

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

December 15, 2015

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on December 15, 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. Abilene Police Department Chaplain Bob Pipes gave the invocation and Commissioner Egger 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 meeting held on December 1, 2015 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of December 15, 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.

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| Barbara Pitts | Sheriff's Department | 15 years |
| Karla Morgan | Sheriff's Department | 15 years |
| Jonell VanCleave | J. P. Precinct 3 | 30 years |
| Denise Hallford | District Attorney | 30 years |

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. Tobacco Settlement
3. VIT Escrow Interest
4. Restricted Fees
5. D. A. Special
6. Juvenile Education Services
7. Local TYC
8. Jail Commissary
9. Road and Bridge

10. Capital Construction
11. State Fees
12. Self-Insurance
13. Employee Benefit
14. Payroll Clearing

6. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the November 2015 Treasurer's Report for approval. Beginning book balance for the General Fund was \$22,013,614.17 and market value was \$22,015,379.98; after receipts and disbursements the ending book balance was \$22,638,279.41 and the ending market value was \$22,639,082.29. Beginning book balance for all funds was \$37,276,303.83 and market value was \$37,278,069.64; the ending book balance was \$38,198,499.56 and the ending market value was \$38,199,302.44. Commissioner Statler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending November, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

7. Freda Ragan, Elections Administrator presented a resolution calling for a Joint Primary Election. The joint primary has already been approved by the party chairs. The joint primary will be held on March 1, 2016. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution to Conduct a Joint Primary Election. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. Freda Ragan, Elections Administrator presented the schedule for early voting to be held from February 16-26, 2016. They will use 5 locations. After many years, Books A Million declined to provide space. The Mall of Abilene offered to allow space inside the mall in the Best Buy corridor. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Early Voting Schedule for the March 2016 Joint Primary. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Freda Ragan, Elections Administrator presented plans to conduct the Joint Election using the same 20 Vote Centers as were used in the recent amendment election. There are five centers located in rural areas to accommodate all voters with the minimum amount of travel possible. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Election Day Vote Centers as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Commissioner Egger recommended payment of \$300,000.00 into the 1115 Waiver Program; the first 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 \$300,000.00 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]

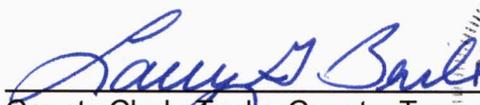
11. Scott Henderson, County Purchasing Agent presented a request from Commissioner Kendrick to purchase a Kubota Tractor and Terrain King Boom Mower through the TASB BuyBoard. The equipment would come through Abilene Equipment Center. Total cost to be \$116,402.50. Kendrick proposes to pay \$29,100.63 down and finance the balance in-house for three fiscal years. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the purchase of the Kubota Tractor and Terrain King Boom Mover through the TASB BuyBoard. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

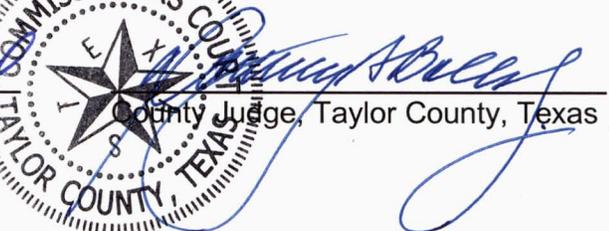
Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve in-house financing; paying \$26,100.63 down and the balance and interest to be paid in FY2017, 2018 and 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Kelly Stephens, Director of Human Resources spoke to the Court about the necessity to create a county policy for open and concealed carry weapons in County buildings. Sheriff Bishop reported his plans for the County buildings including the EXPO effective for the "open carry" law on January 1, 2016. He discussed the necessity to begin planning even though the Attorney General has not rendered his opinion. District Attorney James Eidson discussed the laws related to concealed carry and open carry as it relates to government buildings. The Court discussed whether to differentiate between citizens and employees in buildings that would have to allow firearms. The Court agreed at this point no official action should be taken until the AG publishes his opinion. [Exhibit]

13. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 29th day of DECEMBER, 2015.


County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas


County Judge, Taylor County, Texas



COMMISSIONERS
TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS