

# Taylor County Commissioners' Court

February 11, 2025

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on February 11, 2025, 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.**

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2. **Invocation and Pledge**

Scotty Squyres 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.

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

A) Consider approval of previous meeting minutes- January 28, 2025.

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular session held on January 28, 2025, and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of February 11, 2025, as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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4. **Presentations**

A) Present February Employee Service Awards

Janell Williams, Juvenile Justice Center, 30 Years  
Freda Ragan, Elections Office, 25 Years

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

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

No one wished to speak

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## 6. Public Hearing

- A) CONVENE in a Public Hearing for consideration of entering into or amending tax abatement agreements with Lancium, LLC and Abilene DC 1, LLC for property located in Taylor County, Texas

Mark Teague  
Andrew Teague  
Chief Gary Young

- B) RECONVENE in Regular Session.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to RECONVENE in Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. Court reconvened at 9:26 a.m.

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## 7. Financial/Budget

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

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. JP 1-1 Tech Fees
3. JP 1-2 Tech Fees
4. JP 2 Sec Fees
5. JP 3 Sec Fees
6. ARPA Local
7. Co Law Lib Fund
8. Juvenile Educ Srvcs
9. Jail Commissary
10. Juvenile TDA Grant
11. Road and Bridge
12. Historic CH Rest
13. Self-Insurance
14. Employee Benefit

- 15. Other-Self Ins
- 16. Payroll Clearing

B) Consider approval of budget adjustments and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the budget adjustments and transfer as presented by Mr. Anderson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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## 8. General Business

A) Consider approval of a temporary court clerk position in CCL#1 for two weeks to train new court clerk and transfer source of funds to the County Court at Law #1 budget and any appropriate action. (Judge Harper)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve of a temporary court clerk position in CCL#1 for Judge Harper, as presented and it is budget neutral. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

B) Discuss and Consider adding a permanent Taylor County District Attorney's Office Investigator position and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve adding a permanent Taylor County District Attorney's Office Investigator position with the splitting the cost between forfeiture fund and remaining from SB22 fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

C) Consider approval to reclassify Sheriff Dept. Records Division clerk from C2 to C3, a budget neutral transition. (Sheriff Ricky Bishop)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve reclassify Sheriff Dept. Records Division clerk from C2 to C3, a budget neutral transition as presented by Sheriff Bishop. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

D) Discuss current drought conditions and consider implementing a Burn Ban in Taylor County and any appropriate action.

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

E) Discuss and consider using certificate of obligation funds for the Jail and other projects and any appropriate action.

No Motion on Item

Commissioner Williams made a motion to take a ten (10) minute break. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. Motion was made at 9:56 a.m.

Court Reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

- F) Consider approval of entering into or amending Tax Abatement Agreement with Lancium, LLC and Abilene DC1, LLC for property located in Precinct 2, Taylor County, Texas and any appropriate action.

Judge Crowley made a motion to keep the Public Hearing section open to the public and keep it running until February 25<sup>th</sup> and give preliminary approval; two agreements to one and two as amended but not have final approval, no signature, or enter into any agreement until we reconsider it on the 25th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

Judge Crowley made and amended motion to have a Roll Call Vote. The amended motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

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

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

- A) Consider approval of purchasing a Bush Hog Shredder using the Sourcewell Contract and approve in-house financing, and any appropriate action. (Scott Henderson)

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve purchasing a Bush Hog Shredder using the Sourcewell Contract and approve in-house financing as agreed upon with our County Auditor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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**10. Road & Bridge**

- A) Consider a Right of Way application from Taylor Electric Coop to set poles and install single phase 7200 line on CR 154 in Precinct 3 and any appropriate action. (Commissioner Brad Birchum)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve Right of Way application for setting the electric poles for electric transmission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- B) Consider a Right of Way application from Abilene DC 1, LLC to install natural gas pipeline on Summerhill Rd in Precinct 2 and any appropriate action. (Commissioner Kyle Kendrick)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve Right of Way application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- C) Consider setting a Public Hearing for March 11, 2025, to place "No Thru Trucks" signage on Farris Rd, Spinks Rd, Hayter Rd, Summerhill Rd, and Shirley Rd in Precinct 2 and any appropriate action. (Commissioner Kyle Kendrick)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve setting a Public Hearing for March 11, 2025, in the Commissioner Courtroom at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously.

- D) Consider setting a Public Hearing for March 11, 2025, to set the speed limit to 45 mph on CR 405 in Precinct 2 and any appropriate action. (Commissioner Kyle Kendrick)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve setting a Public Hearing for March 11, 2025, in Commissioners Courtroom at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

- E) Discuss and Consider possible updates to the subdivision regulations and any appropriate action. (Judge Phil Crowley)

No Motions Made

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11. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

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The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

*Brandi DeRem*  
County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas



*Phil Crowley*  
County Judge, Taylor County, Texas