

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

September 09, 2025

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on September 09, 2025, with the following members present:

1. Phil Crowley, County Judge
2. Randall D. Williams, Commissioner, Precinct 1
3. Brad Birchum, Commissioner, Precinct 3
4. Chuck Statler, Commissioner, Precinct 4

Kyle Kendrick, Commissioner, Precinct 2, Not Present

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**

Judge Phil Crowley, County Judge, 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.

Moment of Silence in observance of 24th Anniversary of September 11th.

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

A) Consider approval of previous meeting minutes- August 26, 2025

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular session held on August 26, 2025, and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of September 09, 2025, as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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

5. **Presentations**

A) Present Employee Service Awards

Lydia Pichardo, 30 years, Juvenile Detention Center

6. **Public Hearing**

A) **CONVENE in a Public Hearing** for consideration of entering Tax Abatement Agreements and Amended Tax Abatement Agreements with Lancium, LLC, Abilene DC 1 LLC, Abilene DC 3 LLC, Abilene DC 4 LLC, Abilene DC 5 LLC, Abilene DC 6 LLC, and Abilene DC 8 LLC, for property located in Taylor County.

No One Wished to Speak

B) **RECONVENE in Regular Session**

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

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 Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

1. General Fund
2. JP 1-1 Tech Fees
3. JP 1-2 Tech Fees
4. JP 3 Sec Fees
5. ARPA Local
6. D. A. Special
7. D. A. Seizure
8. Election Contracts
9. Co Law Lib Fund
10. Juvenile Local
11. Jail Commissary
12. Juvenile TDA Grant
13. Sheriff Forfeiture

- 14. Road and Bridge
- 15. Self-Insurance
- 16. Employee Benefit
- 17. Payroll Clearing

B) Receive and Acknowledge the 2025-2026 Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District Budget. (Commissioner Chuck Statler)

No Action Taken

C) Consider approval of budget transfers and adjustments and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve budget transfers as outline by Mr. Anderson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. General Business

A) Discuss and consider Taylor County's inclusion in the Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Service Area, establishment of Magnet Sites, and take any appropriate action. (Missy Mayo-DCOA CEO)

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve Taylor County's inclusion in the Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) Service Area and authorize Judge Crowley to sign on behalf of Taylor County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

B) Consider approval of being a Non SWCD Sponsor for Middle Clear Fork to apply for grant funds to make repairs to the Atkins and Greenlee Conservation Dams in Taylor County and any appropriate action. (Gray Bomar- Middle Clear Fork)

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the application for the grant funds to make repairs on the Atkins and Greenlee Conservation Dams in Taylor County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

C) Consider approval of Memorandum of Lease with Titan Towers, LP for use of property at the Taylor County Expo and any appropriate action. (Laddie Galloway)

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Lease with Titan Towers, LP for use of property at the Taylor County Expo and allow Judge Crowley to sign the Memorandum. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- D) Consider adoption of a Resolution approving Tax Abatement Agreements and Amended Tax Abatement Agreements with Lancium LLC, Abilene DC 1 LLC, Abilene DC 3 LLC, Abilene DC 4 LLC, Abilene DC 5 LLC, Abilene DC 6 LLC, Abilene DC 7 LLC, and Abilene DC 8 LLC, for property located in Precinct 2, Taylor County, and any appropriate action. (Frank Stamey)

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution approving Tax Abatement Agreements and Amended Tax Abatement Agreements with Lancium LLC as presented by Mr. Stamey. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- E) Consider approval of the Insurance Committee's recommendations along with the recommended Employee & Retiree benefit contribution rates for Plan Year 2026 and any appropriate action. (Roseann Seelke)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve of the Insurance Committee's recommendations along with the recommended Employee & Retiree benefit contribution rates for Plan Year 2026 as presented by Mrs. Seelke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- F) Consider approval of the TAC Plan Year 2026 medical benefit renewal and any appropriate action. (Roseann Seelke)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the TAC (Texas Association of Counties) Plan Year 2026 medical benefit renewal as presented by Mrs. Seelke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- G) Consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ACU online and any appropriate action. (Roseann Seelke)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ACU online classes as presented by Mrs. Seelke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- H) Consider approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 employee pay matrix and any appropriate action. (Roseann Seelke)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve of the Fiscal Year 2026 employee pay matrix as presented by Mrs. Seelke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- I) Consider approval of order to adopt the 2025-2026 Commissioner Court dates and any appropriate action. (Tamra Lewis)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve of order to adopt the 2025-2026 Commissioner Court dates as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- J) Consider approval of MOU with Helen Farabee Centers subcontracting with Abilene Recovery Council for providing community-based process for the Outreach, Screening, Assessment, and referral programs with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and any appropriate action. (Karla Rose/Tamra Lewis)

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the MOU with Helen Farabee Centers subcontracting with Abilene Recovery Council and allow Judge Crowley to sign the memorandum. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- K) Discuss drought conditions and consider implementing a possible burn ban and any appropriate action.

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

Judge Crowley made a motion to approve implementing a 90 day burn ban. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Road & Bridge

- A) Discuss and Consider approval of revisions to the existing RV regulations and any appropriate action. (Frank Stamey)

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the revisions to the existing RV regulations for Taylor County as presented by Mr. Stamey. The motion was seconded by Judge Crowley and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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

- A) Consider proposal from Construction Consultants- 3 for running fiber from LEC to Jail Facility through TIPS Contract # 23010402 and any appropriate action. (Scott Henderson)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the proposal from Construction Consultants- 3 for running fiber from LEC to Jail Facility and also branching off to the Juvenile Justice through TIPS Contract # 23010402 as presented by Mr. Henderson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- B) Consider award of ITB 2025-101 Used Motor Grader for Precinct 3 and any appropriate action. (Scott Henderson)

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to award the bid of ITB 2025-101 Used Motor Grader to Yellow House Equipment for the price of \$124,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. **Executive Closed Session**

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

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to **CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. Court Convened in Executive Session at 10:13 a.m.

- B) **RECONVENE in Regular Session** and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to **RECONVENE in Regular Session**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. Court Reconvened in Regular Session at 10:36 a.m.

12. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 23rd day of September 2025.

Brandi DeRume
County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

Shirley Statler
County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

