

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

November 17, 2015

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on November 17, 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 Statler gave the invocation and Commissioner Williams led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America.

3. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on November 3 and 12, 2015 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of November 17, 2015 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously.

4. Judge Bolls presented the service awards to employees who have given 15 years' and more service to Taylor County.

Jim DeFoore	Veteran's Service Office	15 years
Dianna Atkinson	Social Services	25 years

5. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve budget transfers as recommended by the Auditor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. Bridget McDowell County Auditor reported this should be the last transfers for FY2015 [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 Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

1. General Fund
2. Contingency

3. County Clerk's Microfilm
4. Juvenile Education Services
5. Local TYC
6. Jail Commissary
7. Road and Bridge
8. Capital Construction
9. State Fees
10. Self-Insurance
11. Employee Benefit
12. Payroll Clearing

7. Becky Freeman, First Assistant County Treasurer presented the October 2015 Treasurer's Report for approval. Beginning book balance for the General Fund was \$24,543,217.37 and market value was \$24,546,122.97; after receipts and disbursements the ending book balance was \$22,013,614.17 and the ending market value was \$22,015,379.98. Beginning book balance for all funds was \$39,908,939.22 and market value was \$39,911,844.82; the ending book balance was \$37,276,303.83 and the ending market value was \$37,278,069.64. Commissioner Statler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. Jim DeFoor, County Veteran's Service Officer presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the Texas Veteran's Land Board to the Commissioners' Court. He explained Taylor County has long supported Veterans through the Veteran's Service Office and in other ways as well. The Court concluded the County's successful history in providing for Veterans should mostly be credited to DeFoor and his staff. [Exhibit]

9. Commissioner Egger presented a request from the City of Abilene for an easement across Expo Center property to connect water lines within the city with one coming across Highway 351. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the easement agreement between the County and City of Abilene. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Judge Bolls presented the Court with the Voting Ballot Resolution from the Central Appraisal District for the members of the Board of Directors. He explained the County has 1181 votes. The Court noted that there were only five names submitted and five spots on the board. Commissioner Egger made a motion to cast all 1181 votes for Kent Lefevre. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. Tamra Lewis, Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners' Court presented Certificates of Completion in Open Government from newly elected and appointed officials. She also explained that County Administration had been keeping these records. She requested that the County Clerk's office be the record keeper. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the elected and appointed officials certification of completion of Open Government training and designate the County Clerk as custodian of those certificates under Government Code §552.012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Kelly Stephens, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management presented the annual Texas County and District Retirement System plan authorization. The authorization sets the amount of county contribution, retirement matching and other plan components. Commissioner Egger made a motion to pay the elected rate of 10.25% as budgeted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick. Commissioner Williams abstained from voting as he is a current retiree under the TCDRS system. The motion carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Scott Henderson, County Purchasing Agent presented a John Deere CX15 cutter assigned to Precinct 1 to be declared as surplus. The cutter will be used as trade-in on a Bush-hog mower. Commissioner Williams made a motion to declare the cutter as surplus. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this

1st day of DECEMBER, 2015.


County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas


County Judge, Taylor County, Texas