

NOTICE OF MEETING

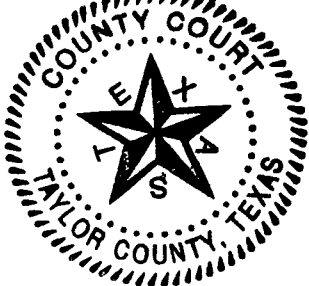
Notice is hereby given that the Taylor County Commissioners' Court will meet in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Taylor County Courthouse (2nd floor) 300 Oak Street, Abilene, Texas, to consider the following items:

1. Call meeting to order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approval of minutes of previous meetings and adopt agenda
4. Presentation of Employee Service Awards
5. Consider approval of budget adjustments and transfers, if any
6. Consider approval of bills for payment
7. Consider approval of November, 2013 Treasurer's Report
8. Discussion regarding participating with the City of Abilene in a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) and any appropriate action
9. Consider Approval of Renewal of FY 14 Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool (TAC RMP) Workers Compensation Program
10. Consider approval to accept a Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement for the Holidays grant from Texas Department of Transportation
11. Discussion regarding holiday fireworks
12. Adjourn

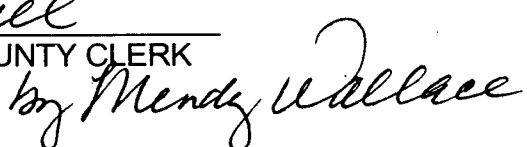
NOTE: *Enumerated agenda items are assigned numbers for ease of reference only, and will not necessarily be considered by the Commissioners' Court in that particular order.*


DOWNING A. BOLLS, JR., TAYLOR COUNTY JUDGE

This is to certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the Taylor County website and on the bulletin at the Taylor County Courthouse, Abilene, TX on the 13th day of December, 2013, at 3:30 p.m., within such time as required by law.




LARRY G. BEVILL, TAYLOR COUNTY CLERK



Taylor County Commissioners' Court

December 17, 2013

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on December 17, 2013, with the following members present:

1. Judge Downing A. Bolls Jr., County Judge
2. Randy Williams, Commissioner, Precinct 1
3. Kyle Kendrick, Commissioner, Precinct 2
4. Stan Egger, Commissioner, Precinct 3
5. Chuck Statler, Commissioner, Precinct 4

When the following motions were heard:

1. Judge Bolls convened the Court in open session at 10:00 a.m.

2. Donna Kleman, Chaplain of the Taylor County Sheriff's Office gave the invocation and Commissioner Kendrick led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 3, 2013 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of December 17, 2013 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

4. Judge Bolls presented the service awards to an individual who has given 15 years service to Taylor County.

Lesa Hart Crosswhite

15 years

County Treasurer

5. Transfers presented by Bridget McDowell, County Auditor were the transfer of carry-over funds from FY13 to FY14. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve budget transfers as recommended by the Auditor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

6. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve bills from the following funds and to order them paid according to minutes of the accounts. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

1. General Fund
2. D. A. Special
3. D. A. Seizure

4. Election Contracts
5. Juvenile Education Services
6. Local TYC
7. Jail Commissary
8. Road and Bridge
9. Capital Construction
10. State Fees
11. Employee Benefit
12. Payroll Clearing

7. Lesa Crosswhite County Treasurer presented the November 2013 Treasurer's Report for approval. The average interest rate for Tex Pool was 0.0446%. Beginning book balance for the General Fund was \$19,930,026.20 and market value was \$19,931,891.28; after receipts and disbursements the ending book balance was \$20,988,672.93 and the ending market value was \$20,980,341.67. Beginning book balance for all funds was \$34,063,965.75 and market value was \$34,065,830.83; the ending book balance was \$34,957,770.44 and the ending market value was \$34,949,439.18. Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the November 2013 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. Norm Archibald, Mayor of Abilene reported to the Court that the Abilene City Council had unanimously approved the creation of a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ). He gave an overview of the benefits of the City's plan for the tax revenue the TIRZ would create. He urged the Court to become a participant. Larry Gilley, City Manager stated that the TIRZ provides incentives to property owners and developers to improve the properties in the TIRZ. These incentives are funded from increases in property taxes collected in the TIRZ. Additional funds from the increased tax revenue and the proceeds would be put into public infrastructure improvements. He requested that the Court consider granting the tax incentives for development the TIRZ. Exhibits provided show the proposed expenditures and area in the TIRZ

