

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

January 10, 2017

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on January 10, 2017, 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. Brad Birchum, 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. Commissioner Williams 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 for the meeting of December 27, 2016 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of January 10, 2017 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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. [Exhibit]

5. 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 Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

1. General Fund
2. Tobacco Settlement
3. Restricted Fees
4. D. A. Special
5. D. A. Seizure
6. Juvenile Education Services
7. Local TYC
8. Jail Commissary
9. Road and Bridge
10. Capital Construction
11. Employee Benefit

12. Payroll Clearing

6. Lt. Craig Griffis with the Sheriff's Department presented the annual Interlocal Agreement with the City of Dallas to participate in the Internet Crimes Against Children program. As in previous years, the funding amount continues to decrease; the amount for this year is \$3,000.00. Additionally, the County receives training and may receive assistance in investigation. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Dallas for North Texas Internet Crimes Against Children Grant funding. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

7. Commissioner Statler reported progress is being made to transfer ownership of the Buffalo Gap Historical Village to the County's ownership. The Village and County would operate similarly to the Expo Center; the County will own the buildings, land and associated property and a board of directors would be set up to lease the assets and run the operations. Frank Stamey, Assistant District Attorney stated completion of the contract, deed, 501C3 designation and other documents were nearing completion. Commissioner Statler made a motion that the Taylor County Commissioners Court approve the transfer of the Buffalo Gap Historical Village property to Taylor County and authorize the County Judge to sign any documents necessary to facilitate this transfer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

8. Commissioner Statler presented a quitclaim deed along with other documents transferring a small piece of land adjacent to the Expo Center from the City of Abilene to Taylor County. He explained the land was originally deeded by the County to the State for building Loop 322. He also stated if the land was used for any other purpose other than the Expo ownership must revert to the City. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the property transfer from the City of Abilene adjacent to the Taylor County Expo as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Commissioner Williams made a motion to appoint Commissioner Statler to the Abilene/Taylor County Events Venue Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

10. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to appoint Commissioner Birchum to the Frontier Texas Board as an ex-officio, non-voting member. The motion was

seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

11. Judge Bolls and Commissioner Kendrick presented the Court with Certificates of Training in Open Meetings and the Public Information Act. The training is statutorily required and is for new Elected Officials as well as certain appointed officials. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Certificates for Elected and Appointed Officials training on the Open Meetings and Public Information Act. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Scott Henderson, Purchasing Agent presented a resolution by which the Court would request membership in the PACE Purchasing Cooperative. He stated the Cooperative is formed by the Education Service Center, Region 20 and is similar in function to other purchasing cooperatives. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution with PACE Purchasing Cooperative as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Scott Henderson, Purchasing Agent presented an Interlocal agreement between Taylor County and Education Service Center, Region 20 establishing responsibilities and certain procedures with membership in the PACE Purchasing Cooperative. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with PACE Purchasing Cooperative. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Scott Henderson, Purchasing Agent presented a list of equipment from various departments to be declared surplus and sold at an upcoming CM auction. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the surplus property as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

15. Commissioner Kendrick stated his opinion that conditions in his precinct did not necessitate ordering a ban on outdoor burning. He believes there is sufficient moisture in place and the forecast includes good chances for additional accumulations in the coming days. The other Commissioners concurred with his assessment. The Keetch-Byram Index for Taylor County is in the 200-300 range supporting their decision. [Exhibit]

16. Judge Bolls announced in accordance with Government Code § 551.074 the Court would convene in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to convene in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The Court was in Executive Session at 10:28 a.m.

17. Commissioner Williams made a motion to reconvene in open session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The Court reconvened at 11:21 a.m.

18. Commissioner Statler made a motion to accept the resignation of the Precinct 2 Constable Todd Yaddow as he has submitted a letter resigning for personal reasons and authorize the Director of Human Resources to advertise for the position for a two week period and close the window on the 27th January at 5:00 p.m. giving people two weeks to look at the posting on the Taylor County web site and submit their applications for the open position. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

19. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 24th day of January 2017.


County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas


County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

