

# Taylor County Commissioners' Court

April 22, 2025

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

Pastor Mike Woodard, Southwest Park Baptist Church, gave the invocation and Commissioner Birchum 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.

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular session held on April 08, 2025, and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of April 22, 2025, as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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

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No One Wished to Speak

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5. **Presentations**

A) Present Stewardship Week Proclamation

B) Presentation of Employee Service Awards

Randall Asbill, Construction, 20 Years of Service

C) Presentation of Employee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Awards

Tracy Matthews, Administration of Justice  
Beth Yargus & Alexandria Hudson, Law Enforcement  
Present Telecommunicators' Week Proclamation  
Chairyl Clark, Government Services

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6. **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. Settlement Proceeds
3. VIT Escrow Interest
4. JP 1-1 Tech Fees
5. JP 2 Sec Fees
6. ARPA Local
7. D. A. Special
8. D. A. Seizure
9. Election Contracts
10. Co Law Lib Fund
11. Juvenile Educ Svcs
12. Jail Commissary
13. Juvenile TDA Grant
14. Sheriff Forfeiture
15. Road and Bridge
16. State Fees
17. Self-Insurance
18. Employee Benefit
19. Payroll Clearing

B) Consider and adopt an Order Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Certificates of Obligation; Levying an Annual Ad Valorem Tax and providing for the Security for and Payment of said Certificates; Approving the Official Statement; Providing an Effective Date; and Enacting other Provisions Relating to the

Subject and any appropriate action. (Sam Gill, George Williford, Elijah Anderson)

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adopt an Order Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Certificates of Obligation; Levying an Annual Ad Valorem Tax and providing for the Security for and Payment of said Certificates; Approving the Official Statement; Providing an Effective Date April 22, 2025 and the delivery date of the Certificates for May 22, 2025; and Enacting other Provisions Relating to the Subject and allowing Judge Crowley to sign the Order on behalf of the Commissioners Court. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- C) Consider approval of increasing the starting salary for jail medical staff and increasing current medical staff using unspent salary funds and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve of increasing the starting salary for jail medical staff and increasing current medical staff using unspent salary funds as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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## 7. General Business

- A) Receive annual Justice of the Peace Collection report from Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott and any appropriate action. (Danny Barrett or Representative) (Exhibit)

No Motions Needed

- B) Consider approval to create a temporary part-time misdemeanor attorney position to prepare intake and trial documents remotely until we fill the misdemeanor position and any appropriate action. (Jim Hicks)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to modify the existing position temporarily as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

- C) Consider approval to modify an open attorney position to a temporary Legal Clerk position until the attorney receives their Texas Bar License (Licensed in Florida), and any appropriate action needed. (Jim Hicks)

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve to modify the open attorney position to a temporary legal clerk position until the attorney receives their Texas Bar License and any appropriate action. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

- D) Consider approval of the updated travel policy and any appropriate action. (Elijah Anderson)

Judge Crowley made a motion to approve the proposed changes with the amendment of Law Enforcement travel is exempt from the pre-approval requirement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

- E) Consider approval of collateral assignments of County tax abatement agreement made by assignors, Abilene DC3, LLC; Abilene DC4, LLC, Abilene DC5, LLC; Abilene DC6, LLC; AbileneDC7, LLC; Abilene DC8, LLC in favor of assignee, JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association and any appropriate action. (Frank Stamey)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the collateral assignments and allow the County Judge to sign the 3 agreements for the County tax abatement as presented by Mr. Stamey. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried with 4-1 Vote (Commissioner Kendrick, No). [Exhibit]

- F) Consider approval of being a pass-thru for Moro VFD for award of a Community Foundation of Abilene grant and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to acknowledge the grant and award Moro VFD Community Foundation of Abilene and authorize the County Judge to sign the award, as presented by Mr. Stamey and Chief Smith. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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## 8. Road & Bridge

- A) Consider approval of a Minor Re-plat of lots 5 and 6 in the South Fork Ranch Subdivision in Precinct 3 and any appropriate action. (Commissioner Brad Birchum)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve of a Minor Re-plat of lots 5 and 6 in the South Fork Ranch Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Judge Crowley and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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

- A) Consider approval of purchase and financing of a Case Tractor and Diamond Boom mower through Sourcewell for Pct. 4 and any appropriate action. (Scott Henderson)

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the purchase and financing of a Case Tractor and Diamond Boom mower through Sourcewell contract for Precinct 4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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10. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

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The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

*Brandi DeRemer*      *John Howley*  
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County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas      County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

