

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

January 26, 2016

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on January 26, 2016, with the following members present:

1. Judge Downing A. Bolts 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 Bolts convened the Court in open session at 10:00 a.m.

2. Pastor Rolando Figueiras from True Light Global Ministries gave the invocation and Commissioner Kendrick 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 January 12, 2016 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of January 26, 2016 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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

Kim Hogan	326 th District Court	15 years
Rebecca Waggoner	Adult Detention	15 years
Bayonne Johnson	Social Services	20 Years

5. Judge Bolts presented the Employee of the Quarter and Employee of the Year awards.

Employees of the 4th Quarter

Brandon Adames	Sheriff's Office - Patrol	Law Enforcement
Ed Gutierrez	Juvenile Center - Training	Administration of Justice
Jaime Villarreal	County Clerk – Chief Deputy	Government & Services

Employees of the Year

Jaime Villarreal	County Clerk – Chief Deputy	Government & Services
Lynne Cheek	J. P. 1-1 – Justice Clerk	Administration of Justice
Jaye Waggoner	Sheriff's Office - Dispatch	Law Enforcement

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 Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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

7. David Allman, Director of Operations for South Taylor County EMS (STEMS) presented their semi-annual report. He announced they have registered the DBA Taylor County EMS to more accurately reflect the scope of their operations. They are soon expecting two trucks to be delivered; one truck is a new chassis for an existing "box", the other is new and is an addition to their fleet. The additional truck will assist in covering both downtime and special events. They have five staff out of a total of fifteen in paramedic school. They have created a new position of Assistant Director and have named Brad Kent to that position. He noted that Merkel was continuing to have challenges in operating their ambulance service. He has had discussions with the City of Merkel toward future planning. The Court asked various questions including budget and operational statistics. [Exhibit]

8. Lesa Crosswhite presented a participation agreement between Taylor County and TexasTERM. She stated that this would give Taylor County another option in the investment policy. Commissioner Statler noted the agreement had been reviewed by the Investment Committee. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the participation agreement with TexasTERM Investment Pool. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Judge Bolls stated it was time to consider his reappointment to the Abilene/Taylor County Venue Tax Board. He agreed to continue serving; noting the term was two years. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the reappointment of Judge Bolls to the Abilene/Taylor County Venue Tax Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Derrick Neal, Health Administrator for the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District reported the two year term of Dr. Peter K. Norton was ending and requested Dr. Norton be reappointed. Dr. Norton is the District's Medical Director and Health Authority. The Court thanked Dr. Norton for his service. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Peter K. Norton for the dual role of both the Medical Director and Health Authority for the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. James Cooper and Nick Dawson from the Texas Forest Service presented statistics on weather and climactic conditions toward aiding the Court's decision on allowing the sale of fireworks in celebration of Texas Independence Day. The Court asked questions concerning the methodology of how the State collected and prepares the statistics. The Court has concerns the statistics such as the Keetch-Byram index provided by the Forest Service does not provide an overall picture accurate enough to determine fire danger adequately. When making decisions such as bans on outdoor burning, the Court may use their own observations toward making determinations. However, as to fireworks sales only the Keetch-Byram index may be used. Commissioner Egger made a motion to allow firework sales in Taylor County for Texas Independence Day. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Scott Henderson, County Purchasing Agent presented a list of various pieces of equipment to be declared salvage and surplus. The equipment is assigned to the Maintenance Department and Commissioners' Precinct 3. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to declare the property as surplus and salvage as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Scott Henderson, County Purchasing Agent requested authority to purchase two pick-ups, one each for Precincts 1 and 2 through the Texas Association of School Boards Buyboard contract. Commissioner Williams made a motion to purchase the two pick-up trucks as presented for Precinct 1 and Precinct 2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Commissioner Statler noted each year the Court must adopt a resolution authorizing the use of regular license plates for certain unmarked vehicles operating in several departments. Commissioner Statler made a motion to adopt the resolution approving unmarked vehicles for Taylor County Law Enforcement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

15. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 9th day of February, 2016.


Larry A. Baill
County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas
Murray Ables
County Judge, Taylor County, Texas