

# Taylor County Commissioners' Court

August 9, 2016

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on August 9, 2016, 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. Abilene Police Department Chaplain Bob Pipes gave the invocation and Commissioner Egger 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 meetings held on July 26 and August 2, 2016 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of August 9, 2016 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously.

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

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5. 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. Road and Bridge      |
| 2. County Clerk's Microfilm    | 9. Capital Construction |
| 3. Restricted Fees             | 10. State Fees          |
| 4. D. A. Special               | 11. Self-Insurance      |
| 5. Juvenile Education Services | 12. Employee Benefit    |
| 6. Local TYC                   | 13. Payroll Clearing    |
| 7. Jail Commissary             |                         |

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6. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the Investment Report as certified by the Investment Committee for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of the 2016 fiscal year which ended June 30, 2016. Total interest accrued during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter was \$60,761.89. Year to Date interest was \$148,955.96. Beginning market value balance for all funds was \$57,258,219.58,

ending balance was \$50,224,881.48; total funds had a net increase of \$7,033,338.10 from the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter FY16, investments reflect 78% in First Financial Bank, 9% in certificates of deposit, 9% in Agencies and 4% in Commercial Paper. At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter FY16, investments reflect 69% in First Financial Bank, 12% in certificates of deposit, 7% in Agencies and 5% in Commercial Paper. [Exhibit]

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7. Judge Bolls presented the proposed FY2016-2017 Abilene/Taylor County Events Venue District budget, including maintenance and operation as well as interest and sinking fund. The budget was based upon an assumption revenue would remain flat growth. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the proposed FY2016-2017 Abilene/Taylor County Events Venue District Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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8. Robert Pritz, Taylor County Texas Agri-Life Extension Agent presented the MOU between the County and Texas A&M pertaining to information technology services. The term of the agreement is two years and defines the duties of both the County and the Agri-Life Extension service for maintenance and other duties related to the Extension Office's computer systems. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the MOU for I.T. Services with Texas Agri-Life Extension Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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9. Bridget McDowell County Auditor presented the agreement between Taylor County, the office of the Texas Attorney General and Appriss for the renewal of the Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) grant program for FY2016-2017. The County submits quarterly reports and the State pays the vendor in a pass through process. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the renewal of the Victim Information and Notification Everyday, also known as VINE, grant program for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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10. Cliff Griffin, Deputy Sheriff presented the recommendations for Sheriff's and Constable's fees for Calendar Year 2017. A committee of deputy sheriff's, constables and deputy constable's recommended increasing the Order of Sale from \$100.00 to \$200.00, changing the Writ of Possession by adding an additional charge after two hours of \$36.00 per hour per officer with a minimum of two officers, changing the name of the Writ of Retrieval to Order of Retrieval with the addition of an additional charge after two hours of \$36.00 per hour per officer with a minimum of two officers. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the Sheriff and Constable's fees for Calendar Year 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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11. Commissioner Williams introduced Sue Pond, Principal from Abilene's Public Charter School Premier High School. She described the school, its mission and philosophy. Commissioner Williams explained the matter before the Court was required so that the school could raise funds above the attendance funds the State sends to them and to

