

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

October 1, 2019

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on October 1, 2019, 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 9:00 a.m.

2. Commissioner Birchum made a motion to convene the Court in a Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

Judge Bolls announced the public hearing was concerning the authorization of Taylor County's participation in a program pursuant to Chapter 293C of the Texas Health and Safety Code, including the collection of a mandatory payment from non-public hospitals located in the County to be deposited in a Local Provider Participation Fund (LLPF) to be established by the County, and the amounts of any mandatory payments that the Commissioners' Court intends to require for fiscal year 2020.

No member of the public wished to speak.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

3. Commissioner Williams made a motion to call the regular session of the Commissioners' Court to order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

4. Rich Brown, Pastor of Grace Point Church gave the invocation and Commissioner Williams led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

5. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 17, 2019 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of October

1, 2019 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

6. Judge Bolls presented Proclamations to the following:

- Breast Cancer Awareness to Elyse Lewis of Hendrick Medical Center
- Maj. John Keith Wells Detachment #1472 Marine Corps to Dale Frerich, Commandant
- National 4-H Week to Mary Potter Big Country 4-H Leader and Cody Hill Extension Agent

7. Bills from the following funds were presented by the Auditor. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve payment of the bills and ratify the payroll. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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| 1. General Fund | 7. Road and Bridge |
| 2. CC Rest Fees | 8. Expo Bond – 17 |
| 3. VIT Escrow Interest | 9. Self-Insurance |
| 4. D. A. Special | 10. Employee Benefit |
| 5. Juvenile Educ Srvcs | 11. Payroll Clearing |
| 6. Juvenile Local | |

8. Public Comment in accordance with Local Government Code 551.007

No member of the public wished to speak at this time. No member of the public spoke to any specific item during the individual item discussion and motions.

9. Consider approval of the August 2019 Treasurer's Report and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the August 2019 Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Consider approval of an order authorizing Taylor County to participate in a County Health Care Provider Participation Program, establish a Local Provider Participation Fund, collect a mandatory payment from non-public hospitals located in Taylor County, and use the funds collected for the purposes specified

in Chapter 293C of the Texas Health and Safety Code and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the order authorizing Taylor County's participation in a County Health Care Provider Participation Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. Consider approval of an order implementing the requirements of Taylor County's participation in the program including:
 - a. Creating the Local Provider Participation Fund;
 - b. Adopting the model rules and procedures related to the administration of the LPPF
 - c. Requiring non-public Taylor County hospitals to submit to the County a copy of any financial and utilization data required by and reported to the Department of State Health Services under Texas Health and Safety Code Sections 311.032 and 311.033;
 - d. Designating the Depository Bank for Mandatory Payments received by Taylor County
 - e. Setting the mandatory payment for fiscal year 2020

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the order implementing the requirements of Taylor County's participation in the program as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Burnett County for inmate jail housing and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for housing inmates with Burnett County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Consider approval to pay overtime for Deputies, Correction Officers and Dispatchers while being short staffed into the new fiscal year and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve paying overtime for Deputies, Correction Officers and Dispatchers as presented by the Sheriff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Consider approval to fund a part time position in JP 1-1 to assist while short-staffed until December and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to fund the part time position and pay from the technology fund if possible. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

15. Consider Appointment of Presiding and Alternate Judges for Election Day Vote Centers for the period of September 2019 through August 2020 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to appoint the Presiding and Alternate Judges for Election Day Vote Centers for the period of September 2019 through August 2020 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

16. Consider Appointment of Residing and Alternate Judge for Central County Station and Presiding Judge for Early Voting Ballot Board for the November 5, 2019 Constitutional Amendment Election and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the appointment of Presiding and Alternate Judges for Central County Station and Presiding Judge for Early Voting Ballot Board for the November 5, 2019 election as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

17. Consider setting a Public Hearing to abandon a 40 ft. undeveloped easement designated for an extension of Yucca Street located outside the City Limits of Merkel and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to set a Public Hearing to abandon a 40 ft. undeveloped easement designated for an extension of Yucca Street located outside the City Limits of Merkel for the next Commissioners' Court Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

18. Consider approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Abilene Recovery Council for Outreach Screening, Assessment and Referral Program (OSAR) and Pregnant/Postpartum Intervention Program (PPI) and any appropriate action

Judge Bolts made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Abilene Recovery Council for Outreach Screening, Assessment and Referral

Program and Pregnant/Postpartum Intervention Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

19. Consider approval of FY2020 Matrix recommendations from the Personnel Committee and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the FY2020 Matrix adjustments as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

20. Consider approval of updated travel reimbursement rates and changes to the reimbursement of expenses chapter of the Policy and Procedure Manual and any appropriate action

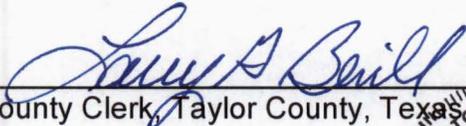
Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the updated travel reimbursement and reimbursement expense chapter in the Policy Manual as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

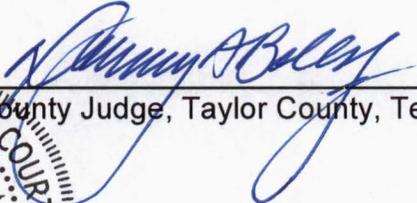
21. Consider approval of a new lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for new mail machine and Jury Address Software any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Pitney Bowes lease agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

22. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 15th day of October, 2019.


County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas


County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

