

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

July 30, 2024

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on July 30, 2024, with the following members present:

1. Phil Crowley, County Judge
2. Randall D. Williams, Commissioner, Precinct 1
3. Kyle Kendrick, Commissioner, Precinct 2
4. Brad Birchum, Commissioner, Precinct 3

Chuck Statler, Commissioner, Precinct 4- Not Present

At which the following motions were heard:

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

2. **Invocation and Pledge**

A) Invocation

B) Pledge of Allegiance to United States Flag and Texas Flag

Harlan Humiston, First Church of the Nazarene, gave the invocation and Commissioner Williams 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 and Adopt the Agenda.**

A) Consider approval of previous meeting minutes.

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular session held on July 16, 2024, and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of July 30, 2024, as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. **Public Comment**

A) Public Comment Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.007 of items listed on this agenda.

Mark Spurlock wanted to thank the Sheriff's Office and the County for assisting with the Tour De Gap.

5. **Presentations**

- A) Receive presentation from the Treehouse Safe Exchange & Training Center, Inc. (Rhea Rodriguez- Exec. Director)

6. **Financial/Budget**

- A) Consider approval of bills for payment and ratify payroll and any appropriate action.

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

- 1. General Fund
- 2. Settlement Proceeds
- 3. ARPA Local
- 4. Election Contracts
- 5. Co Law Lib Fund
- 6. Juvenile Educ Svcs
- 7. Jail Commissary
- 8. Juvenile Local
- 9. Juvenile TDA Grant
- 10. Road and Bridge
- 11. Historic CH Rest
- 12. State Fees
- 13. Employee Benefit
- 14. Payroll Clearing

- B) Consider approval of the June 2024 Treasurer's Report and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approval of the June 2024 Treasurer's Report as presented by Ms. Freeman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

7. **General Business**

- A) Consider approval of allowing ANCO Insurance to provide options to Taylor County regarding employee & retiree benefits and any appropriate action. (Ross Gunnels- ANCO President, Elijah Anderson, & Roseann Seelke)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to take no action on this item number. The motion was seconded by Judge Crowley and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- B) Consider approval of renewing Elections Administrator bond for Freda Ragan and any appropriate action. (Roseann Seelke)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve of the renewal of the Elections Administrator bond as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- C) Consider approval of Joint Election Resolution to conduct a Joint General Election with local political subdivisions for the November 5, 2024, General Election and any appropriate action. (Freda Ragan)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve of the Joint Election Resolution to conduct a Joint General Election with local political subdivisions for the November 5, 2024, General Election as presented by Ms. Ragan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- D) Order of Election for the November 5, 2024, General Election and any appropriate action. (Freda Ragan)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Order of Election for the November 5, 2024, General Election as presented by Ms. Ragan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- E) Order of Special Election for the City of Tye, Texas to be held jointly with Taylor County for the November 5, 2024, General Election and any appropriate action. (Freda Ragan)

Commissioner Williams made a motion to Order of Special Election for the City of Tye, to be held jointly with Taylor County on the November 5, 2024, General Election as presented by Ms. Ragan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- F) Consider approval of application for FY2024-2025 Feral Hog Eradication Grant through Texas Agrilife Extension Services and any appropriate action. (Tamra Lewis)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the application for FY2024-2025 Feral Hog Eradication Grant through Texas Agrilife Extension Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- G) Consider reappointment of Taylor County appointees with Mr. Elijah Anderson for Place 9 and Mr. Gustavo Villanueva for Place 4 to serve another two year term on the Betty Hardwick Center Board of Trustees effective September 1, 2024 and any appropriate action. (Judge Crowley)

Judge Crowley made a motion to reappoint Mr. Gustavo Villanueva to Place 4 and Mr. Elijah Anderson to Place 9 for another two year term on the Betty Hardwick Board and requested a roll call vote on the two appointments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

Roll Call: Commissioner Williams, Yes, Commissioner Kendrick, Yes, Commissioner Birchum, Yes, Judge Crowley, Yes

- H) Consider approval of the Imposition of Optional Fees for 2025 for the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles and any appropriate action. (Kay Middleton)

Judge Crowley made a motion to leave the Optional Fees at zero and County Road and Bridge fee \$10.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- I) Accept the Continuing Education Hours for the period 10/1/2023-9/30/2024 for the Tax Assessor Collector and any appropriate action. (Kay Middleton)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to Accept the Continuing Education Hours for the period 10/1/2023-9/30/2024 for the Tax Assessor Collector as presented by Ms. Middleton. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. **Road & Bridge- None**

9. **Purchasing, Bids, RFQ's, RFP's, Surplus**

- A) Consider the renewal of ITB 2021-102 Office Supply and Furniture contract and any appropriate action. (Scott Henderson)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to renew the ITB 2021-102 Office Supply and Furniture contract as presented by Mr. Henderson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- B) Declare Salvage property. (Scott Henderson)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to Declare the law books as Salvage property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- C) Consider entering into a contract with Architexas for the Jail Re-Roof project and any appropriate action. (Scott Henderson)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to enter into a contract with Architexas for the Jail Re-Roof project and the payment for the Architexas fee out of the ARPA funding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick. [Exhibit]

Commissioner Birchum made an amendment to the motion to allow Judge Crowley to sign the contract. Commissioner Kendrick seconded the amended motion and the vote carried unanimously.

10. **FY2025 Budget Discussion and any appropriate action**

Judge Crowley spoke of ARPA funds and needing to fund the Jail projects and concerns with the Fund balance. Commissioner Williams stated that we need to take a closer look at projects and spend on the most needed projects. Rebecca Eidson stated that Fiber needs to be done soon, to ensure that the jail doesn't lose network access. Judge Crowley also discussed Health Insurance funding and needing to cover cost for a bad claim year. Elijah Anderson discussed Revenue numbers to review.

11. **Executive Closed Session- None**

12. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 6th day of August 2024.

Brandi DeRemer

County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

Shirley Hoadley

County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

