

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

August 2, 2022

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on August 2, 2022, with the following members present:

1. Judge Downing A. Bolls Jr., County Judge
2. Randall D. Williams, Commissioner, Precinct 1
3. Kyle Kendrick, Commissioner, Precinct 2
4. Brad Birchum, Commissioner, Precinct 3
5. Chuck Statler, Commissioner, Precinct 4

At which the following motions were heard:

1. Judge Bolls convened the Court in open session at 9:00 a.m.

2. Abilene Police Department Chaplain Bob Pipes gave the invocation and Commissioner Statler led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

3. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on July 19 and 26, 2022 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of August 2, 2022 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. Judge Bolls presented the Employee of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter

Penny Clark

District Attorney's Office

Adm. of Justice

5. Public Comment Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.007 of items listed on this agenda. No one wished to speak.

6. Bills from the following funds were presented by the Auditor. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve payment of the bills and ratify the payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

1. General Fund
2. CC Rest Fees
3. JP 2 Sec Fees
4. ARPA Local

5. Election Contracts
6. Election Subsidy
7. Juvenile Local
8. Jail Commissary
9. Juvenile TDA Grant
10. Road and Bridge
11. Self-Insurance
12. Employee Benefit
13. Payroll Clearing

7. Consider approval of the June 2022 Treasurer's Report and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the June 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. Consider approval of a Joint Election Resolution to conduct a Joint General Election with local political subdivisions for the November 8, 2022 General Election and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Joint Election Resolution to conduct a Joint General Election with local political subdivisions for the November 8, 2022 General Election as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Consider approval of Order of Special Local Option Liquor Election for Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 for November 8, 2022 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Order of Special Local Option Liquor Election for Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 for November 8, 2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Consider Wellness Programs for Taylor County presented by Stacey Bruington Texas Association of Counties and any appropriate action

The Court received the report, no action was taken. [Exhibit]

11. Discuss and Consider costs of adding Hearing Aid Coverage to the County Health Insurance approval and any appropriate action

Kathy Davenport with the Texas Association of Counties made the presentation. The Court took no action. [Exhibit]

12. Consider approval of acting as fiscal agent for the ECCA and Moro Volunteer Fire Departments as a pass-thru agency for Mesquite Heat Fire Donations given to Community Foundation of Abilene and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve Taylor County acting as fiscal agent, this time only, for the ECCA and Moro Volunteer Fire Departments as a pass-thru agency for Mesquite Heat Fire Donations given to Community Foundation of Abilene. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Consider approval of Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2023 for County Road & Bridge of \$10 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Imposition of Optional Fees for Calendar Year 2023 as presented by for County Road & Bridge of \$10.00 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Consider approval of Tax Assessor-Collector's Continuing Education Transcript for FY2022 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Tax Assessor-Collector's Continuing Education Transcript as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

15. Consider approval of Steamboat Mountain WSC Right of Way Application Project in Precinct 3 on County Roads 250 and 621 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Right of Way Application for County Roads 621 and 250 for Steamboat Mountain Water Supply Corporation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

16. Consider acceptance of retirement letter from County Clerk, Larry G. Bevell effective September 20, 2022 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to accept the retirement letter from County Clerk, Larry G. Bevill effective September 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

17. Consider appointment of County Clerk Elect-Brandi DeRemer to fill the unexpired term and take office effective October 1, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the appointment of County Clerk Elect-Brandi DeRemer to fill the unexpired term and take office effective October 1, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. and recognizing her mother Diana Atkinson a long time County Employee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

18. Consider acceptance of retirement letter from Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Bob Shea, effective September 30, 2022 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to accept the retirement letter from Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Bob Shea, effective September 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

19. Consider appointment of Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 Elect, Earl Donnell to fill the unexpired term and take office effective October 1, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to appoint Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 Elect, Earl Donnell to fill the unexpired term and take office effective October 1, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

20. Consider acceptance of retirement letter from Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2 Judge Sparky Dean effective September 30, 2022 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to accept the retirement letter from Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2 Judge Sparky Dean effective September 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

21. Consider appointment of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2 Elect, Shawna Joiner to fill the unexpired term and take office effective October 1, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to appoint Shawna Joiner to fill the unexpired term of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Place 2 and take office effective October 1, 2022 at 12:01 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

[NOTE: Commissioner Birchum withdrew for the remainder of the session]

22. Consider approval of grant award of \$43,000 from the FY2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant program to be shared equally of \$21,500 with Abilene Police Department and Sheriff's Office to use for purchase of Pepper Guns and cartridges and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the FY22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

23. Consider approval of the Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue Board FY2022-23 Proposed Budget and FY2021-2022 Revised Budget and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue Board FY2022-23 Proposed Budget and FY2021-2022 Revised Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

24. Consider approval of contract with NUSO through NCPA Purchasing Coop for phone services and hardware updates and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the contract with NUSO through NCPA Purchasing Coop for phone services and hardware updates for Taylor County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

25. Consider approval of Grant Application with the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Wildlife Service Program for a Feral Hog Eradication Grant beginning September 1, 2022 thru August 31, 2023 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Grant Application with the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Wildlife Service Program for a Feral Hog Eradication Grant beginning September 1, 2022 thru August 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

26. Consider approval of advertisement and bid specs for ITB 2022-111 Used Dump Truck for Precinct 1 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the advertising and bid specs for ITB 2022-111 Used Dump Truck for Precinct 1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

27. Declare Surplus Property and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Surplus Property as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

28. Consider approval of award of ITB 2022-108 Networking Hardware and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the award of ITB 2022-108 Networking Hardware to Pivot Technology Services Corp. d.b.a. as Computacenter for \$416,002.26. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

29. Consider drought conditions and extend burn ban for another 90 days and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to extend the ban on outdoor burning for another 90 days, ending October 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

30. Discuss and Consider Law Library hours of operation and advertise for open position and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to advertise the position's requirements as presented including removing the requirement of a college degree and setting the pay at \$18.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

31. FY23 Budget Discussion and any appropriate action

Elijah Anderson, County Auditor presented the current budget numbers. There was no action on this item. [Exhibit]

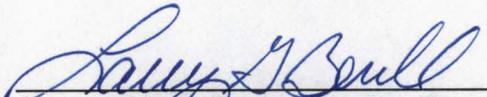
32. Consider setting a Public Hearing for August 16, 2022 at 9 a.m. for County Clerk's Record Archive Plan and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to set the Public Hearing for August 16, 2022 at 9 a.m. for County Clerk's Record Archive Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

33. The Court did not convene in an Executive Session

34. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 16th day of August, 2022.



County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas



County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

