

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

August 27, 2024

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on August 27, 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
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. **Invocation and Pledge**

A) Invocation

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

Pastor Mike Greenfield, First Baptist Church, 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. **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 August 13, 2024, and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of August 27, 2024, as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. **Public Hearings**

A) Convene in Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Tax Rate.

No one wished to speak.

B) Convene in Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget.

No one wished to speak

5. **Public Comment**

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

No one wished to speak

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. JP 2 Sec Fees
3. D. A. Seizure
4. Election Contracts
5. Co Law Lib Fund
6. Jail Commissary
7. Juvenile Local
8. Juvenile TDA Grant
9. Road and Bridge
10. Historic CH Rest
11. Self-Insurance
12. Employee Benefit
13. Payroll Clearing

B) FY2025 Budget Discussion and any appropriate action.

No one wished to speak

C) Consider approval of the FY25 Proposed Budget revisions and any appropriate action. (Elijah Anderson)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the FY25 Proposed Budget revisions as presented by Mr. Anderson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

D) Consider adoption of setting salaries for Elected Officials for the Fiscal Year 2025 and any appropriate action. (Judge Crowley)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to adopt the salaries for Elected Officials for the Fiscal Year 2025 as advertised. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- E) Consider approval and adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 budget as presented in the combined fund summary provided, this budget includes the following expense amounts by fund. General fund, \$80,908,375.00, Road and Bridge \$6,324,108.00, Debt Service \$4,972,666.00, and all other funds being \$18,334,879.00, this represents the total County Budget for FY 2025 of \$110,540,028.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried with a 4-1 vote. [Exhibit]

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams, Yes, Commissioner Kendrick, No, Commissioner Birchum, Yes, Commissioner Stalter, Yes, Judge Crowley, Yes

- F) Consider approval of ratifying property tax increase reflected in the Adopted Fiscal Year 2025 Budget and any appropriate action. (Elijah Anderson)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the Adopted Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried with a 4-1 vote. (Commissioner Kendrick- No) [Exhibit]

- G) Consider adoption and order setting the Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations and Interest and Sinking for Tax Rate 2024 and any appropriate action. (Elijah Anderson)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion that the Property Tax Rate be increased by the adoption of the Tax Rate of 54.86 cents, which is 5.52% increase in the Tax Rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

Maintenance and Operations Rate of 51.40 cents per \$100 of valuation.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams, Yes, Commissioner Kendrick, No, Commissioner Birchum, Yes, Commissioner Stalter, Yes, Judge Crowley, Yes

Interest and Sinking Rate of 3.46 cents per \$100 of valuation.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams, Yes, Commissioner Kendrick, No, Commissioner Birchum, Yes, Commissioner Stalter, Yes, Judge Crowley, Yes

- H) Consider approval of the July 2024 Treasurer's Report and any appropriate action. (Becky Freeman)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the July 2024 Treasurer's Report as presented by Rebecca Freeman. The motion was seconded by Judge Crowley and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

7. **General Business**

- A) Consider approval of employee benefit rates and all employee benefit renewals for plan year 2025 and any appropriate action. (Roseann Seelke)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the employee benefit rates and all employee benefit renewals for plan year 2025 as presented by Mrs. Seelke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- B) Consider approval of the Early Voting Schedule for the November 5, 2024, General Election and any appropriate action. (Freda Ragan)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Early Voting Schedule for the November 5, 2024, General Election as presented and outlined by Mrs. Ragan. The motion was seconded by Judge Crowley and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- C) Consider approval of the Election Day County Wide Polling Places for the November 5, 2024, General Election and any appropriate action. (Freda Ragan)

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve of the Election Day County Wide Polling Places as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- D) Consider the Appointment of Presiding and Alternate Judges for County Wide Election Day Polling Places for the period of September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, and any appropriate action. (Freda Ragan)

Judge Crowley made a motion to approve the appointment of Presiding and Alternate Judges for County Wide Election Day Polling Places for the period of September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, as outlined by Mrs. Ragan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- E) Consider Appointment of Presiding and Alternate Judge for the Central Counting Station for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025, and any appropriate action. (Freda Ragan)

Commissioner Williams made a motion to appoint the Presiding and Alternate Judge for the Central Counting Station for the period of September 1, 2024,

through August 31, 2025, as presented by Mrs. Ragan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- F) Consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with all VFD's and City of Tye for fire protection services in Taylor County and any appropriate action. (Frank Stamey/Tamra Lewis)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with all VFD's and City of Tye for fire protection services in Taylor County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- G) Consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with outside agencies and any appropriate action. (Frank Stamey/Tamra Lewis)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with outside agencies as presented by Mr. Stamey. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- H) Consider setting a Public Hearing for September 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for abandonment of undeveloped roads in Bettis Heights Subdivision, Merkel, TX in Precinct 2. (Commissioner Kyle Kendrick)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to set a Public Hearing for September 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- I) Consider approval of Partial Assignment of Lancium LLC Abatement Agreements and any appropriate action. (Judge Crowley/Frank Stamey)

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve of Partial Assignment of Lancium LLC Abatement Agreements with Taylor County in the City of Abilene. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried with a 4-1 vote. (Commissioner Kendrick, No) [Exhibit]

- J) Consider approval of Holidays for the Fiscal Year 2025 and any appropriate action. (Tamra Lewis)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approval of Holidays for the Fiscal Year 2025 as presented but does not include Friday, December 26, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. **Road & Bridge**

- A) Consider approval of the Final Plat of The Ridge at Tuscola Section 2 in Precinct 3 and any appropriate action. (Commissioner Brad Birchum)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve of the Final Plat of The Ridge at Tuscola Section 2. The motion was seconded by Judge Crowley and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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

- A) Consider advertising and specifications for RFP 2025-500 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software and Implementation Services and any appropriate action. (Scott Henderson)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to advertise and specifications for RFP 2025-500 Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software and Implementation Services as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- B) Consider changing the titles of vehicles bought by District Attorney Forfeiture Funds to differentiate from General Fund bought vehicles and any appropriate action. (Scott Henderson)

Judge Crowley made a motion to change the titles of vehicles bought by District Attorney Forfeiture Funds to Taylor County District Attorney's Office to differentiate from General Fund bought vehicles. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 10th day of September 2024.

Brandi DeRomer

County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

by M. Wallace

Shirley Crowley

County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

