

## Taylor County Commissioners' Court

May 31, 2016

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on May 31, 2016, 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 a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on a citizen's request to close a portion of County Road 174. Because the citizen has withdrawn the request, Commissioner Statler explained the public hearing was unnecessary.

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2. Judge Bolls convened the Court in open session at 10:03 a.m.

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3. Paul Matta, Chaplain with Kinder Hearts Health Care gave the invocation and Commissioner Statler led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America.

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4. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 2016 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of May 31, 2016, removing items 4 & 5 relating to the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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5. Commissioner Kendrick 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 Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

1. General Fund
2. County Clerk's Microfilm
3. Restricted Fees
4. D. A. Special
5. D. A. Seizure
6. Election Contracts
7. Juvenile Education Services
8. Local TYC
9. Jail Commissary

10. Road and Bridge
11. Capital Construction
12. Self-Insurance
13. Employee Benefit
14. Payroll Clearing

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6. Larry G. Bevill, County Clerk presented a contract with the Texas Department of State Health Services, Vital Statistics Unit for access to the Texas Electronic Registration Remote System. Bevill explained this system allows the Clerk's office to access and print abstract birth certificates for citizens born in any county in Texas. The term of the contract is a two year contract. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the contract with Texas Department of State Health Services for the purpose of Vital Statistics. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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7. Judge Bolls presented the renewal of the MOU between agencies involved in the Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center and the Center's Working Protocols. Judge Bolls stated there were no substantive changes to either document. Child Advocacy centers operate under the Texas Family Code §264.401; and is a place where families and children who are victims of crime can go for help and the Center facilitate the same groups as they go through the justice system. Judge Bolls made a motion the MOU for Abilene/Taylor County Child Advocacy Center be approved which includes the Working Protocols. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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8. Scott Henderson, Purchasing Agent informed the Court there was an exemption to the competitive bidding statutes that allows the Court to purchase a personal or professional service without competitively bidding the service. He stated that it was appropriate to take the exemption for contracting with bond counsel. Commissioner Egger stated that due to time considerations involved in calling a bond election, he felt it was necessary to declare the exemption. Commissioner Egger made a motion to use the discretionary exemption Local Government Code §262.024 (a) (4) for selecting Bond Counsel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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9. Commissioner Egger stated the County had used McCall, Parkhurst and Horton on previous the bond issue at the Expo and the certificates of obligation for the Plaza Building renovation. After contacting them, he learned that the individual who is representing McCall, Parkhurst, and Horton had experience working with Taylor County on the Plaza project which will further assist in the process. Commissioner Statler made the comment this is one of the steps the Court must

take before it can consider the request to call the bond election. Commissioner Egger made a motion to select McCall, Parkhurst, and Horton LLP for bond counsel for the upcoming bond election that hopefully will be called in August. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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10. Scott Henderson, Purchasing Agent informed the Court the current vendor for the culvert contract had declined to accept a renewal. Henderson presented specifications and advertising for ITB 2016-101 Culverts for approval. The Court discussed whether eliminating the optional requirement to have culverts delivered to job sites in addition to the County barns might decrease costs. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the specifications and advertising for ITB 2016-101 Culverts with the exemption of the project site delivery. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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11. Commissioner Statler reminded the Court that a citizen had requested closing a portion of County Road 174. He reported that after contacting adjoining land owners he received several letters requesting the road not be closed including from a Runnel's County Commissioner. The correspondence stated that the closure would be an inconvenience to them. Commissioner Statler made a motion to dismiss the request for abandonment of the portion of County Road 174 previously requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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12. The item to approve an interlocal agreement with Shackelford County to house inmates from the Taylor County Jail remained on the table.

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13. Judge Bolls stated that in accordance with Government Code §551.074 the Court would convene in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Williams made a motion to convene in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Egger and carried unanimously.

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14. Commissioner Williams made a motion to reconvene in regular session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. Judge Bolls stated that no action would result from the executive session.

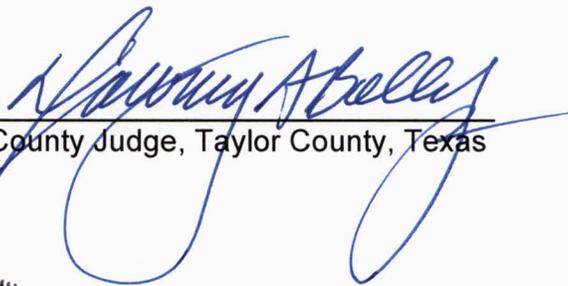
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15. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

  
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County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

  
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County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

