

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

February 24, 2015

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on February 24, 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. Chris Hale Chaplain of the Abilene Fire Department 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 meeting held on February 10, 2015 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of February 24, 2015 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

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

Freda Ragan	Elections Administration	15 years
Elias Guerra	Sheriff's Office	20 years

5. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve budget transfers as recommended by the Auditor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

6. Commissioner Kendrick 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 Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

1. General Fund
2. County Clerk's Microfilm

3. Commissioners' Special
4. D. A. Special
5. D. A. Seizure
6. Election Contracts
7. Juvenile Education Services
8. Local TYC
9. Jail Commissary
10. Sheriff Forfeiture
11. Road and Bridge
12. Lateral Road
13. Capital Construction
14. State Fees
15. Self-Insurance
16. Employee Benefit
17. Payroll Clearing
18. Unclaimed Property

7. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the January 2015 Treasurer's Report for approval. Beginning book balance for the General Fund was \$32,542,614.51 and market value was \$32,515,741.58; after receipts and disbursements the ending book balance was \$37,901,777.34 and the ending market value was \$37,910,920.44. Beginning book balance for all funds was \$48,151,336.80 and market value was \$48,124,463.87; the ending book balance was \$53,788,890.68 and the ending market value was \$53,798,033.78. Commissioner Statler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. Mike Wolfe Director of Community Supervision (CSCD) proposed the creation of a community service program utilizing CSCD's Substance Abuse Treatment Facility (SATF). He proposed that the Commissioners could supply equipment and supplies and identify the projects; the SATF would supply the labor. Individuals going through the SATF program would work on community supervision projects Friday through Sunday. The projects could be recurring as well as onetime special projects. The Court thanked Wolfe for his initiative. Commissioner Egger made a motion to enter into a contract as presented for a SATF community service program and reimburse the CSCD for mileage at the county rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Jill Henderson, Law Librarian requested the Court pass a resolution supporting a proposed bill in Austin that would allow a \$5.00 fee be added to all Justice of the Peace civil and criminal cases. The fee would be used to financially support the

Law Library. Law Library fees are currently collected as court cost in only the county and district courts. She explained that as more cases were moved from the county and district courts to the justice courts, revenue to operate the Law Library is lost. Conversely, she is assisting increasing numbers of pro se plaintiffs and defendants in JP cases. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the resolution as presented and forward it to the County's State Representative and Senators. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Richard Greenawalt Purchasing Agent reported to the Court that Terrie Noret, Jail Administrator had studied the inmate pay phone companies' features and service. She recommends that Correct Solutions Group provided the equipment, service and fee structure that was best for the County. The contract would be a commission rate of 60% with the Correct Solutions Group providing all equipment and service. The Court discussed the ability to have audio/video visitation which would decrease the amount of inmates moving in the facility as a labor saving feature which will also improve security in the jail. Commissioner Egger made a motion that the Commissioners' Court approve entering in a contract with Correct Solutions Group for inmate telephone service for a one year contract with renewals each year unless either party decides to terminate the contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. Richard Greenawalt, Purchasing Agent presented three options to the Court to repair the damage to County buildings from the recent hail storm. He recommended the third option with a cost to the County of \$55,225.00 over the insurance reimbursement. Under this option six of the roofs would be covered with a bitumen cap sheet. Commissioner Egger made a motion to accept the settlement from Texas Association of Counties for roof repair and accept purchasing's recommendation of proposal three which would be six buildings using the bitumen cap sheet to repair the roof and if needed to address additional money at the end of the project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Kristi Allyn, Elections Administrator presented a petition to hold a local option liquor election for Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Taylor County Texas. Ms. Allyn told the court that the petition must have 469 signatures of voters in that precinct. The petition, after verification, contained only 423 valid signatures out of the 486 signatures. Kristi explained the petition was invalid and did not require Court action. [Exhibit]

13. Sgt. Craig Griffis from the Sheriff's Department presented an interlocal agreement with the City of Dallas. The agreement would authorize the Sheriff's Department to continue participation in the North Texas Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) grant funding. Membership in ICAC has greatly benefited the Department in equipment acquisition and training. This year the total grant funding is approximately \$20,000.00. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Interlocal agreement with the City of Dallas and Taylor County for the North Texas ICAC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy David Doherty presented the 2014 Tier-1 Partial Exemption Racial Profiling Report for the Sheriff's Department. Doherty reported 587 stops during the year. Racial breakdown of the stops is similar to the population breakdown in Taylor County. He reported the department received no racial profiling complaint. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the 2014 Tier-1 Partial Exemption Racial Profiling Report as submitted by the Sheriff's Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

Constable Precinct One Chief Deputy Lonnie Polston presented the 2014 Tier-1 Partial Exemption Racial Profiling Report for the Constable's Department. Polston reported 3 stops during the year; one Hispanic, one African and one Caucasian. He reported the department received no racial profiling complaint. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the 2014 Tier-1 Partial Exemption Racial Profiling Report as submitted by the Constable's Department, Precinct 1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

15. Lt. Col. Michael J. Harner, Deputy Commander of the 7th Mission Support Group at Dyess Air Force Base presented the Dyess P4 Executive Leadership Partnership Committee Charter to the Court. Members of the Court have been attending the meetings. The Charter is designed to continue to improve the collaboration of the local community and Dyess. The collaboration will increase the efficiency of the military mission at Dyess as well as improve the lives of Dyess personnel and the County as a whole. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the Dyess P4 Executive Leadership Community Partnership. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

16. Commissioner Williams recommended the Court approve funding to relocate the sound system at the Coliseum including remodel of the equipment room. He reported that he had attended an event at the Coliseum during which the sound system failed. His estimate of the total cost is \$14,635.00 would fix the

fundamental problems by moving the system and upgrading the equipment room for the sound equipment; additional improvements could be addressed later. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve \$8,000.00 to move the equipment, \$4,635.00 for HVAC and \$2,000.00 to repair the equipment room; the money to be spent from Gary Graham's budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

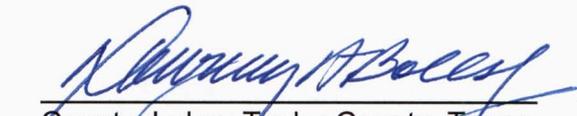
17. Tamra Lewis, Administrative Assistant reported to the Court that she wished to reactivate the County Employee Recognition Program. She presented a list of County Officials and employees to serve on the award committee. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the 2015 Employee of the Quarter Committee as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

18. The Commissioners discussed the climactic conditions in each precinct and determined that ordering a ban on outdoor burning was not necessary at this time.

19. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 10 day of March, 2015.


County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas


County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