Commissioner Egger stated that the County does not receive sales tax to offset the loss of property tax revenue for thirty years. Years ago the Court gave up their portion of sales tax revenue to the City of Abilene and the Economic Development Corporation of Abilene to incentivize economic development within the city limits. He mentioned that the effect of the TIRZ benefits the City and Economic Development Corporations budget by supplanting some of their on-going expenses which would be paid by through the TIRZ instead of the general budget. Commissioner Williams said he has personally witnessed the improvements made in the old Tax Increment Finance District and mentioned the area around the Courthouse needs the improvement the TIRV could possibly bring. However, the effect of the "Over 65" tax freeze was increasing property

taxes on remaining tax payers; forgoing the tax revenue from the TIRZ would only increase that burden. Commissioner Statler stated he believes that obligating 30 years of property tax revenue is too long and too large an amount. He stated that in addition to sales tax revenue the City has various fees that they can increase such as the increase the Council approved increasing water bills. The County does not have fees for services that can be increased to lessen the loss of the tax revenue; approximately 84 percent of the County's operational revenue comes from property taxes. Commissioner Kendrick agreed with the other commissioners and stated that he didn't think the County could afford this commitment at this time. Commissioner Statler asked if the County could reconsider the County's participation in future years. Judge Bolls stated that the goals set forth by the Council were good ones and were needed. However, the County's current financial pressures caused by the increasing burden placed upon counties by State Government were significant. Judge Bolls stated that if the County's present financial circumstances change, he would like to revisit this issue. No action taken by the Court. [Exhibit]

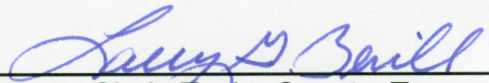
9. Kelly Stephens, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management represented the renewal of Worker's Compensation Insurance. There is an 11% increase in administrative costs. Premiums are set on a rotating 3 year loss equation called modifier. 2009 was low in claims, but it rotated off the experience modifier; 2011 was a high cost modifier year. Additionally, increases in payroll caused some of the higher premium. Ms. Stephens reported the majority of the claims were Sheriff's Department and Juvenile Detention. Bridget McDowell, County Auditor reminded the Court that this increase is only to the administrative costs. Actual medical costs were in addition to this amount. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve Kelly Stephen's recommendation to renew the worker's compensation coverage. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

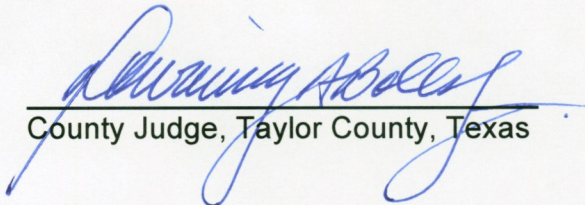
10. Sheriff Bishop requested the Court approve his departments participation in the Texas Department of Public Safety's Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement for the Holidays grant. The Sheriff was asked if he had budget to pay for the matching amount. John Cummins with the Sheriff's Department stated that the grant had a 20% match with some of the match being vehicle maintenance costs and supervisor's time. County Auditor Bridget McDowell stated that the bulk of the match (\$2,137.00) would have to be payroll money and would have to be new money not supplanted. She recommended a transfer from the Sheriff's forfeiture fund. Commissioner Statler made a motion to accept the Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement for the Holidays grant and authorize the necessary transfer from the SO Forfeiture fund for the overtime compensation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

11. Commissioner Statler stated that the County's drought numbers were not sufficient to declare an outright ban on the sale of fireworks during the holidays. However, the Court's standing order banning the use on county right's of way remained in effect and without permission on private property. Sheriff Bishop stated that his deputies would be patrolling and enforcing the order and state law. Judge Bolls reminded everyone that if a citizen shoots fireworks which causes a fire, the citizen could be liable for all damages. Sheriff Bishop agreed stating that the liability could actually be determined to be a felony.

12. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this
31 day of December, 2013.


County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas


County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

