

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

August 11, 2015

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on August 11, 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. Commissioner Williams gave the invocation and Commissioner Kendrick 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 meetings held on July 28, 2015 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of August 4, 2015 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously.

4. Judge Bolls presented the Employee of the Quarter for Government and Services to Tammy Robinson, Chief Deputy to the District Clerk. She was nominated for outstanding service to the County Clerk's office in assisting the transition to e-filing.

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. County Clerk's Microfilm
3. Commissioners' Special
4. VIT Escrow Interest
5. D. A. Special
6. D. A. Seizure
7. Election Contracts
8. Juvenile Education Services
9. Local TYC
10. Jail Commissary

11. Sheriff Forfeiture
12. Road and Bridge
13. Capital Construction
14. Self-Insurance
15. Employee Benefit
16. Payroll Clearing
17. Sinking Fund - Jail

6. Bridget McDowell County Auditor presented the renewal of the Victim Information and Notification Everyday Program (VINE) grant for FY2016. Taylor County has participated in this program and grant for many years. With approval of the grant, the State will send payment to the third party vendor. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the renewal of the Victim Information and Notification Everyday Program grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

7. Lt. John Cummins of the Taylor County Sheriff's department presented the annual grant application for the Texas Traffic Safety Program. This grant pays overtime costs to increase selective traffic control. He explained the proactive approach to traffic safety funded by this grant. The heightened patrols will target up to six holidays and is in the amount of \$14,229.67; the County's match portion is \$3,102.24 of that amount. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant Agreement for the Taylor County Sheriff's Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. Betsy D'Acierno from CareHere! presented the report for the past year on the employee health clinic. She stated appointments were up 26% increasing costs by 6%. The appointment fill rate was 92% which was very high but she did not advocate increasing the number of appointments offered at this time. Direct savings in initial doctor visit costs was \$15,075.00. [Exhibit]

9. Commissioner Statler presented an order changing Papasan Street in the Southwind Subdivision to revert to the original platted name, Cedar Bend. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Freda Ragan, Elections Administrator reported her office had received a petition for a local option liquor election for Justice of the Peace Precinct 2. The signatures have been verified and exceed the minimum required. The election would be held along with the State's amendment election in November.

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to order a special election for local option liquor election for Taylor County Justice of the Peace Precinct 2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. Freda Ragan, Elections Administrator presented her recommendation for early voting schedule and locations. Because of historically low voter turnout for amendment elections she recommended the Elections office as the only location for early voting. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the early voting schedule for the state constitutional election and the special local option liquor election for Precinct 2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

She also presented the proposed list of locations for Election Day vote centers. She recommended 20 locations for vote centers which exceeds the 50% State requirement. A change in availability for Cobb Park and Johnston Elementary requires replacing those vote centers with Trinity Baptist Church. She reported that the vote center advisory committee approved the locations. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the list of vote center locations as recommended by the Elections Administrator. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Commissioner Egger presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget for the Abilene/Taylor County Events Venue District Budget. The budget reflects \$880,000.00 in revenue. After the debt payment for the Shotwell Stadium parking lot project the remaining revenue is divided into 57% for Frontier Texas and 43% for the Expo Center. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the Proposed FY2015-2016 Abilene/Taylor County Events Venue District Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Commissioner Egger presented a contract between Taylor County and the Tittle Luther/Parkhill, Smith and Cooper architectural firm to complete a Master plan for the proposed improvements at the Expo Center. They will use as consultant the firm hired by the Expo Center's Board to prepare the preliminary site plan. The contract also covers the work involved in the architectural work should the project go forward into construction. The contract is a standard architectural contract and has been reviewed by Richard Greenawalt County Purchasing Agent and Frank Stamey, Assistant District Attorney. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the Expo Architectural Contract with the Tittle Luther/Parkhill, Smith and Cooper architectural firm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Richard Greenawalt, Purchasing Agent presented a list of four vehicles to be declared surplus and sold at an upcoming auction. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to declare the vehicles as surplus property as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

15. Nancy Johnson from the Tommy Morris Agency presented the options available for voluntary life, accidental death and dismemberment and long term disability. Commissioner Statler made a motion to award the proposal submitted by the Texas Association of Counties for R. F. P. 2015-502 for Insurance Benefit Package for Life Insurance, Voluntary Life Insurance, ADD and Long Term Disability. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

She also presented the medical plan deductible options for the employee's medical insurance coverage. The current plan has a \$900.00 deductible. The Court looked at six options which would save the County \$160,000.00, \$250,000.00, \$340,000.00, \$350,000.00, \$430,000.00 and \$500,000.00 respectively. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the option of a \$1,500.00 medical deductible and no deductible for prescriptions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

16. Judge Bolls presented a proclamation for Spirit of '45 Day in Taylor County in support of the 12th Armored Division Museum's efforts to recognize and preserve the legacy of our World War II generation. [Exhibit]

17. Bridget McDowell, County Auditor presented the revised numbers for the proposed budget and tax rate. The difference between expenditures and revenue would be balanced by a \$1,500,000.00 transfer from the Fund Balance and a tax increase from the current rate of 52.00 or the Effective Rate of 50.19 the proposed rate would be 52.69. The tax rate broken down for the General Fund would be 50.14, Road and Bridge 2.00 and Debt Service of 00.55. The cost from the proposed tax increase on an average home which is valued at \$112,575.00 would be \$25.84 annually.

18. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the FY2016 Proposed Budget of \$59,553,709.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

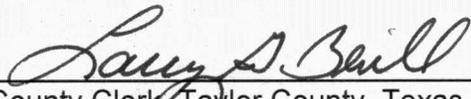
Commissioner Statler made a motion to set the Proposed Tax rate at .5269 per \$100.00 taxable value for FY2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

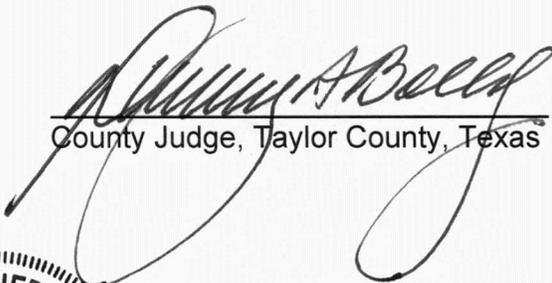
19. Bridget McDowell County Auditor recommended the Court have two public hearings for the proposed budget and tax rate. The first on Wednesday, August 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom. The second public hearing also in the Commissioners' Courtroom at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday August 25th. Commissioner Williams made a motion to schedule the public hearings for FY2016's budget and tax rate to occur on August 19th 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom in addition to August 25th at 10:00 a.m. also in the Commissioners' Courtroom. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously.

20. After discussion of the current KBDI for Taylor County, the Commissioners' discussed conditions in their precincts. They determined conditions were favorable for a dangerous wildfire. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to order a ban on outdoor burning. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

21. Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this
25th day of AUGUST, 2015.


County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas


County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

