

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

August 4, 2015

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Special Session on August 4, 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 special session at 10:00 a.m. He stated the special meeting had been called to discuss the FY2016 budget and tax rate.

2. Commissioner Statler made a motion to convene and adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

3. Bridget McDowell, County Auditor presented the figures for the budget and tax rate derived from the budget hearings and previous discussions. Commissioner Egger stated that using approximately \$1,500,000 from the reserve balance would leave \$840,398.00 left to fund. Bridget McDowell stated a penny increase from the effective rate would bring in approximately \$655,000.00 in new tax dollars. The Court would need to cut at least \$200,000.00 from the budget.

Commissioner Egger recommended postponing the air conditioner project at the jail for the control unit – approximate reduction - \$193,700.00

Commissioner Egger recommended the EXPO's request of \$70,000.00 be removed and any project could be paid from the construction budget. He stated that much of the construction department would be spent at the Precinct 3 and 4 barns.

Commissioner Williams recommended the Court fund approximately \$13,726.00 in additional pay for certain Justice's of the Peace and to the Sheriff. The JP salary increases total from 5% to 12% and the Sheriff would be around 13% to a total of \$75,680.00.

Commissioner Statler recommended reducing the Meals on Wheels budget from \$15,000.00 to \$5,600.00 which could be used to meet a "match" for a Texas Department of Agriculture grant.

Commissioner Statler recommended a reduction to the CPS agency. Commissioner Williams and Kendrick stated their opinion to reduce the budget by one position totaling \$45,000.00. Judge Bolts recommended funding CPS at their FY2015 level which would be a reduction of approximately \$19,039.00.

Commissioner Statler recommended a \$5,000.00 reduction to the Moro Volunteer Fire Department's request for first aid supplies. During FY2015 Moro did not use the same request and the supplies are available through South Taylor County EMS. Added to an additional \$14,000.00 would bring the total reduction to MORO's request to \$19,000.00.

Commissioner Egger recommended the JP Precinct 4 request of \$3,359.00 for building repairs be removed and he will instruct Gary Graham to do the repairs utilizing the precinct's security budget.

Commissioner Egger and Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent discussed purchased new chairs for the District and County Court at Law jury boxes. This expense would come from current year budgets.

Bridget stated the remaining balance could be covered by a .69 penny increase over the current FY2015 tax rate or 2.5 pennies above the effective rate at 52.69.

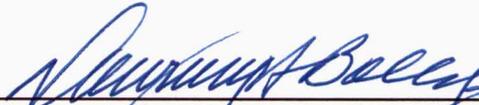
There were no additional recommendations or discussions. Bridget will present final numbers at next week's regular session.

4. Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this

11 day of August, 2015.


County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas


County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

