

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

October 22, 2024

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on October 22, 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

President, Sanda Harper, gave the invocation Randall D. Williams, Commissioner, Precinct 1, led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Pledge to the State of Texas.

3. **Consider approval of Minutes and Adopt the Agenda.**

A) Consider approval of previous meeting minutes- September 24, 2024.

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular session held on October 08, 2024, and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of October 22, 2024, as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. **Public Hearing**

A) Public Hearing to consider Fiscal Year 2025 Provider Participation Program Payment.

No one wished to speak

5. Presentations

A) Present October Service Awards & Employee of the 3rd Quarter Awards

Maria Tolentino, County Court at Law #1- 40 Years of Service
Laura Looney, Taylor County Maintenance- 15 Years of Service
Mardi Hargis, Taylor County Sheriff's Office- 15 Years of Service

3rd Quarter Awards
Government and Services- Javier Villarreal and EJ Juarez
Administration of Justice- Robin Martin
Law Enforcement- Annette Butler

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

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No one wished to speak

7. Financial/Budget

A) Consider approval of bills for payment and ratify payroll.

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

1. General Fund
2. Settlement Proceeds
3. CC Rest Fees
4. VIT Escrow Interest
5. JP 1-1 Tech Fees
6. JP 2 Sec Fees
7. JP 3 Sec Fees
8. D. A. Seizure
9. Election Contracts
10. Co Law Lib Fund
11. Juvenile Local
12. Jail Commissary
13. Juvenile TDA Grant
14. Road and Bridge

15. Historic CH Rest
16. State Fees
17. Self-Insurance
18. Employee Benefit
19. Payroll Clearing

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

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report for month of September 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. General Business

- A) Consider approval of an order establishing the mandatory payment rate for the Taylor County Local Provider Participation Fund for Fiscal Year 2025 and any appropriate action. (Matt Gilbert)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve an order establishing the mandatory payment rate for the Taylor County Local Provider Participation Fund for Fiscal Year 2025 at 3.90%. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- B) Consider approval of an MOU between City of Abilene and Taylor County for application of the 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG Grant) for joint application among the Abilene Police Dept. and Sheriff's Office and approval of a Resolution of support for the Sherrif's Office and any appropriate action. (Mardi Hargis)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve Memorandum Of Understanding between City of Abilene and Taylor County for application of the 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG Grant) for joint application among the Abilene Police Dept. and Taylor County Sheriff's Office and allow Judge Crowley to sign on the behalf of the County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- C) Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Taylor County and City of Abilene and Betty Hardwick to continue to fund 2 Jail Navigator positions to provide mental health services at the Taylor County Jail and any appropriate action. (Sheriff Bishop)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Taylor County and City of Abilene and Betty Hardwick to continue to fund 2 Jail Navigator positions to provide mental health services at the Taylor County Jail. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- D) Consider approval of the FY2025 SAVNS (Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service) Contract and authorize the County Judge to sign on the behalf of the County. (Elijah Anderson)

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the FY2025 SAVNS (Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service) Contract and authorize the County Judge to sign on the agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- E) Consider approval of FY2025 SB22 Grant Agreement and Award for the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office. (Judge Crowley, Frank Stamey)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve of FY2025 SB22 Grant Agreement and Award for the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office and authorize the County Judge to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- F) Consider approval of renewing the Juvenile Detention Center's crime bond and any appropriate action. (Roseann Seelke)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve renewing the Juvenile Detention Center's crime bond as presented by Mrs. Seelke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- G) Consider approval of entering into an agreement with Hendrick Regional Lab for the Employee Health Clinic and any appropriate action. (Roseann Seelke)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve entering into an agreement with Hendrick Regional Lab for the Employee Health Clinic as outlined by Mrs. Seelke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- H) Consider approval of entering into an agreement with Athena Health for the Employee Health Clinic and any appropriate action. (Roseann Seelke)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve entering into an agreement with Athena Health for the Employee Health Clinic as outlined by Mrs. Seelke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- I) Consider approval of entering into an agreement with Barton Associates for the Employee Health Clinic and any appropriate action. (Roseann Seelke)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve entering into an agreement with Barton Associates for the Employee Health Clinic as outlined by Mrs. Seelke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- J) Consider reappointing Commissioner Randy Williams to the Abilene Airport Development Board and any appropriate action. (Judge Crowley)

Judge Crowley made a motion to approve to reappoint Commissioner Randy Williams to the Abilene Airport Development Board and allow the County Judge to sign and documentation needed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

- K) Consider approval of reappointing Commissioner Randy Williams to the Taylor/Abilene Health Department Advisory Board and any appropriate action. (Judge Crowley)

Judge Crowley made a motion to approve reappointing Commissioner Randy Williams to the Taylor/Abilene Health Department Advisory Board and allow the County Judge to sign any documentation needed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

- L) Consider and discuss jail roof construction with consideration of funding with Certificates of Obligation, and the next steps to proceed with advertising, bid specifications, and award of contractor and funding options and any appropriate action. (Judge Crowley)

No Action Needed

- M) Consider and discuss Taylor County acting as the agent for a possible Community Foundation Grant for the Rural Taylor County Aging Services and any appropriate action. (Judge Crowley)

Judge Crowley made a motion to approve Taylor County act as an temporary agent for funds for a possible Community Foundation Grant for Taylor County Rural Nutrition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- N) Consider approval of Interlocal Agreement with City of Abilene and Taylor County Pct. 2 for aid in services in Precinct 2 on Neece Rd. (Commissioner Kendrick)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve of Interlocal Agreement with City of Abilene and Taylor County Pct. 2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. **Road & Bridge**

- A) Consider approval of a Right of Way application from Bahia Pipeline to install natural gas liquids pipeline across multiple county roads in Precincts 3 & 4 and any appropriate action. (Commissioner Birchum)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve Right of Way application from Bahia Enterprise and authorize the County Judge to sign the application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- B) Consider approval of a Final Plat for New Hope Church in Precinct 3 and any appropriate action. (Commissioner Birchum)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Final Plat for New Hope Church on HW 83, north and east of the City of Tuscola. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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

- A) Consider the award of RFP 2025-501 Expo Chiller Replacement and any appropriate action. (Scott Henderson)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to award the RFP 2025-501 Expo Chiller Replacement to the West Techs Chill Water Specialist for the amount of \$748,804.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- B) Consider the award of RFP 2025-502 Plaza Chiller Replacement and any appropriate action. (Scott Henderson)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to award the RFP 2025-502 Plaza Chiller Replacement to Batjer and Associates in the amount of \$411,000.00 as presented by Mr. Henderson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- C) Consider the award of RFP 2025-503 Jail D & F-Pod Chiller Replacement and any appropriate action. (Scott Henderson)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to award the RFP 2025-503 Jail D & F-Pod Chiller Replacement to Batjer and Associates in the amount of \$297,000.00 as outlined by Mr. Henderson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 5th day of November 2024.



County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas



County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

