

# Taylor County Commissioners' Court

May 2, 2017

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on May 2, 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.

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2. Pastor CV Blake of First Baptist Church Abilene gave the invocation and Commissioner Statler 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 meeting of April 18, 2017 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of May 2, 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

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4. 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]

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| 1. General Fund                | 9. Jail Commissary       |
| 2. County Clerk's Microfilm    | 10. Sheriff Forfeiture   |
| 3. Restricted Fees             | 11. Road and Bridge      |
| 4. D. A. Special               | 12. Capital Construction |
| 5. D. A. Seizure               | 13. Self-Insurance       |
| 6. Election Contracts          | 14. Employee Benefit     |
| 7. Juvenile Education Services | 15. Payroll Clearing     |
| 8. Local TYC                   |                          |

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5. Receive 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report from Treasurer's Office.

Lesa Crosswhite, County Treasurer presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Report as certified by the Taylor County Investment Committee. [Exhibit]

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6. Consider approval of Resolution for Abilene MPO and TASA (Transportation Alternatives Set Aside) Program administered by TXDOT (Texas Department of Transportation).

The proposed project was presented to the Court by E'lisa Smetana MPO Executive Director. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution of support for Abilene MPO and TASA also known as Transportation Alternatives Set Aside program administered by the Texas Department of Transportation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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7. Consider approval of a preliminary plat called Hidden Creek Development located in Precinct 1 off of County Road 297 and US Highway 277.

Jonathan Baum from Enprotec/Hibbs and Todd described the proposed development to the Court. Commissioner Williams made a motion approving the preliminary plat called Hidden Creek Development located in Precinct 1 off of County Road 297 and US Highway 277 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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8. Consider approval on an order of release and cancellation of a public utility easement in the Sandstone Subdivision between lots 2 & 3, Block B in Precinct 3 and any appropriate action.

Owner and Builder J C Cruz of Elegancia Homes reported to the Court that a house had been built over the utility easement and across the lot lines. He presented letters from public utilities in the area that the utility easement was not needed. Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the cancellation and abandonment of the 15 foot utility easement located between Lots 2 & 3 in Block B of the Sandstone Subdivision; the southern half of the utility easement located on the south property line of Lot 2 and seven and one half feet of the utility easement located on the north property line of Lot 3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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9. Consider approval of Sandstone Subdivision Replat of Lots 2 & 3, Block B in Precinct 3 and any appropriate action.

Owner and Builder J C Cruz of Elegancia Homes requested the Court approve the replat. Commissioner Birchum made a motion to replat Lots 2 & 3 of the Sandstone Subdivision as represented by the plat submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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10. Consider approval of bid specifications and advertising R. F. P. 2017-501 Property & Machinery Insurance and any appropriate action.

Specifications and advertising was presented by Scott Henderson, Purchasing Agent. Commissioner Birchum made a motion to accept the bid specifications and advertising for R. F. P. 2017-501 Property & Machinery Insurance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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11. In accordance with Government Code §551.074, Regarding Personnel Matters, convene in Executive Session.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to convene in Executive Session in accordance with Government Code §551.074, regarding Personnel Matters. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. The Court was in Executive Session at 10:36 a.m.

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12. Commissioner Williams made a motion to reconvene in Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. The Court was in Regular Session at 10:46 a.m.

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13. Commissioner Williams stated the Court had previously agreed to reevaluate the Law Librarian position after six months of employment. Commissioner Williams made a motion to increase the salary by nine percent from \$30,100.00 to \$32,809.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

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14. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The Court was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

  
*Larry S. Birchum* County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas      *William M. Ballou* County Judge, Taylor County, Texas