satisfy 147F of the Internal Revenue Code. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Certificate received from Arlington Higher Education Finance Corporation with respect to the Education Revenue Board Series 2016A for approval of the Tax Exempt Financing of Projects as defined in the certificate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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12. Kelly Stephens, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management presented the recommendations of the Insurance Committee for renewal of the County's health insurance program. The Committee recommended a 6% premium increase for dependents for medical insurance, increasing the co-pay for doctor visits to \$50.00, increasing the co-pay for specialty doctor visits to \$60.00, increasing employee in-network deductible to \$2,500.00, increasing out of pocket to \$6,000.00 and increasing the ER co-pay to \$250.00. No changes to the prescription or dental program were recommended. She explained the County would need to implement these increases or begin charging employees \$38.00 per month in premium for coverage. Adopting the recommended increases would also encourage employees to use the health clinic more. Commissioner Statler noted that the Court had determined to increase the hours the clinic would be open to employees. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the renewal of TAC Health Employment Benefits Pool contract for Fiscal Year 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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13. Freda Ragan, Elections Administrator presented a Joint Resolution where the City of Trent requested to hold their city election when the County conducts the November election. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Joint Resolution to conduct a Joint Election with the City of Trent. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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14. Freda Ragan, Elections Administrator presented for approval the Early Voting Schedule for the November Election. Early voting will begin on October 24<sup>th</sup> and conclude November 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be six locations; since Hastings is closing she will add the United Grocery on North 10<sup>th</sup> and North Willis. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Early Voting Schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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15. Freda Ragan, Elections Administrator presented for approval a list of 22 locations for Election Day Vote Centers. She increased the number of locations by two to accommodate the City of Trent's election and the expected heavy presidential election turnout: they are the Tye Community Center and First Financial Bank in Trent. She is also moving the vote center in Merkel from the Junior High Gym to First Baptist Merkel's Family Life Center. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Election Day Vote Center locations for the November 8, 2016 General Election. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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16. Freda Ragan, Elections Administrator presented the Order calling the General Election for November 8, 2016. Commissioner Statler made a motion approving the Order calling for the General Election for November 8, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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17. Commissioner Egger recommended payment of \$250,000.00 into the 1115 Waiver Program. Fiscal participation by Taylor County helps Region 11 of the Health and Human Services Commission expand the County's Indigent Health program by draw down of matching funds through the federal government. He estimated the drawdown of additional funds to be in excess of 2 or 3 to 1 and will help off-set our cost for indigent health care through Hendrick Medical System. Commissioner Egger made a motion to allocate \$250,000.00 for the Intergovernmental Transfer for Health and Human Services Commissioner, Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

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18. Sheriff Bishop presented a proposed agreement between Taylor and Lubbock Counties. Lubbock is agreeing to house Taylor County's overflow female inmate population. He stated that Lubbock County would be only a backup location due to the cost. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Lubbock County to house female inmates. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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19. Kelly Stephens, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management presented an update to the Family and Medical Leave Act policy. She stated the update was solely format changes and did not change the substance. The changes make the policy easier to read and understand. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Taylor County Policy and Procedure Manual revision as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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20. Scott Henderson, Purchasing Agent presented contract renewals for I.T.B. 2013-107 Asphalt Road Materials. Each of the two vendors agreed to the renewal without escalation in pricing. Henderson stated this was the last renewal for this contract. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion approve the renewal of I.T.B. Asphalt Road Materials as recommended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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21. Judge Bolls announced the Court had received a retirement letter from Jill Henderson, Law Librarian. She explained the retirement would be effective September 30, 2016. Jill has worked as the Law Librarian since August 9, 1993. The Court thanked her for her many years of service to the attorneys and citizens of Taylor County. Commissioner Williams made a motion to reluctantly accept the letter of retirement from Jill Henderson, Taylor County Law Librarian. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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- 22. Bridget McDowell, County Auditor presented current numbers for the proposed FY 2017 Budget and Tax Rate. She stated the total budget was \$61,597,176.00 utilizing approximately \$1,800,000.00 in fund balance. A tax rate necessary to fund the proposed budget would be 51.50 for general fund and 2.00 for Road and Bridge for a total of 53.50 cents per hundred dollars valuation. The Court discussed individual budget items including funding the requested CAD system and the request for a new pickup for Constable Precinct 3, ultimately deciding to replace the motor. [Exhibit]

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- 23. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 at \$47,667,294.00 for Maintenance and Operation and \$4,328,355.00 for Road and Bridge and overall combined budget for all funds at \$61,597,176.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Judge Bolls called for a roll call vote: Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Kendrick, Commissioner Egger, Commissioner Statler and Judge Bolls all voting in support of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Statler made a motion to set the proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Tax Rate at 53.50. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick. Judge Bolls called for a roll call vote: Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Kendrick, Commissioner Egger, Commissioner Statler and Judge Bolls all voting in support of the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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- 24. Judge Bolls stated the public hearings are an opportunity for the public to talk to the Court about the budget and tax rate. He said the public hearings would be scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtroom. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to schedule public hearings for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Budget and Tax Rate for August 17th and August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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- 25. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

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The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 23 day of AUGUST, 2016.

  
County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

  
County Judge, Taylor County, Texas