

## Taylor County Commissioners' Court

November 6, 2012

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on November 6, 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.

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2. Mark Hewitt of Love and Care Ministries gave the invocation and Commissioner Williams led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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3. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 23, 2012 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of November 6, 2012 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams 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 Kendrick 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]

1. General Fund
2. D. A. Special
3. Election Contracts
4. Jail Commissary
5. Sheriff Forfeiture
6. Road and Bridge
7. Employee Benefit
8. Payroll Clearing
9. Unclaimed Property

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6. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the Investment Report as certified by the Investment Committee for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of the fiscal year which ended September 30 2012. Total interest accrued during the 4th quarter was \$33,666.57. Total interest earned \$155,628.82 during fiscal year FY2012. Beginning balance for all funds was \$45,858,346.56, ending balance was \$40,766,309.66; total funds had a net decrease from the previous quarter of \$5,092,036.90. At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 61% of County funds were invested in TexPool, 39% in certificates of deposit. At year end, investments reflect 56% in TexPool and 44% in certificates of deposit. Ms. Crosswhite also submitted the Investment Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of FY2012. [Exhibit]

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7. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the Investment Policy for adoption. Lesa explained there were several sections that had to be updated due to legislative changes made in 2011 to the Public Funds Investment Act. She She highlighted two changes; the first concerns information that investment pools must provide to investors. The second deals with changing requirements on how the county is to control risk with investments. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the revisions to the Taylor County Investment Policy as recommended by the County Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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8. Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the list of Authorized Brokers. Because of changes to the Public Funds Investment Act the number of brokers has changed from six to only four. She stated that it was her policy to only purchase investments which are owned by a particular broker as opposed to those just represented. She commented that she does not work with any broker who doesn't have prior experience with Texas Counties and the Public Funds Investment Act. Judge Bolls reported that his wife worked for a division of Wells Fargo; the division is managerially separate, but that he would abstain from voting. Commissioner Egger reported that he was on the Board of Directors of First State Bank Tuscola and would also abstain from voting. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the list of Authorized Brokers as recommended by the County Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously with Judge Bolls and Commissioner Egger abstaining from the vote. [Exhibit]

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9. E'Lisa Smetana Executive Director of the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization presented the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization's application to the Texas Department of Transportation's Enhancement Program to fund a sidewalk and bike lane on South 11<sup>th</sup> from Elmwood Drive to South Treadaway. The City of Abilene will provide a 20% local match of \$236,555.00 for the proposed \$1,182,775.00 project. The project will provide a sidewalk the

entire length of the corridor; the bike lane will actually be in the roadway itself. Because the project does not include a widening of the roadway Judge Bolls expressed his concern for the safety of the bikers. The proposed project is consistent with the Safe Routes to School Master Plan for the City of Abilene and also the 1983 Bikeway Plan. Smetana asked the Commissioners to approve a resolution of support for the application. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the resolution in support of the application to the Texas Department of Public Transportation for the Transportation Enhancement Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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10. Kelly Stephens, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management presented the Public Officials Bond and Oath of Office for Michael Shawn McAuliffe. Judge McAuliffe was sworn in on November 1 as Taylor County's new Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1, Place 1. The bond will expire on December 31, 2012 as McAuliffe's appointment is to fill the unexpired term vacated by Bryan Smith. The Court welcomed Judge McAuliffe to Taylor County. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Public Official's Bond and Oath of Taylor County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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11. Richard Greenawalt, County Purchasing Agent presented the bid received in response to I.T.B. 2013-102 Fuel Purchases (Fuel Card). Richard reported that the Purchasing Department had sent out four bid packets, but only one was returned. He recommended award to that bidder, West Texas Fuel, Inc. (Gas Card). Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve award of I.T.B. 2013-102 Fuel Purchases to West Texas Fuel, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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12. Commissioner Statler presented an Interlocal Agreement between Taylor and Lubbock Counties for Taylor County's continued participation in the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases. Each year, Taylor County pays an amount based upon population to maintain membership. If a county must prosecute a capital murder case, the cost can easily exceed two million dollars. Commissioner Statler stated he considers the money paid for fiscal year 2013 of \$72,904.00 is an insurance policy against the cost of one of those cases. He mentioned since being a member, Taylor County has prosecuted two capital murder cases and the financial benefit Taylor County has received outweighs the money spent to date for membership. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with Lubbock County to participate in the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases program and authorizing the County Judge to sign on behalf of Taylor County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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13. The item: Consider approval of the West Central Texas Council of Governments' update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan remained on the table.

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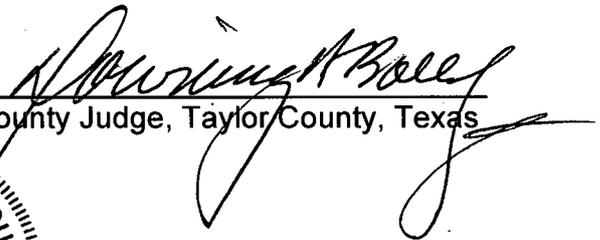
14. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

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The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this

20 day of November, 2012.

  
County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

  
County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

