

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

July 7, 2020

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on July 7, 2020, 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. Dr. Jay Hiller, Senior Pastor of Mosaic Church of Abilene gave the invocation and Commissioner Statler led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

3. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 23, 2020 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of July 7, 2020 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. Judge Bolls presented the Texas Historical Commission's Distinguished Service Award to the Taylor County Historical Commission and its Chair Jeff Salmon.

Commissioner Statler presented a 10 year Service Award to Judge Bolls

5. 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 Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

1. General Fund
2. CC Rest Fees
3. JP 2 Sec Fees
4. JP 3 Sec Fees
5. D. A. Seizure
6. Election Contracts
7. Juvenile Educ Srvcs
8. Juvenile TDA Grant
9. Juvenile Local

- 10. Jail Commissary
- 11. Road and Bridge
- 12. Expo Bond – 17
- 13. LEC Construction
- 14. Self-Insurance
- 15. Employee Benefit
- 16. Payroll Clearing

- 6. Consider approval of a resolution with the Development Corporation of Abilene (DCOA) relating to allowing businesses located in the Abilene ETJ in Taylor County to apply for, and if approved, to receive economic development assistance from the DCOA, and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the resolution with the Development Corporation of Abilene relating to allowing businesses located in the Abilene ETJ to apply for assistance through this grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- 7. Discuss and consider preliminary debt financing for LEC renovation and 1915 Courthouse Taylor County Courthouse restoration and any appropriate action. [Exhibit]

No action was taken.

- 8. Discuss and consider appointment of Veteran Service Officer and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to appoint Brian Massey, United States Army Veteran, who has been with the Veteran's Service Office for several years to be the Chief Veteran Service Officer for Taylor County and assign the salary at \$40,000.00 effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

- 9. Consider approval of contract with Tyler Eagle for Recording and Vital Records system and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the contract with Tyler Eagle for Recording and Vital Records documents system. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Consider approval of acceptance of .21 acres identified as part of Five Oaks Rd. (CR 636) in Precinct 1 through a Quitclaim Deed to Taylor County and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to accept the Quitclaim regarding the .21 acres identified as part of Five Oaks Road or CR 638 in Precinct 1 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. Consider approval of setting a public hearing to abandon an undeveloped and unnamed road in Bettes Heights Addition that is in the west ETJ of City of Merkel located in Precinct 2 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to set the public hearing for July the 21st at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

12. Consider acceptance of grant award and approval of agreement with Texas Dept. of Transportation for county road infrastructure and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the acceptance of the grant awarded by Texas Dept. of Transportation for county road infrastructure as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Consider acceptance of roads in Tuscola Trails II Subdivision or Pepper Creek Trail, Sun Creek Trail and extension of Caddo Trail and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to accept the roads named Pepper Creek Trail, Sun Creek Trail and Caddo Trail into the County road inventory in the Tuscola Trails Subdivision Section II located in Precinct 3 off Highway 83, South of Tuscola. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Consider renewal for ITB 2018-102, Jail Pharmaceuticals and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to renew ITB 2018-102, Jail Pharmaceuticals bid as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

15. Consider review for ITB 2019-101 Gas and Diesel fuel for Precincts and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve renewal of ITB 2019-101 Gas and Diesel for the Precincts as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

16. Consider extending opening date of RFP 2020-502 Jail Facility Control System Retro-Fit to July 23, 2020 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the extension of the opening date of RFP 2020-502 Jail Facility Control System Retro-Fit to July 23, 2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit Provided]

17. Consider drought conditions on outdoor burning and implementing a burn ban and any appropriate action.

After discussion of local conditions in each Precinct, the Commissioners' Court took no action and did not implement a ban on outdoor burning. [Exhibit]

18. FY 21 Budget Discussion [No Exhibit Provided]

The Court discussed the FY 21 budget, but took no action on any item.

19. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 21st day of July, 2020.

Larry A. Beil
County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

Dwain A. Bailey
County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

