

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

September 25, 2012

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on September 25, 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
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.

2. Commissioner Statler gave the invocation and Commissioner Egger led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held September 11, 2012 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of September 25, 2012 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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

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 Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

1. General Fund
2. County Clerk's Microfilm
3. District Clerk's Microfilm
4. Commissioners' Special
5. D. A. Special
6. D. A. Seizure
7. Election Contracts
8. Juvenile Education Services
9. Local TYC
10. Jail Commissary
11. Sheriff Forfeiture

12. Road and Bridge
13. Lateral Road
14. Employee Benefit
15. Payroll Clearing

6. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the August 2012 Treasurer's Report for approval. The average interest rate for Tex Pool was 0.1313% and Tex Pool Prime was 0.1593%. Beginning balance for the General Fund was \$26,674,967.66; after receipts and disbursements the ending balance was \$24,947,949.38. Beginning balance for all funds was \$41,602,960.81; the ending balance was \$39,501,286.90. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the August 2012 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

7. Commissioner Statler made a motion to remove item #7 "Consider approval of Fiscal Year 2013 Budget" from the table and placed back on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

Judge Bolls noted the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2013 was \$52,417,151.00 for all funds and utilizes a transfer of \$3,359,333.00 from the fund balance. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the budget as presented for Fiscal Year 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to remove item #8 "Consider Order setting Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2013, including the declaration of a surplus in the sinking fund" from the table and placed back on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

Judge Bolls read the prepared Order setting the tax rates for Taylor County for Fiscal Year 2013 at 45.58 cents for the general operating fund, 1.85 cents for Road and Bridge and .83 cents for the debt service, all per \$100 valuation. The rates will raise \$1,500,732.00 or 4.57% and of that amount \$249,038 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax rolls this year. Commissioner Egger made a motion that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of 48.26 which is effectively a 4.57% increase in the tax rate and declare surplus of \$130,000.00 in the sinking fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Sheriff Les Bruce and Constable Kinney presented the Sheriff's and Constable's fees for Calendar year 2013. After research and discussion among the affected

parties, he recommended that fees remain the same as the current fee schedule. He stated that the fees were all within guidelines and statutes. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Sheriff's and Constable's fees for Calendar Year 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Bettye Gindratt, Director of Social Services presented the Memorandum of Understanding with Indigent Healthcare Solutions for operating software for indigent health care. The program computes the rates for medical procedures and updates for changing legislation, prices and procedures. There was no change from the previous memorandum. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding with Indigent Healthcare Solutions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. Judge Sam Carroll, Taylor County Court at Law #2 requested the Court approve an exception to the county policy regarding the Electronic Information and Communications Systems Acceptable Use Policy found in Chapter 18 of the Taylor County policy manual. The policy says that county property cannot be used for personal profit; County equipment is provided for the express use of accomplishing county business. An exception to the policy allows Assistant District Attorneys to use county equipment for their personal, private practice. Judge Carroll indicated that his request was to allow the County to purchase replacement court reporter equipment for the Court Report for his and Judge Harper's court. Her equipment is failing and the replacement equipment is approximately \$9,000.00. She earns around \$300.00 per month in outside revenue from selling transcripts. Commissioner Egger noted that the Court created the position several years ago and funded the position at less than comparable Court Reporter salaries on the 4th floor. Judge Carroll stated she is paid approximately half of the salary of the court reporters in the district courts. Commissioner Statler stated that the Computer Steering Committee has previously approved replacing the equipment utilizing contingency funds. The request is to use the equipment for personal profit. Commissioner Williams stated that he was against the exception; his belief is that no county equipment should be used for personal profit and that he does not agree with the exception for Assistant District Attorneys. Judge Bolls wants this situation studied from the standpoint of increasing the salary as opposed to granting the exception. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the exception to the policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger. Commissioner Egger and Commissioner Statler voting in favor of the motion, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Kendrick and Judge Bolls voting against the motion. Motion did not carry.

12. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent presented results from the vendors for R.F. P. 2012-121 Property and Machinery Insurance. He reported that he had received two responses; one from the Texas Association of Counties and one from Perry Hunter Hall Insurance. Richard detailed the differences in proposals. He and Kelly Stephens, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management recommend award to Texas Association of Counties. Commissioner Egger made a motion to accept the recommendation and go with TAC for Property and Machinery Insurance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent presented specifications and advertising for R. F. P. 2013-100 Printing. This bid obtains a contract for printing services and products that the county uses and includes delivery of the products to county buildings. Community Corrections is a participant in the contract. The bid is for one year with an additional four years in one year increments. Pricing must be constant for one year. Specifications include other requirements such as turnaround time. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve specifications and advertising for R. F. P. 2013-100 Printing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and passed unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent presented specifications and advertising for R. F. P. 2013-101 Janitorial Services. The bid is for janitorial services for the New and old Courthouse buildings, Plaza, Law Enforcement Center (outside windows), Domestic Relations, Welfare building and the Extension Office at the Expo Center. Contract term is for one year with the option of four extensions in one year increments. Price is to remain constant for one year with an escalation clause of no more than 10% thereafter. Vendor is to supply their own equipment and supplies. Commissioner Statler made a motion to accept specifications and approve the advertising for R. F. P. 2013-101 Janitorial Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

15. Kelly Stephens, Taylor County Director of Human Resources and Risk Management presented the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) Election Exemptions. This item comes before the Court annually; government plan exemptions are allowed from some of the HIPAA requirements in application of certain limits. Commissioner Statler noted that this is an annual procedural item. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) Election Exemptions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

16. Commissioner Egger and Judge Bolls have worked on this item. The federal government is allowing the State to utilize local government budgets such as expenditures on indigent health care to help the State to draw-down additional Medicaid/Medicare money to Texas. The additional money and services should come to the State without additional expenditures by local or state government. The certification to participate in the waiver does not obligate the county for new services or to fund anything other than the money and services the County currently provides. It just shows our interest in participating in the program. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve the Certification of Government Entity Participation, Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program 1115 Demonstration Waiver Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

17. Traci Graham, Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners' Court presented a list of proposed Holidays for calendar year 2013. After discussion, Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Taylor County Holiday Schedule for calendar year 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

18. After discussion detailing current conditions for wildfire in each precinct, the Commissioners' Court determined that at this time there is not a need for a ban on outdoor burning.

19. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this
23rd day of October, 2012.

Larry D. Boill
County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

Dwain A. Bolls
County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

