22 and market value was \$23,055,936.24; after receipts and disbursements the ending book balance was \$32,542,614.51 and the ending market value was \$32,515,741.58. Beginning book balance for all funds was \$38,774,116.53 and market value was \$38,754,227.55; the ending book balance was \$48,151,336.80 and the ending market value was \$48,124,463.87. Commissioner Egger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

7. Anita Lane-McBride, Chair of the Taylor County Historical Commission presented for approval the membership list for the Commission. She reported the total number of members remains unchanged; a few members are new to the Commission but by far the majority are reappointments. She recommended all be approved. Ms. Lane-McBride also reported the Commission was working on historical markers for Dyess Elementary the first school to segregate in the Abilene Independent School District and the T & P Depot. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the list of members for the Taylor County Historical Commission as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. David Allman, Director of Operations for South Taylor County Emergency Medical Service (STEMS) presented the annual operations and financial report. In 2014 there were 931 calls for service; 633 resulted in a transport. The areas of the County with the highest incidents were in order: Tye, Buffalo Gap, Potosi, View and Tuscola. This past year they purchased land for an additional station and new equipment. They are working on a grant for a new ambulance. He stated they currently have 4 ambulances carrying the "greatest and latest drugs and equipment." He is projecting their budget request for next fiscal year at \$545,000.00. Commissioner Egger made a motion to accept the STEMS' 2014 Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Kelly Stephens, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management informed the Court that two Sheriff's Dept. vehicles damaged in the 2014 hail storm had been repaired at a body shop in San Angelo. The Sheriff has identified four more needing repair. The cost of repair of all six vehicles would exceed \$50,000.00 and trigger the Competitive Bidding statute. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent recommended the Court exercise their authority to declare a discretionary exemption for vehicle and equipment repairs. He and Ms. Stephens recommended using local bidders to fulfill the remaining repairs. The

Court discussed whether some of the vehicles should be repaired or if replacement was the soundest financial decision.

Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the expenditure to have the four vehicles repaired. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Egger made a motion to exercise the exemption in regard to getting the vehicles repaired so that the vehicles will be repaired quickest. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent presented a list of equipment to be declared surplus. The equipment is used in Precinct 2 for road construction, the Veteran's Office medical transportation van and two pick-ups from the Sheriff's Department. They will be used as either for trade-in, sold to Jones County or sold in auction.

Commissioner Statler made a motion to declare the Ingersoll Roller as surplus and authorized its sale to Jones County pursuant to Local Government Code. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Statler made a motion to declare the remainder of the items as surplus property and disposed as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent presented specifications and advertising for R.F.P. 2015-501 Liability Insurance. Coverage includes Public Officials Liability, Law Enforcement, Juvenile Department and Employee Practices. As in previous years the coverage also includes a self-insured retention schedule as opposed to a deductible. He recommended using the multistep procedure as identified in the Local Government Code. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the specifications and advertising for R.F.P. 2015-501 Liability Insurance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Commissioner Williams made a motion to remove item "Consider approval of Deed Without Warranty for 1.5 acre tract out of the William E. Vaughan Survey No. 101, Taylor County" from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously.

13. Commissioner Williams made a motion to convene in a Public Hearing regarding the use of County-Wide Polling Places. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. Judge Bolls declared the public hearing open and the following citizens spoke to the use of vote centers in the November 2014 General Election.

Clair Johnson spoke in favor of continued use; an improvement over previous years.

Winston Ohlhausen spoke in favor and asked questions about future availability in rural areas.

John Johnson spoke in favor

Nick Coates spoke in favor stating that the move brought increased access and choice for voters while preserving security of the vote.

Jim Tredennick spoke in favor stating that Vote Centers provide the best opportunity to cast ballots.

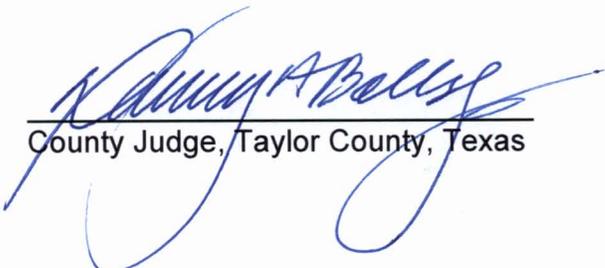
Commissioner Williams made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously.

Kristi Allyn, Elections Administrator reported to the Court that the results of the public hearing and the Court's determination to continue with County-Wide Vote Centers would be communicated to the Secretary of State's office to obtain approval to use County-Wide Vote Centers permanently. The Court members also spoke in favor of continued use as an excellent means to improve election turnout and simplify the process for voters; they recommended continued use of the County-Wide Vote Centers. [Exhibit]

14. Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 10th day of February, 2015.


County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas


County Judge, Taylor County, Texas