

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

July 31, 2012

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on July 31, 2012, 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

When the following motions were heard:

1. Judge Bolls convened the Court in open session at 10:00 a.m.

2. Jeff Reid, Pastor of Pioneer Drive Baptist Church gave the invocation and Commissioner Williams led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on July 17, 2012 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of July 31, 2012 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. 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 Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

1. General Fund
2. County Clerk's Microfilm
3. D. A. Special
4. Local TYC
5. Jail Commissary
6. Task Force – Forfeiture
7. Road and Bridge
8. Self Insurance
9. Employee Benefit
10. Payroll Clearing

5. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the June 2012 Treasurer's Report for approval. The average interest rate for Tex Pool was 0.1395% and Tex Pool Prime was 0.1663%. Beginning balance for the General Fund was \$28,023,645.62; after receipts and disbursements the ending balance was \$27,708,176.35. Beginning balance for all funds was \$42,685,188.91; the ending

balance was \$42,039,540.84. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the June 2012 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

6. Kelly Stephens, Director of Human Resources and Risk Manager for Taylor County presented requests for changes to the Taylor County Compensation and Classification Matrix. The Personnel Committee had requested the changes to further clarify the process of placing positions into the correct levels within categories. The first change was to better align wage rates for adult and juvenile corrections employees; moving the corrections officer position from level 2 to level 1. The second change adds a statement that says supervisory responsibility will be weighted on the matrix commensurate with department size. This allows some flexibility in determining the appropriate level from a supervisor position based upon the number of people he or she supervises. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the changes to the Taylor County Compensation and Classification Matrix. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick. [Exhibit]

7. Judge Bolls began discussion of the adoption of optional fees collected which are collected in the Tax Office. He stated his purpose was to look for additional revenue sources to balance the FY 2013 budget. Judge Bolls noted that the county collected the maximum amount to maintain road and bridges in the county, but did not collect the Child Safety Fund fee. The Court and County Auditor Bridget McDowell discussed the restrictions on the use of the Child Safety Fund fee. The Court determined that since the County does not operate school crossing guards program that this additional fee was an unnecessary additional financial burden on tax payers. Commissioner Egger made a motion to continue to collect the \$10.00 Road and Bridge Fee at \$10.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. Commissioner Williams presented a lease agreement between Precinct 1 and Velma Fay Martin. He can no longer obtain aggregate from his current aggregate site. Commissioner Williams made a motion to allow Precinct 1 to enter into an agreement for the purchase of aggregate with Velma Fay Martin as is outlined in the lease agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Judge Bolls opened the floor for court members to discuss any remaining budget matters. Traci Graham, Administrative Assistant recommended the Court meet in special session on August 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. to approve a proposed budget and tax rate and to schedule the first public hearing for August 28, 2012 and a second hearing (if necessary) for September 4, 2012. Judge Bolls asked that the

Court work toward determining which proposed projects could be funded in the remainder of the current budget and which could only be paid in this budget. Commissioner Egger agreed and suggested that the Court also develop contingency plans among the proposed projects approved for funding during the next fiscal year should an unbudgeted major repair become necessary. Bridget McDowell, County Auditor mentioned that unanticipated revenue could be used to fund projects if the Court assigned those revenues prior to October 1, 2012. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent discussed projects that might be paid from current year budget and well as projects that could be postponed until fiscal year 2014 if necessary.

The Court determined that replacement seating at the Expo should be given priority. Further, the Court discussed that any and all possible budgetary sources be utilized to keep expenses and the tax rate as low as possible for fiscal year 2013. After extensive discussions, the Court authorized Richard Greenawalt to prepare a plan to fund the replacement Coliseum seating and other projects he determines as critical from the current year budget including general fund money, unanticipated revenue and each Commissioner's excess precinct capital funds. The Court requested Bridget provide Richard with the amount of funding she anticipated could be used to fund plan items.

10. Commissioner Williams made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this _____ day of _____, 2012.

County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

County Judge, Taylor County, Texas