

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

August 29, 2023

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on August 29, 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. Convene in Public Hearing regarding a proposed speed limit on County Road 168 in Ovalo. No one wished to speak

3. Convene in Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Tax Rate
Proposed Tax Rate is \$.5397 which is effectively a 3.85% increase in the tax rate; (made up of Maintenance & Operations tax rate of \$.4994 and Interest & Sinking Tax Rate of \$.0403) No one wished to speak

4. Convene in Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget.
No one wished to speak

5. Reconvene in Regular Session

Commissioner Williams made a motion to Reconvene in Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

6. Randall D. Williams, Commissioner, Precinct 1 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.

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

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 15, 2023 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of August 29, 2023

as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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

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

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve budget amendments and transfers as outlined by Mr. Anderson. The motion was seconded by Judge Crowley and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment of the bills and ratify the payroll as we do every two weeks. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

1. General Fund
2. JP 1-2 Tech Fees
3. ARPA Local
4. D. A. Special
5. D. A. Seizure
6. Election Contracts
7. Co Law Lib Fund
8. Juvenile Local
9. Jail Commissary
10. Juvenile TDA Grant
11. Road and Bridge
12. Lateral Road
13. Self-Insurance
14. Employee Benefit
15. Payroll Clearing

11. Consider approval of the July 2023 Treasurer's Report and any appropriate action.

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

12. Receive County Treasurer's 3rd Quarter Ending Investment Report. [Exhibit]

13. Consider approval of Resolution administered by the Texas Department of Transportation for a Federal Off-System Bridge Replacement Program for a bridge located at County Road 172 at Red Bank Creek located in Precinct 4 and authorize the County Judge to sign the Advanced Funding Agreement and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion that the Commissioners Court approve Resolution administered by the Texas Department of Transportation for a Federal Off-System Bridge Replacement Program for a bridge located at County Road 172 at Red Bank Creek east of Lawn and located in Precinct 4 and also authorize the County Judge to sign the Advanced Funding Agreement on the behalf of Taylor County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Consider approval of the Amended Early Voting Schedule and the Amended Election Day County Wide Vote Center locations for the November 7, 2023 Special Constitutional Amendment Election and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Amended Early Voting Schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

15. Consider approval of an Amended Joint Election Resolution to conduct a Joint Election with Wylie I.S.D., City of Abilene, Winter I.S.D. and the Abilene-Taylor County Venue District, and Merkel ISD for the November 7, 2023 Special Constitutional Amendment Election and any appropriate action.

Judge Crowley made a motion to approval of the Amended Joint Election Resolution to conduct a Joint Election with Wylie I.S.D., City of Abilene, Winter I.S.D. and the Abilene-Taylor County Venue District, and Merkel ISD for the November 7, 2023 Special Constitutional Amendment Election. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

16. Consider Amended Order of Election for November 7, 2023 Special Constitutional Amendment Election and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve Amended Order of Election for November 7, 2023 Special Constitutional Amendment Election as proposed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

17. Discuss and Consider acceptance of a donation from the Taylor County Farm Bureau for the Loose Livestock/Fence Damage Sign Program and the funds to be placed in 6010-7505, any appropriate action.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to acceptance of a donation from the Taylor County Farm Bureau for the Loose Livestock/Fence Damage Sign Program as presented by the Sheriff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

18. Consider approval of an inmate housing agreement with Bosque County and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve an inmate housing agreement with Bosque County as presented by Sheriff Bishop. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

19. Discuss and Consider approval of reclassification of a CO-1 Position to a P-1 Position with the option of getting back the CO-1 position mid-Budget year and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve of reclassification of a CO-1 Position to a P-1 Position as the Sheriff has presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

20. Consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding with all VFD's and City of Tye for fire protection services in Taylor County and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with all VFD's and City of Tye for fire protection services in Taylor County as presented by Mr. Stamey. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

21. Consider approval of Amended Holiday for the fiscal year 2024 and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve Amended Holiday for the fiscal year 2024 as presented and defined by Mrs. Lewis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

