

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

July 21, 2020

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on July 21, 2020, with the following members present:

1. Judge Downing A. Bolls Jr., County Judge
2. Kyle Kendrick, Commissioner, Precinct 2
3. Brad Birchum, Commissioner, Precinct 3
4. 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. Public Hearing on Abandonment of an undeveloped and un-named portion of road in Bettes Heights Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas

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

No member of the public wished to speak.

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

3. Dustin Wilhite, Pastor of Aldersgate United Methodist Church gave the invocation and Commissioner Kendrick led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

4. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on July 7 and 14, 2020 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of July 21, 2020 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

5. Judge Bolls presented a Service Award to an employee who has given 20 years and more service to Taylor County

LaTonda Whisenhunt

District Attorney

20 years

6. Consider filing proof of claim in PerduePharma Bankruptcy case relating to opioids and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion for Taylor County to join the unsecured class action claim against PerduePharma to receive part of the settlement and authorize the Judge to be the signatory. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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 Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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| 1. General Fund | 9. Jail Commissary |
| 2. CC Rest Fees | 10. Sheriff Forfeiture |
| 3. D. A. Special | 11. Road and Bridge |
| 4. D. A. Seizure | 12. State Fees |
| 5. Election Contracts | 13. Self-Insurance |
| 6. Juvenile Educ Srvcs | 14. Employee Benefit |
| 7. Juvenile TDA Grant | 15. Payroll Clearing |
| 8. Juvenile Local | |

8. Consider approval of the June 2020 Treasurer's Report and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the June 2020 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Consider and adopt a Resolution directing publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation for improvements to County owned buildings and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the Resolution directing publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation for improvements to county owned buildings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Consider approval of Grant Application and Resolution for 2020 HAVA Election Security Grant Funds and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Grant Application and Resolution for 2020 HAVA Election Security Grant Funds as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. Consider approval of application for State Comptroller Unclaimed Property Capital Credits in conjunction with LGC Section 381.004 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the application for the State Comptroller Unclaimed Property Capital Credits. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Consider approval of the Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue Budget and Interest in Sinking Funds for FY20-21 and any appropriate action

Judge Bolls made a motion to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Consider approval of Taylor County Road and Bridge Fee and Child Safety Fee with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Road and Bridge Fee as presented with no changes from the current schedule. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Consider approval of FY20 Continuing Education Hours for County Tax Assessor-Collector, Kay Middleton and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Continuing Education Hours for County Tax Assessor-Collector Kay Middleton as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

15. Consider approval of Order Abandoning Platted undeveloped and Unnamed Road in the Bettles Heights Addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County Texas

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Order Abandoning Platted Undeveloped and Unnamed Road in the Bettles Heights Addition in the City of Merkel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

16. Consider approval of Resolution to modify and extend the Taylor County Disaster Declaration and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the Resolution to modify and extend the Taylor County Disaster Declaration. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

17. Consider approval of recommendations from the Insurance Committee on Employee Health Benefit costs, and premiums and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the insurance rates as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

18. Consider approval of replacement investment options in the Nationwide 457b Deferred Compensation Plan and any appropriate action

The Court took no action. [Exhibit]

19. Declare Surplus Property and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to declare the item as surplus as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

20. FY 2021 Budget Discussion

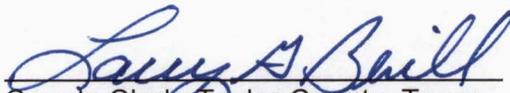
The Court discussed proposed revenue and expenditures [Exhibit]

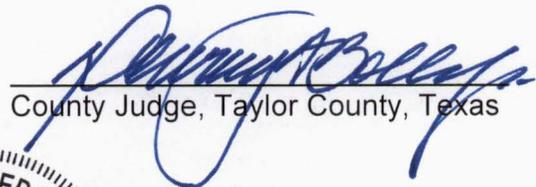
21. Set Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and Tax Rate

No Action was taken [Exhibit]

22. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 4th day of August, 2020.


County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas


County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

