

# Taylor County Commissioners' Court

November 15, 2016

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on November 15, 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. 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.

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2. Reverend Paul Matta gave the invocation and Commissioner Kendrick led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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3. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes for the meetings on November 1 and 8, 2016 and to adopt the agenda as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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4. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve budget transfers as recommended by the Auditor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. Bridget McDowell County Auditor advised the Court that the budget expense for court appointed attorneys was at \$2,600,000.00. In family court only, the expense was over \$1,000,000.00. [Exhibit]

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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]

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| 1. General Fund                | 8. Jail Commissary    |
| 2. County Clerk's Microfilm    | 9. Sheriff Forfeiture |
| 3. Restricted Fees             | 10. Road and Bridge   |
| 4. D. A. Special               | 11. Lateral Road      |
| 5. Election Contracts          | 12. State Fees        |
| 6. Juvenile Education Services | 13. Employee Benefit  |
| 7. Local TYC                   | 14. Payroll Clearing  |

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6. Lesa Crosswhite County Treasurer presented the October 2016 Treasurer's Report for approval. Beginning book balance for the General Fund was \$25,241,626.26 and market value was \$25,191,900.29; after receipts and disbursements the ending book balance was \$24,014,902.38 and the ending market value was \$23,939,384.22.

Beginning book balance for all funds was \$39,057,365.60 and market value was \$39,007,639.63; the ending book balance was \$37,137,767.47 and the ending market value was \$37,062,249.31. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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7. Bill Noonan, architect with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper presented information on replacing sections of the aggregate paving around the courthouse. He identified areas needing replacement as well as cost. He recommended the Court rebid the project as a standalone as opposed to accepting the previous alternate bid which was a part of the parking lot project. He reasoned the standalone project bids might be as much as \$55,000.00 under the previous bid. Commissioner Williams made a motion that the Court go back out for bid for replacement of the aggregate panels as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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8. Judge Bolls announced the Court had received a letter of retirement from Ronny Doan, Justice of the Peace Precinct 2. Judge Bolls inquired as to the budgetary implications. Bridget McDowell County Auditor responded since the salary for the elected official has been set in the budget the salary for the new appointee would be that budgeted amount. The Court can change the salary at the following fiscal year if they so choose. Commissioner Statler made a motion that the Court accept the letter of retirement from the Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 and authorize the advertising for applications be published and close the window for accepting applications on December 2, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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9. Judge Bolls announced that the Court had received a letter of retirement from Larry Gill, Constable Precinct 2. Commissioner Statler noted whomever the Court appointed would need to become law enforcement certified within 180 days. Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the letter of retirement from the Constable of Precinct 2, Larry Gill effective December 31, 2016 and authorize the advertisement to accept applications until 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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10. Judge Bolls presented a resolution for State Funds to provide Legal Counsel to Indigent Criminal Defendants. As a result of Senate Bill 7 which went into effect in 2001 the County's appointed attorney cost for non-family court matters has risen from approximately \$430,000.00 to \$1,600,000.00. During the same time the State partially funded that increase to the amount of around \$130,000.00. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution for State Funds to provide Legal Counsel to Indigent Criminal Defendants as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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11. Judge Bolls presented a resolution for State Funds to fully fund governmental programs required by State law. He stated that the State of Texas, both the Legislature and state agencies require counties to administrate and pay for certain programs, but do not provide the funding causing counties to raise taxes. This resolution addresses this inadequacy commonly called "unfunded mandates". Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the resolution for State Funds to fully fund governmental programs required by State law. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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12. Judge Bolls presented a resolution for Opposition to Appraisal and Revenue Caps imposed by State legislation on local government. Each year the leadership in State government attempts to cap the ability of local government to meet the financial burden caused by unfunded and underfunded mandates from the State legislature and its agencies. This would leave the counties with the only resort to balance their budgets by cutting or eliminating local services. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the resolution for Opposition to Appraisal and Revenue Caps imposed by State legislature on local government. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

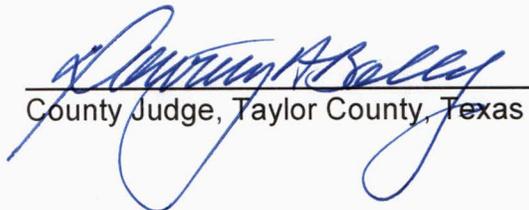
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13. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

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The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

  
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County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

  
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County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

