

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

July 05, 2023

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on July 5, 2023, with the following members present:

1. Judge Phil Crowley., 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 Crowley convened the Court in open session at 9:00 a.m.

2. Randy Williams, Commissioner, Precinct 1 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.

3. Consider approval of minutes or previous meeting and adopt agenda.

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 20, 2023 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of July 05, 2023 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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

5. Consider approval of budget adjustments and transfers, if any.

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

6. Consider approval of bills for payment and ratify payroll.

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve payment of the bills and ratify the payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

1. General Fund
2. JP 2 Sec Fees
3. JP 3 Sec Fees
4. ARPA Local
5. D. A. Forfeiture
6. Co Law Lib Fund
7. Juvenile Educ Srvc
8. Jail Commissary
9. Juvenile TDA Grant
10. Road and Bridge
11. Historic CH Rest
12. State Fees
13. Self-Insurance
14. Employee Benefit
15. Payroll Clearing

7. Consider approval of the May 2023 Treasurer's Report and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve May 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented by Mrs. Crosswhite. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. Consider approval of applying for unclaimed Property Capital Credits through the State Comptroller's office and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the application for unclaimed Property Capital Credits through the State Comptroller's office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. (TABLED ON 6-20-23) Discuss and consider approval of Lamar Parquee signage at the Expo Center and any appropriate action.

Commissioner State made a motion remove this item from the table so that we can take action on it, possibly today. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Williams made a motion that we proceed with the legal considerations and contract considerations regarding the Lamar Parquee signage at the Expo Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Consider approval of Right of Way application with New Cingular Wireless PSC, LLC for a Cell Tower on Wheels at the Taylor County Expo Grounds and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Statler made a motion that Commissioner's Court approve Right of Way application with New Cingular Wireless PSC, LLC for a Cell Tower on Wheels at the Taylor County Expo Grounds and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement on the behalf of the Commissioners' Court. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. Consider approval of revised Law Library rules for patrons and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve revised Law Library rules as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Consider approval of a 2023 Chevrolet ½ ton 4x4 long bed Pickup received on backorder and transfer to Constable Pct. 3 and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the purchase of this vehicle for the amount of \$49,930.00 using the contingency, plus the cost to outfit at \$10,000.00 using the contingency fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Consider approval of moving a temporary position in Veteran Service Office to a permanent position and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Statler made a motion to change the temporary position in Veteran Service Office position to a permanent position with the starting balance of 32 hours of vacation and 16 hours of sick leave. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

14. Receive and Acknowledge certified minutes of reappointment of Elijah Anderson as the Taylor County Auditor appointed by the District Judges.

No action needed

15. Discuss and consider approval of Order clarifying April 18, 2017 Order closing and abandoning a portion of Buffalo Run Road in Precinct 3 and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Order clarifying April 18, 2017 Order closing and abandoning a portion of Buffalo Run Road in Precinct 3 as presented, and that County Judge can sign that order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

16. Discuss drought conditions and possibly consider implementing a burn ban and any appropriate action.

No action taken

17. In Accordance with Government Code 551.071, regarding consultation with an attorney on pending litigation and a settlement offer, CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The court CONVENEED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION at 10:08 a.m.

18. RECONVENE in Open Session and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to RECONVENE in Open Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The court RECONVENED in Open Session at 10:26 a.m.

Commissioner Statler made a motion that the Commissioners' Court authorize you to be the signator on resolution that would allow for Taylor County to receive \$125,000.00 as a result of the 6 year old class action lawsuit with State of Texas vs. Volkswagen that would be our part of it. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to give Judge the authority to sign off on the settlement as needed, for a lawsuit against the County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

19. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 18th day of July, 2023.



County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas



County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

