

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

January 24, 2017

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on January 24, 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. Reverend Don Wilson of First Christian Church gave the invocation and Commissioner Birchum 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 January 10, 2017 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of January 24, 2017 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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

Ray Hernandez	Sheriff's Office	15 years
Maxine Salazar	Jail	15 years

Judge Bolls presented the Employee of the 4th Quarter Awards:

Assistant Auditors	Auditor's Office	Gov't and Svcs.
Caitlin Culpepper	Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement
Lynn Broyles	Juvenile Probation	Adm. of Justice

Judge Bolls presented the Employee of the Year Awards:

Lynn Broyles	Juvenile Probation	Adm. of Justice
Mike Bacon	Information Technology	Gov't and Svcs.
Lori Staggs	Constable Precinct 1	Law Enforcement

Judge Bolles and Judge Hamilton made presentations to Bridget McDowell, retiring County Auditor in recognition and appreciation for her 28 years of service to Taylor County.

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 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. 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. State Fees
11. Self-Insurance
12. Employee Benefit
13. Payroll Clearing

7. George Williford with First Southwest presented information on the General Obligation Bonds approved by voters for improvements at the Expo Center. Taylor County received a AA+ rating from both Fitch Ratings as well as Standard and Poor's. The bonds will be repaid over a 22 year period at 5.4% projected tax rate, due to the rating and low interest rate received. Sam Gill with McCall, Parkhurst & Horton stated the Court's Order would authorize the execution of the bond agreement, which would be released to the underwriters and authorizes the release of the official statement to investors. Additional documents will be forwarded to the Attorney General. Commissioner Statler made a motion to adopt the order authorizing the issuance and sale of Taylor County, Texas Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017; Levying an Annual Ad Valorem Tax and providing for the Security for and Payment of said Bonds; approving the Official Statement and providing an Effective Date and enacting other provisions relating to the subject. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. Lesa Crosswhite County Treasurer presented the December 2016 Treasurer's Report for approval. Beginning book balance for the General Fund was \$23,704,832.16 and market value was \$23,616,665.21; after receipts and disbursements the ending book balance was \$35,222,895.32 and the ending market value was \$35,119,957.22. Beginning book balance for all funds was \$35,552,217.70 and market value was \$35,464,050.75; the ending book balance was \$47,512,680.27 and the ending market value was \$47,409,742.17. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Bettye Gindratt, Director of Social Services reported to the Court the cost of medicines prescribed in the Medication Assistance Program. The Program is for acute and crisis care as a last resort for customers so it is seldom used. Under current policy, predominate medicines needed by customers cost too much for purchase by program parameters. She stated the program parameters haven't changed in years and suggested the Court change the policy to state "Eligible individual shall receive assistance for not more than three (3) prescriptions per service with total amount not to exceed \$600.00 or one month supply or whichever comes first. Assistance is not to exceed two (2) consecutive months (or any months) per calendar year. Extension beyond the period of two months shall be at the joint discretion of the Director of the Department and a three person Board sub-committee not to exceed two (2) months extension." Commissioner Williams made a motion to adopt changes to current policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. The Court received a presentation from Ashley Cureton from the Texas Association of Counties Wellness Coordinator. She described various opportunities and options in wellness programs for County employees. [Exhibit]

11. Cathy Taff Director of Human Resources and Risk Management informed the Court that TAC has offered to allow Taylor County to switch from Enhanced Blue Care to the Standard level program. The program change is being considered was because there were three parts of the Blue Enhanced program which weren't being utilized by employees, who were instead choosing to use the similar programs which are part of the free Healthy County program. The change will save the County \$.60 per employee per month which is approximately \$3,960.00 per year while retaining the same level of service. Commissioner Birchum made a motion to accept the proposal to go from Blue Enhanced to the

Blue Standard Care Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit].

12. Commissioner Birchum presented a preliminary plat for Hillside Addition located in Precinct 3. The subdivision is developed by Tom Lindley. The roads and drainage exceed county requirements. Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the preliminary plat for Hillside Addition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

13. Commissioner Statler reported he had met with a Hendrick Hospital consultant with concerning the Intergovernmental Transfer Program from the Health and Human Services Commission for Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement 1115 waiver program. After speaking with the consultant and consulting the County Auditor and Becky Freeman from the County Treasurer's office he recommended a \$300,000.00 payment which allow the maximum drawdown in support of indigent health care. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the payment for the Intergovernmental Transfer Funds of \$300,000.00 to the Health and Human Services Commission for Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement 1115 waiver program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick [No Exhibit Provided]

14. Judge Bolts made a motion to appoint Chuck Statler as Judge Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

15. Commissioner Statler reported due to departmental administrative and management duties it is necessary for the County to appoint a Director for the Department. He said Justin Williams has done a good job managing the Environmental Department's inspections and in dealing with the public. Commissioner Statler made a motion to appoint Justin Williams as Environmental Director and also because of expanded responsibilities include a two percent increase in pay. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

16. Scott Henderson, Purchasing Agent presented an amendment titled Exhibit – A Work Order #2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Taylor County and Parkill, Smith and Cooper for the Expo Center Master Plan. The agreement is between Taylor County and Parkhill, Smith and Cooper. The amendment adds consultant fees and other services. Cost for architect services to be \$3,667,368.00 and consultant fees of \$874,791.00 for a total of \$4,542,159.00 plus Reimbursable Expenses with an added 15% markup. Commissioner

Williams made a motion to amend Exhibit – A Work Order #2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Taylor County and Parkhill, Smith and Cooper for the Expo Center Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

17. Scott Henderson, Purchasing Agent presented specifications and advertising for I.T.B. 2017-100 Courthouse Sidewalk Replacement. He reported it was much less expensive to replace the decaying exposed aggregate sidewalks with concrete. A tint will be added to the concrete to blend with the existing building materials. Interested bidders will contact Parkhill, Smith and Cooper for construction and bidding documents. Replacing the sidewalks is necessary for safety purposes due to sub-base shifts breaking down the current surfaces. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve specifications and advertising for I.T.B. 2017-100 Courthouse Sidewalk Replacement as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

18. Scott Henderson, Purchasing Agent presented a list of equipment and material to be declared salvage. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the salvage property as presented. 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 Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 7th day of February 2017.



County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas



County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

