

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

September 8, 2015

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on September 8, 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. Reverend Kenneth Jordan pastor at the Lawn Baptist Church 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 August 25, 2015 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of September 8, 2015 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. 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. Jail Commissary |
| 2. County Clerk's Microfilm | 9. Sheriff Forfeiture |
| 3. D. A. Special | 10. Road and Bridge |
| 4. D. A. Seizure | 11. Capital Construction |
| 5. Election Contracts | 12. State Fees |
| 6. Juvenile Education Services | 13. Self-Insurance |
| 7. Local TYC | 14. Employee Benefit |
| | 15. Payroll Clearing |

5. Lt. John Cummins of the Sheriff's Department presented the list of Sheriffs' and Constables' fees for calendar year 2016. He reported that two fees were recommended as a result of the recent legislature. The first is "Writ of Assistance For Repossession of An Aircraft"; the fee is \$500.00. The second is "Writ of Retrieval"; the fee is \$150.00. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the Sheriffs' and

Constables' fees for 2016 as requested by the Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

6. Freda Ragan, Elections Administrator presented a list of Presiding and Alternate Election Judges for the Vote Centers and the Central Counting Station's Presiding and Alternate Judges for the period of September 2015 through August 2016. As in previous years she receives assistance from the Party Chairs in locating the right individuals. It was noted that many of the names, including Ms. Shirley Glandon has served for many years. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the list of Presiding and Alternate Election Judges for the Vote Centers and the Central Counting Station's Presiding and Alternate Judges for the period of September 2015 through August 2016 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

7. Freda Ragan, Elections Administrator presented a list of Early Voting Ballot Board Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge for the November 3, 2015 Election. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the appointment of the Early Voting Ballot Board, Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. Judge Bolls presented the Abilene/Taylor County 911 District Budget for FY2016. The Court's duties are to offer suggestions and comments to the 911 District Board; the same duties as the Abilene City Council. The budget is largely the same as in previous years. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Abilene/Taylor County 911 District Budget for FY2016 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Rebecca Eidson, Director of IT presented the Computer Steering Committee's recommendation for compliance with HB 283. HB283 creates an unfunded mandate to make an audio/video recording of Commissioners' Court meetings and post on the County's web site. The proposal from BIS was recommended; at \$13,349.50; the total price includes discounts from Texas DIR and annual reoccurring costs of \$2,950.00 for video hosting and \$850.00 in annual maintenance and support. Discussion occurred toward upgrade which exceed the mandate of the statute. Rebecca commented that the BIS equipment/solution was easily expanded should future consideration require modifications. Commissioner Egger made a motion to accept the computer steering committee's recommendation of BIS to meet the letter of the law. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Commissioner Egger recommended payment of \$450,000.00 into the 1115 Waiver Program; the last payment for the current fiscal year. Fiscal participation by Taylor

County helps Region 11 of the Health and Human Services Commission expand the County's Indigent Health program by draw down of matching funds through the federal government. He estimated the drawdown of additional funds to be in excess of 2 or 3 to 1 and will help off-set our cost for indigent health care through Hendrick Medical System. Commissioner Egger made a motion to allocate up to \$450,000.00 for the Intergovernmental Transfer for Health and Human Services Commissioner, Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

11. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve and adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2016 at \$59,553,709. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Commissioner Statler made the following motion: I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 52.69, which is effectively a 4.98 percent increase in the tax rate and declare \$267,100.00 as a surplus balance in the sinking fund to be used to offset the I & S tax rate for the payment of debt." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger. Judge Bolls called for a roll call vote. Commissioners Williams, Kendrick, Egger and Statler and Judge Bolls voting in favor of the motion; the motion carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Each year the Court approves budget assistance for Meals on Wheels Plus allowing the organization to obtain a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the grant resolution through the Texas Department of Agriculture for FY2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Each year the Court approves budget assistance to the Rural Taylor County Nutritional program with the Rural Taylor County Aging Services for FY2016. The financial assistance allows the organization to obtain a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture. Commissioner Williams made a motion to grant approval of the grant resolution through the Texas Department of Agriculture for FY2016 for the Rural Taylor County Nutritional program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

15. Judge Bolls presented the annual Memorandum of Understanding between the Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ARCADA) for FY 2016. The memorandum describes the outreach, screening and referral services provided by ARCADA for Taylor County. The agreement makes ARCADA eligible to receive state and federal funding for its services. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with ARCADA for Fiscal Year 2016.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously.
[Exhibit]

16. Commissioner Williams made a motion to convene in Executive Session in regarding personnel matters in accordance with Government Code §551.074 (a)(1). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The Court convened in Executive Session at 10:44 a.m.

17. Commissioner Williams made a motion to reconvene in Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The Court reconvened at 10:52 a.m.

18. Commissioner Statler reported the Court had received a number of applicants to fill the vacancy of Judge for the County Court at Law #2. He thanked them for their interest in the appointment to fill the unexpired term. He stated the Court felt fortunate to have an experienced and talented people willing to serve. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve to fill the unexpired term of County Court at Law #2 by appointing Judge Barbara Rollins in that capacity until the next general election and to approve her public official's bond. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

19. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 22
day of September, 2015.

Larry D. Beull
County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

Raymond A. Ball
County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

