

# Taylor County Commissioners' Court

August 12, 2025

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on August 12, 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**

Chuck Statler, Commissioner, Precinct 4 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.

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

A) Consider approval of previous meeting minutes- July 29, 2025, and August 05, 2025

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular sessions held on July 29, 2025, and August 05, 2025, and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of August 12, 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.**

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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5. **Public Hearing**

- A) Convene in a Public Hearing for the County Clerk Records Archive Plan for FY2026

No one Wished to Speak

- B) RECONVENE in Regular Session

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to RECONVENE in Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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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. JP 1-1 Tech Fees
3. JP 3 Sec Fees
4. ARPA Local
5. D. A. Special
6. D. A. Seizure
7. Election Contracts
8. Co Law Lib Fund
9. Juvenile Local
10. Jail Commissary
11. Juvenile TDA Grant
12. Road and Bridge
13. Self-Insurance
14. Employee Benefit
15. Payroll Clearing

- B) Consider approval of Budget Adjustments and Transfers and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve of the Budget Adjustments and Transfers as presented by Mr. Anderson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- C) Consider approval of Budget Adjustments for plumbing supplies and showers at the jail from the approved CO budget and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve of the Budget Adjustments for plumbing supplies and showers at the jail from the CO budget, to move forward with the project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- D) Consider approval of the June 2025 Treasurer's Report and any appropriate action. (Becky Freeman)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve of the June 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented by Becky Freeman, Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- E) FY2026 Budget Discussion and any appropriate action.

No Motions Made

- F) Consider setting the Proposed FY2026 Budget and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve setting the Proposed Budget FY2026 as outlined and presented by Mr. Anderson. The motion was seconded by Judge Crowley and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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

- G) Consider setting the Proposed 2025 Tax Rate and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve setting the Proposed 2025 Tax Rate at 52.01 for General Budget and 3.77 for debit service, for a total tax rate of 55.78. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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

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7. **General Business**

- A) Consider approval and adopt the FY2026 County Clerk Records Archive Plan Fee and Records Archive Plan and any appropriate action. (Brandi DeRemer)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve and adopt the FY2026 County Clerk Records Archive Plan Fee and Records Archive Plan as presented by Mrs. DeRemer, our County Clerk. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- B) Set a Public Hearing for the FY2026 Budget to be held on August 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve setting a Public Hearing for the FY2026 Budget to be held on August 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- C) Set a Public Hearing for the 2025 Proposed Tax Rate to be held on August 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve setting a Public Hearing for the 2025 Proposed Tax Rate to be held on August 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- D) Consider approval of the Tax Assessor-Collector Kay Middleton's 2025 Continuing Education Hours required and any appropriate action. (Tamra Lewis on behalf of Kay Middleton)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve of the Tax Assessor-Collector Kay Middleton's 2025 Continuing Education Hours as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- E) Consider approval of setting the Texas Dept. of Motor Vehicles Imposition of Optional Fee for calendar year 2026 and any appropriate action. (Tamra Lewis on behalf of Kay Middleton)

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve keeping the fee the same amount (\$10.00). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- F) Consider approval of interlocal cooperation agreement between Tom Green County and Taylor County for Jail Services and any appropriate action. (Sheriff Ricky Bishop)

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve of the interlocal cooperation agreement between Tom Green County and Taylor County for Jail Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- G) Consider approval of Resolution 19-25 to become eligible to participate in granting tax abatements and any appropriate action. (Frank Stamey)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve of all three Resolutions pertaining to G, H, I on our agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- H) Consider approval of Resolution 20-25 reestablishing the current Tax Abatement Policy as required by Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code and any appropriate action. (Frank Stamey)

Approved with Item 7G

- I) Consider approval of Resolution 21-25 establishing guidelines, criteria, and policy for designating reinvestment zones as required in Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code and any appropriate action. (Frank Stamey)

Approved with Item 7G

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## 8. Road & Bridge

- A) Consider approval of a preliminary plat for Elmdale RV Park located off of N. Elmdale in Hamby, Pct. 2 and any appropriate action. (Commissioner Kyle Kendrick)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve of a preliminary plat for Elmdale RV Park located off of N. Elmdale in Hamby, Pct. 2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- B) Consider approval of a Right of Way, application from Hugh Brinson Pipeline, LLC to install natural gas line under county roads in Precincts 3 and 4, as listed in the application, and any appropriate action. (Commissioner Birchum, Commissioner Statler)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve of a Right of Way, application permit from Hugh Brinson Pipeline, LLC out of Houston for natural gas pipeline across Precincts 3 and 4 in Taylor County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- C) Consider approval of a Right of Way application from Energy Transfer Fuel LP to install natural gas pipeline under county roads in Precinct 3, as listed in the application, and any appropriate action. (Commissioner Brad Birchum)

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

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

- A) Consider renewal of ITB 2022-109 Rock Road Materials and any appropriate action. (Scott Henderson)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve of the renewal of ITB 2022-109 Rock Road Materials as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- B) Consider renewal of ITB 2022-112 Grade 4 Washed Rock and any appropriate action. (Scott Henderson)

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve of the renewal of ITB 2022-112 Grade 4 Washed Rock and to reach out to Halogen for another quote. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- C) Consider advertising and specifications for ITB 2025-101 Used Motorgrader for Precinct 3 and any appropriate action. (Scott Henderson)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve advertising and specifications for ITB 2025-101 Used Motorgrader for Precinct 3, as outlined by Mr. Henderson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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10. **Executive Closed Session**

- A) **CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION** In accordance with Government Code 551.074, regarding Personnel Matters and Government Code Section 551.076, regarding Security Matters.

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to **CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously; court convened at 9:45 a.m.

- B) **RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION** and any appropriate action.

No Action Taken

Commissioner Williams made a motion to RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously; court reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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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 10:00 a.m.

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The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

*Brandi DeRemer*

County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

*Spine Howley*

County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