22. Consider approval of order to set 20 mph speed limit on County Road 168 in Ovalo in Precinct 4 and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the order to set 20 mph speed limit on County Road 168 in Ovalo and request that the County Judge sign the Order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

23. Consider approval of order to set a 40 mph speed limit on Vinson Rd and Pollard Road (CR115) in Precinct 4 and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve order to set a 40 mph speed limit on Vinson Rd and Pollard Road (CR115) and authorize the County Judge to sign the Order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

Mr. John Oliver addressed the Court in appreciation of setting the speed limit and hopes that the Sheriff's office can police the new speed limit zone.

24. Declare Surplus Property and any appropriate.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to Declare this property Surplus as outlined by Mr. Henderson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

25. Consider award of ITB 2023-103 Surplus Real Property.

Commissioner Statler made a motion to consider accepting the award of ITB 2023-103 Surplus Real Property at the amount of \$1,000.00 and any other items related to this transaction. The motion was seconded by Judge Crowley and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

26. Consider award of ITB-2023-104 Potosi Storm Water Drainage Project-Phase 1 and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Stater made a motion to award ITB-2023-104 Potosi Storm Water Drainage Project-Phase 1 and award the bid to the Larry Baxter Construction Company from San Angelo, Texas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

27. FY24 Budget Discussion and Vote on Proposed FY24 Revisions and any appropriate action.

Judge Crowley made a motion to approve Proposed FY24 Budget Revisions as outlined by Mr. Anderson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum. (Roll Call Vote:) Commissioner Williams, Yes, Commissioner Kendrick No, Commissioner Birchum, Yes, Commissioner Statler, No, Judge Crowley, Yes, The vote passed with a 3-2 vote. [Exhibit]

28. Consider approval and adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, in the total amount of \$108,869,617.00, broken down by the General Fund \$74,256,615.00, Road and Bridge \$5,678,422.00, Debt Service \$4,966,075.00, All Other Funds \$25,718,505.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum. [Exhibit]

(Roll Call Vote:) Commissioner Williams, Yes, Commissioner Kendrick, No, Commissioner Birchum, Yes, Commissioner Statler, No, Judge Crowley, Yes, The vote passed with a 3-2 vote.

29. Consider approval of ratifying property tax increase reflected in the Adopted Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve ratifying the previous adopted budget that requires the increase tax revenue rate property of 51.976 at \$100.00 evaluation which is effectively a 3.85% increase in the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

(Roll Call Vote:) Commissioner Williams, Yes, Commissioner Kendrick, No, Commissioner Birchum, Yes, Commissioner Statler, No, Judge Crowley, Yes, The vote passed with a 3-2 vote.

30. Consider adoption of setting salaries for Elected Officials for the Fiscal Year 2024 and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to adopt the setting of salaries for Elected Officials for the Fiscal Year 2024 as been posted in the newspaper. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- 31. Consider adoption of setting all Employees Salaries for FY2024 and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Statler made a motion to adopt setting all Employees Salaries for FY2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- 32. Consider adoption and order setting the Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations and Interest and Sinking for Tax Rate 2023 and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to adopt the order setting the Tax Rate of Maintenance and Operations and Interest and Sinking for Tax Rate 2023, the property tax being increased by .5397 which is effectively a 3.85% in the Tax Rate. The motion was seconded by Judge Crowley. [Exhibit]

Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate of 49.94
 (Roll Call Vote:) Commissioner Williams, Yes, Commissioner Kendrick, No, Commissioner Birchum, Yes, Commissioner Statler, No, Judge Crowley, Yes. The vote passed with a 3-2 vote.

Interest and Sinking Tax Rate 4.03%
 (Roll Call Vote:) Commissioner Williams, Yes, Commissioner Kendrick, No, Commissioner Birchum, Yes, Commissioner Statler, No, Judge Crowley, Yes. The vote passed with a 3-2 vote.

- 33. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 12th day of September, 2023.

Brandi DeRemer

 County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

John Kendrick

 County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

