

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

October 6, 2015

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on October 6, 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. Donny Harbers Pastor of Wylie Baptist Church 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 adopt the agenda for the meeting of October 6, 2015 noting that Item #7 should read January 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. Commissioners Williams and Statler presented a proclamation recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Day in Taylor County for October 6, 2016. The Court urged both women and men to do self-breast exams and seek professional medical care when necessary. The proclamation was presented to Elyse Lewis, Coordinator of Hendrick Women's Services and Community Initiatives. [Exhibit]

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. [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 Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

1. General Fund
2. County Clerk's Microfilm
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. Self-Insurance
12. Employee Benefit
13. Payroll Clearing

7. Commissioner Williams made a motion to nominate Kent Lefevre for a position on the Board of Directors of the Taylor County Appraisal District. Mr. Lefevre has served on the Board for many years. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. Judge Bolls announced the item to reappoint Commissioner Egger to the Abilene Regional Airport Board would not be considered at this meeting, but an upcoming meeting. [Exhibit]

9. Lt. John Cummins from the Sheriff's Department reported the Department had applied for a grant from the Governor's office for a second school resource officer. The grant was awarded in the amount of \$25,000.00. Although this amount will not fully fund the position, Bridget McDowell County Auditor reminded the Court that money to fund budget shortfall was budgeted during the summer's budget hearings. Commissioner Statler made a motion to accept the \$25,000.00 grant for a school resource officer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Commissioner Statler presented the bi-annual interlocal agreement to continue Taylor County's membership in the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases. The contract period is through September 30, 2016 with an automatic extension until September 30, 2017. The cost to remain in the program is \$35,914.63 per year, however with the average cost in excess of \$2,000,000.00 to provide a public defender in a capital murder trial makes this a prudent decision. Additionally, the County has use the program in the past. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement between Taylor and Lubbock County for Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

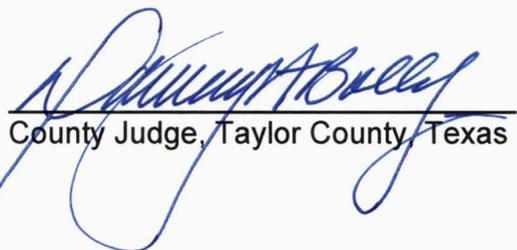
11. The Court discussed S.B. 1913 which has caused some confusion in at least one Texas county related to the division of authority between a District Judge and Commissioners' Courts in regard to creating Court Administrator positions under the Act. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the resolution concerning Commissioners Court's budgeting authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler; the motion carried on a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Williams voting against the motion. [Exhibit]

12. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent tendered his notice of retirement from the county effective October 31, 2015. Mr. Greenawalt is the first full time purchasing agent employed by the County. His knowledge and skills have saved the County millions of dollars. During the past several years he has also served as Director of Maintenance updating and improving all buildings and equipment. Commissioner Egger made a motion to accept the letter of retirement with reluctance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. 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 20 day of OCTOBER, 2015.


County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas


County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

