

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

November 29, 2016

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on November 29, 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.

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

3. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on November 15 and 22, 2016 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of November 29, 2016 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. Judge Bolls presented the service awards to employees who have given 15 years and more service to Taylor County.

Mary Ross	350 th District Court	15 years
Cynthia Whalen	Sheriff's Office	25 years
Judge Lee Hamilton	104 th District Court	25 years

5. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve budget transfers as recommended by the Auditor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

6. Commissioner Statler 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. Juvenile Education Services

7. Local TYC
8. Jail Commissary
9. Sheriff Forfeiture
10. Road and Bridge
11. Capital Construction
12. Employee Benefit
13. Payroll Clearing

7. George Williford from First Southwest presented and discussed with the Court the various steps in the process leading up to the issuance and sale of the bonds for the Expo Improvement project. [Exhibit]

8. Judge Bolts read the Resolution expressing official intent to reimburse costs of projects. Bridget McDowell, County Auditor explained passage of this resolution would authorize the County to be reimbursed from bond proceeds for expenditures made prior to the actual issuance of the bonds and receipt of the revenue. Those costs could include official notices, legal fees and similar. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the Resolution expressing official intent to reimburse costs of projects. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Sheriff Ricky Bishop presented a request to locate on County property a Law Enforcement Memorial of the Big Country. He explained the memorial would honor those law enforcement officers who had died in the line of duty serving Taylor County and including Department of Public Safety troopers. Donna Kleman, chaplain for the Sheriff's Department informed the Court the memorial would be granite in construction and she and others were working to have the cost of the project donated. There would be no expense from Taylor County. After discussion, Sheriff Bishop recommended the memorial be located on the grounds of the Old Courthouse. This would facilitate both private visits from family and friends to the memorial as well as provide ample room for the annual recognition and remembrance ceremony. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the placement of the Law Enforcement Memorial of the Big Country on the West side of the entrance to the Old Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Commissioner Statler presented a Resolution to transfer property from the City of Abilene. The triangle shaped property is located toward the Northeast corner of the Expo Center. Previously the Texas Department of Transportation deeded it to the City. We have requested the City deed the property to Taylor County. The City requires a stipulation that the property revert back to the City if the County ceases to use it for the Expo Center. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the Resolution of transfer of property at the Taylor County Expo from the City of Abilene. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

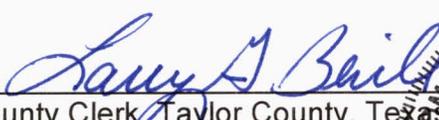
11. Judge Bolls presented information from the Texas Forest Service that estimates drought conditions in Taylor County. Commissioners discussed the high level of fuels in the rural areas and voiced concern over the dry conditions which would be exacerbated by upcoming freezing weather. Judge Bolls noted the current estimates did not indicate sufficient drought conditions to authorize the Court to restrict the sale of aerial fireworks in the County for the upcoming holiday seasons.

12. Sheriff Bishop and Frank Stamey, Assistant District Attorney presented the Court with an updated Order prohibiting the use of fireworks on County Roads and County Road Rights of Way. They explained the previously approved order could be construed to only be in effect during drought condition when the Court's intention was to prohibit their use at all times. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Order prohibiting the use of fireworks on County Roads and County Road Rights of Way. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Commissioner Williams presented an Interlocal Agreement between Taylor County and the City of Tye. In the agreement the County will furnish labor, machinery and materials to pave Airbase Road. In turn, the City of Tye will reimburse the County for all fuel, material and labor costs. The City will also provide water the County will use in maintenance of other roads in the City limits and county roads within the City of Tye's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. Commissioner Williams noted that Commissioners' Courts have previously approved this type of agreement for other small municipalities in the County. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Taylor County Precinct 1 and the City of Tye. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 13th day of December, 2016.


County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas


County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

