

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

December 13, 2016

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on December 13, 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. 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. Mark Hewitt of Love and Care Ministries gave the invocation and Commissioner Statler led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

3. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting of November 29, 2016 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. Commissioner Statler 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 Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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

5. Lesa Crosswhite County Treasurer presented the November 2016 Treasurer's Report for approval. Beginning book balance for the General Fund was \$24,014,902.38 and market value was \$23,939,384.22; after receipts and disbursements the ending book balance was \$23,704,832.16 and the ending market value was \$23,616,665.21. Beginning book balance for all funds was \$37,137,767.47 and market value was \$37,062,249.31; the ending book balance was \$35,552,217.70 and the ending market value was \$35,464,050.75. Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending November 31, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

6. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the Investment Policy and the List of Authorized Brokers according to requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act. She noted there was no change to the policy. She recommended adding First Empire Securities and Cantor Fitzgerald and noted the Wells Fargo address changed to the Dallas Office. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Investment Policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the List of Authorized Brokers to work on Investment Transactions with Taylor County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

7. Judge Bolts stated the Court had received a letter of resignation from Judge Rollins; she had been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Judge Sam Carroll. Her resignation would be effective upon the swearing in of Harriet Haag on December 19, 2016. Ms. Haag had been elected to the bench in the November 2016 General Election. Commissioner Statler made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Judge Rollins as Judge, Taylor County Court at Law #2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. Commissioner Statler made a motion to appoint Harriet Haag to the unexpired term of County Court at Law # 2 effective December 19, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

9. Commissioner Statler presented a proposed agreement between the County and Mike Peel. In the agreement Peel would serve as Floodplain Manager to catch up and manage the flood plain applications the County receives for a total of \$48,000.00 per year payable monthly at \$4,000.00 per month. After discussion the Court determined the agreement should take effect as soon as Peel secures

the necessary liability funding and other business requirements. The Court also discussed whether the December payment should be the full \$4000.00 or to pro-rate the payment. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the independent contractor agreement for the County Floodplain Administration BCGG Services, LLC as Floodplain Manager for Taylor County for \$48,000.00 per year at \$4,000.00 per month. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Cathy Taff Director of Human Resources and Risk Manager presented a list of bonds to be approved by the Court. Included in the list is the bond for recently appointed Judge-elect Harriet Haag as well as the other elected officials from the November 2016 ballot as well as a fiduciary bond for clerk Sherry Gilmore from Justice of the Peace Precinct 4's office. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the upcoming termed employee bonds and newly elected officials bonds as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. Judge Bolls presented a resolution suggested by Tammy Robinson District Clerk and Larry G. Bevill County Clerk. The proposed resolution is in opposition to a project of the Supreme Court of Texas and its Office of Court Administration (OCS). The project called SearchTX will make all documents e-filed in the Courts available for purchase from the OCA by attorneys and the general public. The project would decrease revenue from each county in Texas as well as remove control for those documents from the clerks as granted by the Texas Constitution. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the resolution in opposition to SearchTX. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Scott Henderson, Purchasing Agent presented a Chevrolet Silverado currently assigned to Precinct 4 to be declared surplus and disposed in a public auction. Commissioner Statler made a motion to declare the surplus property as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Judge Bolls announced the Court would recess until 1: 30 p.m. for the court to attend a meeting. Commissioner Williams made a motion to recess. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

14. Commissioner Williams made a motion to reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The Court reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

15. Judge Bolls announced the Court would convene in Executive Session in accordance with Government Code §551.074 and §551.071 (1)(A) regarding personnel matters and to consult with an attorney regarding pending litigation. Commissioner Williams made a motion to convene in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

16. Commissioner Williams made a motion to reconvene in open session at 4:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

17. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to make the offer to appoint Michael Pape Jr. effective January 1, 2017 for the unexpired term of Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 at the advertised salary of \$43,300.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to make the offer to appoint Todd Yadow effective January 1, 2017 for the unexpired term of Constable Precinct 2 at the advertised salary of \$7,900.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve payment of a claim involving a Taylor County vehicle and private property in Mason County in the amount of \$3,550.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

18. Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 27th day of December, 2016.



County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas County Judge, Taylor County, Texas