

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

May 5, 2015

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on May 5, 2015, 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. Chuck Farina, Pastor of New Hope Church gave the invocation and Commissioner Egger 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 April 21, 2015 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of May 5, 2015 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. Judge Bolls presented the Employee of the Quarter awards to:

Lynne Cheek	Administration of Justice	J.P. Precinct 1-1
Jennifer "Jaye" Wagner	Law Enforcement	Sheriff's Department Dispatch
Kayla Wheeler	Gov't and Services	Treasurer's Office

5. 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]

6. 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 | 7. D. A. Seizure |
| 2. Tobacco Settlement | 8. Election Contracts |
| 3. County Clerk's Microfilm | 9. Local TYC |
| 4. Commissioners' Special | 10. Jail Commissary |
| 5. Restricted Fees | 11. Sheriff Forfeiture |
| 6. D. A. Special | 12. Road and Bridge |

- 13. Capital Construction
- 14. Employee Benefit

- 15. Payroll Clearing

- 7. Judge Bolls presented the Court's proclamation that May 7, 2015 be observed as National Day of Prayer in Taylor County to Chuck Farina, pastor of New Hope Church. [Exhibit]

- 8. Judge Bolls presented Sheriff Bishop with the Court's proclamation that the week of May 10 through 16 2015 be observed as National Law enforcement Officers Memorial Week in Taylor County. [Exhibit]

- 9. Commissioner Egger recommended the Court use up to \$400,000.00 from the indigent health care budget as matching funds to draw down federal money at a rate of approximately 2.8 - 1. Commonly known as the 1115 Waiver Program, the county's match will be sent to the Health and Human Services Agency. When the matched money Taylor County will be able to provide better coverage for those who are 21% below the poverty line. Commissioner Egger made a motion to give up to \$400,000.00 to the Health and Human Services to draw down federal dollars to use locally. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

- 10. Doug Smith with the Wiss, Janney, Elstner & Associates Inc. presented the findings on the cause of the structural movement in the Law Enforcement Center. He reported that there was no significant structural damage, the movement appears to be limited to ground shifting under the slabs due to the clay soil and drought conditions in the area. The next step was to present the findings to officials with the City of Abilene.

- 11. Bridget McDowell, County Auditor presented contract documents to extend the engagement letter between Taylor County and Davis, Kinard and Co to provide outside audit services for fiscal year 2015. The cost of the contract will be \$29,350.00 which represents an increase of three percent. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the audit services with David Kinard and Co as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- 12. Commissioner Egger recommended the Court negotiate a professional services contract to determine what steps need to be taken to repair and possibly alter the parking lots at the New Courthouse and the Old Courthouse. The New Courthouse's parking lot design was based upon four entrance doors. He believes the Court should look at a different configuration in light of the current traffic flow of

one entrance door. Commissioner Egger made a motion to begin negotiations toward working out a contract with Title Luther Parkhill Smith and Cooper in regard to the New and Old Courthouse parking lots and to move forward with rehabilitation of the parking lots. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

13. Kelly Stephens, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management presented the Property Coverage renewal with the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Risk management pool. The premium has increased approximately eleven percent to \$87,735.00. The increase was expected and is due to an appraisal which raised value to \$163,308,000.00. Additional coverage such as earthquake and crime coverage has been added by TAC. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the renewal of the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool Property Coverage for 2015-2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Adam Harden of the Andrews Kurth law firm presented information on a refinancing program for education revenue bonds for the Premier Charter High School. As this is tax-exempt refinancing supported by the State of Texas, certain steps such as public hearings and posted notices are required as well as notification to elected officials. Harden, the official Hearing Officer stated that rules require the County Judge execute a certificate attesting that the requirements of publication and of a public hearing have been accomplished. The County is not financially obligated in this matter. Commissioner Egger made a motion to allow the tax-exempt education revenue bonds for refinancing and authorize the County Judge to sign the certificate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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 19th day of May, 2015.

Laura S. Baird
County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

Quinn A. Bailey
County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

