

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

May 3, 2016

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on May 3, 2016, with the following members present:

1. Judge Downing A. Bolls Jr., County Judge
2. Kyle Kendrick, Commissioner, Precinct 2
3. Stan Egger, Commissioner, Precinct 3
4. 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. Robert Williamson, Assistant Chaplain for the Sheriff's Department 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 April 19, 2016 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of May 3, 2016 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously.

4. Judge Bolls presented the Employee of the Quarter award for Government and Services division.

Mike Bacon Information Technologies Government and Services

5. Judge Bolls presented a proclamation for National Day of Prayer on May 5, 2016 to Chaplain Donna Klemens and Assistant Chaplain Robert Williamson; both of the Sheriff's Department. [No Exhibit Provided]

6. Judge Bolls presented a proclamation for National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Week for the week of May 15 through the 21st, 2016 in Taylor County to Sheriff Bishop. [No Exhibit Provided]

7. 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. Tobacco Settlement
3. County Clerk's Microfilm
4. Restricted Fees
5. D. A. Special
6. D. A. Seizure
7. Election Contracts
8. Juvenile Education Services
9. Local TYC
10. Jail Commissary
11. Road and Bridge
12. Capital Construction
13. Self-Insurance
14. Employee Benefit
15. Payroll Clearing

8. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the Investment Report as certified by the Investment Committee for the 2nd Quarter of the 2016 fiscal year which ended March 31, 2016. Total interest accrued during the 2nd quarter was \$78,558.00. Beginning market value balance for all funds was \$51,686,130.50, ending balance was \$57,258,219.58; total funds had a net increase of \$5,572,089.08 from the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2016. At the end of the 1st quarter FY16, investments reflect 85% in First Financial Bank, 8% in certificates of deposit and 7% in Agencies. At the end of the 2nd quarter FY16, investments reflect 78% in First Financial Bank, 9% in certificates of deposit, 9% in Agencies and 4% in Commercial Paper. [Exhibit]

9. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented a revision to the Taylor County Investment Policy. The change is on page 7. The old policy limited investment in commercial paper for the entirety of the County's investments to not more than \$5,000,000.00. The policy now differentiates between direct investment in commercial paper by the County and holdings of investment pools the county has in its investment portfolio. The limit of \$5,000,000.00 now only applies to direct investment by the County's Investment Committee. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the revision to the Taylor County Investment Policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Judge Bolts reported the Court had received a notice of retirement from Jimmy DeFoor, Taylor County Veterans' Service Officer. The Court thanked DeFoor for his 15 years of outstanding service to Taylor County veterans and their families.

Commissioner Statler made a motion to accept the letter of retirement of Jimmy DeFoor, Taylor County Veteran's Service Officer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

Commissioner Statler referred the Court to a position description and position advertisement information for the Veteran's Service Officer created by Kelly Stephens Director of Human Resources and Risk Management. Commissioner Statler made a motion to appoint Marcus Romero as the interim Taylor County Veterans Service Officer and authorize the HR department to advertise for the opening and accept applications for a two week period. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

11. Commissioner Egger reported that the A/C-HVAC system at the jail was failing. The amount of the proposal is \$203,079.00 and includes using wireless controllers. If the wireless controllers won't function properly inside the jail, the alternatives would be more costly. The TRANE system and the quoted price are included in US Communities purchasing co-op. Replacement of this system is not in the FY16 budget and therefore the project would be paid with current jail budget and money would need to be transferred as needed during the remainder of the fiscal year. Commissioner Egger made a motion to go forward with the project at a cost of \$203,079.00 with Trane to do the work and start as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Jack Harkins from Parkhill, Smith and Cooper and Jay Evans, President of the Expo Board of Directors presented the final report on the proposed improvements to the Expo Center. Cost of the entire project would be \$54,631,000.00 and would need to be carried out in three phases. The amount stated includes inflation for the three to three and a half year project. A conservative estimate of the economic benefit for the City of Abilene and Taylor County is in excess of \$20,000,000.00 per year. The project is justified to continue the success of the Expo Center with current events and in bringing additional diverse programs to the Expo. Commissioner Egger suggested the Court confirm its support for the project and proceed forward with discussing financing options, communicating with the public and exploring any necessary services such as bond counsel. Commissioner Egger made a motion to move forward with the process to call a bond election. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Scott Henderson, Purchasing Agent presented the bids received from Bontke Brother's Construction and Little Manufacturing for ITB 2016-100 Courthouse Parking Lot. The base and alternate bids received from Bontke was the lowest

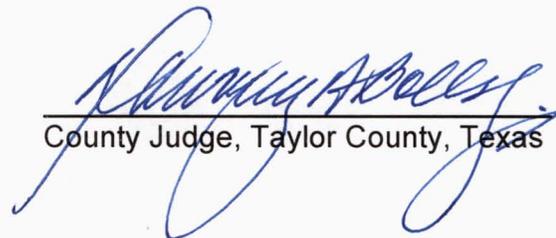
bid according to Henderson's evaluation. Total cost for the project including the alternate bid for replacing the courthouse grounds irrigation system is \$680,360.00. Commissioner Egger made a motion to award the bid to Bontke Brothers Construction for the project including the alternate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Commissioner Statler presented a request from Adrian Campbell to close a 2.15 mile portion of County Road 174 between County Road 620 and 175. Commissioner Statler reported that preliminary discussion with adjacent property owners and contacting utility providers has been accomplished. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the request and conduct a public hearing to consider the closure of County Road 174 between County Road 620 and 175; set the date of the public hearing on May 31st and also require that all certified letters be sent to the necessary land owners that would be effected and also authorize the publication of the notice of the hearing set for May 21st or 22nd in a publication of regular circulation and at the conclusion of that public hearing have the Commissioners' Court take action on this request. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

15. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this
17 day of MAY, 2016.


County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas


County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

