

# Taylor County Commissioners' Court

December 29, 2015

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on December 29, 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.

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2. Donna Klemann, Chaplain for the Sheriff's Department gave the invocation and Commissioner Statler led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America.

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3. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 15, 2015 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of December 29, 2015 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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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 Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

1. General Fund
2. County Clerk's Microfilm
3. Restricted Fees
4. D. A. Special
5. D. A. Seizure
6. Juvenile Education Services
7. Local TYC
8. Jail Commissary
9. Sheriff Forfeiture
10. Road and Bridge
11. Capital Construction
12. Employee Benefit
13. Payroll Clearing

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5. Jan Dukes Tax Assessor Collector presented a transcript of her continuing education hours for 2015. This is a statutory requirement that she submit the transcript for approval. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve thee Continuing Education Transcript for Jan Dukes, Taylor Assessor-Collector. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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6. Larry G. Bevill County Clerk presented a contract between Taylor County and Kofile Preservation utilizing the TxMas cooperative purchasing contracts. The records for archiving and digitization are the Probate Minutes from inception of the County Volume A through Volume 16. These paper records must be kept permanently due to state statute. The total cost for the project is \$185,557.02 and will be funded through the County Clerk's Records Archive fund. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the purchase for County Clerk Preservation Project through the Tx-Mas Contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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7. Frank Stamey Assistant District Attorney and Judge Mike McAuliffe presented a policy for Uniform Truancy under Chapter 25 of the Texas Education Code. The policy is necessary because the legislature mandated that truancy cases be tried in civil court as opposed to criminal court as had been the previous law. They will use the policy in their conferences and planning sessions with the school districts in the County. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the Taylor County Uniform Truancy under Chapter 25 of the Texas Education Code. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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8. James Eidson, Criminal District Attorney, Sheriff Bishop, Constable Kinney and others discussed the effect of the recent Attorney General's Opinion on carrying firearms in County buildings. The discussion centered on defining what offices were considered to be offices utilized by the various courts. The Commissioners have received orders from the Judges in the Courthouse which describe in detail the areas in the Courthouse they feel should be off limits to firearms. The Court discussed with the Sheriff the ability, capability and cost to secure portions of the building and not others. It was determined under the statute the entire courthouse would remain a weapons free building. The Jail and Juvenile center are detention facilities and are excluded from public carrying of firearms. The Court discussed additional information was necessary to determine exactly how to configure and secure the Old Courthouse. However, the basement where the Justice of the Peace Courts would be a weapons free zone. Other buildings such as the Plaza would allow firearms.

A resolution was presented that outlines the findings of the Commissioners' Court based upon the judge's orders and the advice of the District Attorney and Sheriff. The District Attorney suggested the resolution be amended by adding wording "and are therefore court offices" at the end of the final paragraph. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the resolution identifying the areas essential to the operation of the courts for Taylor County as amended by the District Attorney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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9. Kelly Stephens, Director of Risk Management and Human Resources presented policy revisions for the Taylor County Policy Manual to the sections on Workplace Violence policy. The revisions incorporate the decisions made by the Court in the Resolution on carrying handguns in the various County buildings. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the Workplace Violence as presented by Ms. Stephens. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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10. Sheriff Bishop addressed the Court and notified them that with the passage of the resolution regarding carrying handguns in county buildings he would not request additional personnel at this time. If during the upcoming days he determines additional staff is necessary he will transfer a position(s) from the jail until the next budget year. [Exhibit]

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11. Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. [Exhibit]

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The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

  
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County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

  
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County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

