

**Taylor County Commissioners' Court**  
**August 30, 2022**

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on August 30, 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.

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2. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to convene in a Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2022 Proposed Tax Rate and the Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

Several citizens had comments and suggestions for the FY2023 budget.

Commissioner Statler made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously; the public hearing was closed at 9:18 a.m. [Exhibit]

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3. Commissioner Williams made a motion to reconvene in Open Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

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4. DeWayne Bush, Constable Precinct 3 and former Pastor of First Baptist Church, Tuscola gave the invocation and Commissioner Kendrick led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

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5. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on August 16 and 17, 2022 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of August 30, 2022 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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

7. 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 1-1 Tech Fees
4. JP 1-2 Tech Fees
5. JP 2 Sec Fees
6. ARPA Local
7. D. A. Seizure
8. Election Contracts
9. Election Subsidy
10. Juvenile Jury
11. Juvenile Local
12. Jail Commissary
13. Juvenile TDA Grant
14. Road and Bridge
15. Lateral Road
16. State Fees
17. Self-Insurance
18. Employee Benefit
19. Payroll Clearing

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8. Consider approval of the July 2022 Treasurer's Report and any appropriate action

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

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9. Receive County Treasurer's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ending Investment Report. [Exhibit]

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10. Consider approval of appointment of proposed presiding and alternate judges for County Wide Election Day Vote Centers for the period of September 2022 through August 2023 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the appointment of proposed presiding and alternate judges for County Wide Election Day Vote Centers for the period of September 2022 through August 2023 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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11. Consider approval of appointment of proposed presiding and alternate judge for the Central County Station for the November 8, 2022 General Election and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to appoint the proposed presiding and alternate judge for the Central County Station for the November 8, 2022 General Election as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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12. Consider approval of resolution to adopt the Use of Hart Intercivic Verity DUO 2.5 Voting System and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the resolution to adopt the use of the Hart Intercivic Verity DUO 2.5 Voting System. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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13. Consider approval of proposed new rental rate for Hart Intercivic Verity DUO 2.5 Voting Equipment and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the proposed new rental rate for Hart Intercivic Verity DUO 2.5 Voting Equipment as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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14. Consider approval of Chiropractic Max Benefits through Texas Association of Counties and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the Chiropractic Max Benefits through Texas Association of Counties and acknowledge Nancy Johnson from the Morris Agency who advises the Court on these matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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15. Consider approval of Right of Way application with Winchester Energy for use of ROW on County Road 219 in Precinct 1 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Right of Way application with Winchester Energy for use of ROW on County Road 219 in Precinct 1. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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16. Declare Surplus Property and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to declare the surplus property as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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17. Consider award of ITB 2022-111 Used Dump Truck for Precinct 1 Barn and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the award of ITB 2022-111 Used Dump Truck for Precinct 1 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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18. Consider renewal of ITB 2021-103 Lease Vehicles for Sheriff's Office and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to renew ITB 2021-103 Lease Vehicles for Sheriff's Office as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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19. FY23 Budget discussion and any appropriate action

County Auditor Elijah Anderson presented updated numbers for the Budget and Tax Rate with alternate programs discussed by the Court. [Exhibit]

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20. Consider approval and adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and any appropriate action

Gary Young and David Allman spoke to the budget and tax rate during this discussion.

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 as presented, with total budgeted expenditures as follows: General Fund of \$69,563,941.00, Road and Bridge Fund of \$5,290,429.00, Debt Service Fund of \$4,967,025.00 and \$27,966,481.00 for all remaining funds. This represents a total county budget for Fiscal Year 2023 of \$107,787,876.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick. Commissioners Kendrick and Statler voted for the motion. Judge Bolls, Commissioners Williams and Birchum voted against the motion. The motion died on a vote of 2 ayes and 3 noes.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 as presented, with total budgeted expenditures as follows: General Fund of \$69,659,229.00, Road and Bridge Fund of \$5,290,429.00, Debt Service Fund of \$4,967,025.00 and \$27,966,481.00 for all remaining funds. This represents a total

county budget for Fiscal Year 2023 of \$107,883,164.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum. Commissioners Williams and Birchum and Judge Bolts voted for the motion. Commissioners Kendrick and Statler voted against the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 ayes and 2 noes. [Exhibit]

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21. Consider approval of ratifying property tax increase reflected in the Adopted Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to ratify that the previously adopted budget requires an increase over the no new revenue rate of 2 cents per \$100.00 of valuation for Property Tax year 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. Commissioners Williams, Kendrick, Birchum, Statler and Judge Bolts voted for the motion. The motion passed unanimously. [Exhibit]

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22. Consider approval of setting salaries for Elected Officials for the Fiscal Year 2023 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve setting the salaries for Elected Officials for Fiscal Year 2023. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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23. Consider adoption and Order setting the Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations and Interest and Sinking for Tax Year 2022 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 56.75 cents per \$100.00 of valuation, which is effectively a 3.65 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum. [Exhibit]

Judge Bolts called a roll call vote for the Maintenance and Operation tax rate. Commissioners Williams, Kendrick, Birchum, Statler and Judge Bolts voted for the motion. The vote for Maintenance and Operation passed unanimously.

Judge Bolts called a roll call vote for the Interest and Sinking Fund tax rate. Commissioners Williams, Kendrick, Birchum, Statler and Judge Bolts voted for the motion. The vote for Interest and Sinking Fund passed unanimously.

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24. In Accordance With Government Code 551.087, Regarding Potential Economic Development, CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to convene in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. The Court was in Executive Session at 10:48 a.m.

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25. Reconvene in Open Session and any appropriate action

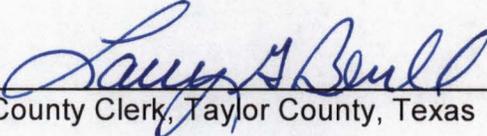
Commissioner Williams made a motion to reconvene in Open Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. The Court was in open session at 11:18 and took no action after reconvening.

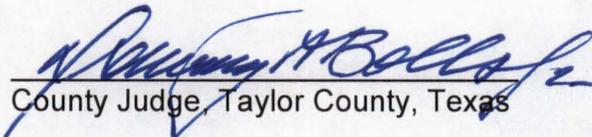
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26. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

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The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

  
County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

  
County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

