

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

September 1, 2020

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on September, 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. and announced the Court would conduct a public hearing regarding the FY 2021 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate
2. Public Hearing regarding the FY 2021 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate

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

No member of the public wished to speak.

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

3. Commissioner Birchum made a motion to call the Regular Meeting of the Taylor County Commissioners' Court to order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. DeWayne Bush, Constable Precinct 3 and Pastor of First Baptist Church of Tuscola 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.

5. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 18, 2020 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of September 1, 2020 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

6. Judge Rex Fields, Eastland County Judge and Judge Bolls presented Commissioner Chuck Statler with the 2020 Official of the Year Award from the West Texas County Judge's and Commissioners' Association.

7. Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve budget transfers as recommended by the Auditor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. 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]

1. General Fund
2. Settlement Proceeds
3. CC Rest Fees
4. JP 2 Sec Fees
5. JP 3 Sec Fees
6. D. A. Seizure
7. Juvenile Educ Srvcs
8. Juvenile Local
9. Jail Commissary
10. Juvenile TDA Grant
11. Road and Bridge
12. Capital Construction
13. Expo Bond – 17
14. LEC Const
15. Self-Insurance
16. Employee Benefit
17. Payroll Clearing

9. Consider approval of the July 2020 Treasurer's Report from County Treasurer and any appropriate action.

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

10. Consider approval of diesel fuel bond renewal for October 2020 to October 2021 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the diesel fuel bond renewal for October 2020 to October 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. Consider approval of reappointing Tommy Pope to serve on the Abilene/Taylor County 911 Board

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to reappoint Tommy Pope to serve on the Abilene/Taylor County 911 Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [No Exhibit]

12. Consider approval of FY20 Revised Budget and FY21 Proposed Budget for the Abilene/Taylor County 911 Board

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Fiscal 20 Revised Budget and the Fiscal 21 Proposed Budget for the Abilene/Taylor County 911 Board as presented including any adjustments made to the budget as it moves forward. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Consider approval of service agreement renewal for the SAVNS (Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service) Vine Grant with APRISS Inc. and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the service agreement renewal for the SAVNS Vine Grant with APRISS. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

14. Consider approval of order for the Commissioner Court Dates and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Commissioner Court Dates for FY20-21. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

15. Consider approval of the Proposed FY2021 Holidays and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Proposed Fiscal 2021 Holiday Schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

16. Consider approval of agreement with Hendrick Medical Center for hospital and medical services for the County Indigent Program and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the agreement with Hendrick Medical Center for hospital and medical services for the County Indigent Program in the amount of \$600,000.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

17. Consider approval of Resolution to set pay rates for care of inmates in custody at Taylor County Jail and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution to set pay rates for care of inmates in custody at Taylor County Jail as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

18. Consider approval of updated policy for the County Indigent Health Care Program and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the updated policy for the County Indigent Health Care Program as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

19. Consider approval of policy/procedures to the General Assistance Vision Program and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the policy/procedures to the General Assistance Vision Program as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

20. Consider approval of TAC (Texas Association of Counties) Administrative Services Agreement for Health and Employee Benefits Pool and Stop-Loss Agreement and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Texas Association of Counties Administrative Services Agreements for Health and Employee Benefits Pool and Stop-Loss Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

21. Consider approval of resolution for Taylor County District Courts to use Taylor County Expo facilities as auxiliary courtroom annexes during the pandemic and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution for Taylor County District Courts to utilize facilities at the Taylor County Expo for jury selection. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

22. FY2021 Budget Discussion and any appropriate action

The County Auditor presented various items that have been changed from the Proposed Budget to the Final Budget. [Exhibits]

23. Consider approval and adopt the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2021 budget as presented, with total budget expenditures as follows: General Fund of \$59,839,472.00, Road and Bridge of \$4,787,777.00, Debt Service fund of \$4,037,673.00 and \$19,153,799.00 for all remaining funds. This represents a total budget for the Fiscal Year 2021 of \$87,818,721.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum. Roll call vote on Motion: Williams – Aye, Kendrick – Aye, Birchum – Aye, Statler – Aye and Bolls – Aye. The motion passed unanimously. [Exhibit]

24. Consider approval of setting salaries for Elected Officials and Employees for Fiscal Year 2021 as presented and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the setting salaries for Elected Officials and Employees for Fiscal Year 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Roll call vote on Motion: Williams – Aye, Kendrick – Aye, Birchum – Aye, Statler – Aye and Bolls – Aye. The motion passed unanimously. [Exhibit]

25. Consider adoption and Order setting the Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations for Fiscal Year 2021

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adopt the property tax rate for fiscal year 2021 of 57.02 cents per \$100 of property valuation for general maintenance and operations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Roll call vote on Motion: Williams – Aye, Kendrick – Aye, Birchum – Aye, Statler – Aye and Bolls – Aye. The motion passed unanimously. [Exhibit]

26. Consider adoption and Order setting the Tax Rate for Interest and Sinking for Fiscal Year 2021 and any appropriate action

Commissioner made a motion to adopt the property tax rate for fiscal year 2021 of 4.81 cents per \$100 of property valuation for interest and sinking debt obligations. This rate, combined with the M & O rate is the no new revenue tax rate of 61.83 cents for the current tax year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Roll call vote on Motion: Williams – Aye, Kendrick – Aye, Birchum – Aye, Statler – Aye and Bolls – Aye. The motion passed unanimously. [Exhibit]

27. Consider approval of Texans Feeding Texans Grant Resolution for Meals on Wheels Plus, Inc. for FY2021

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Texans Feeding Texans Grant Resolution for Meals on Wheels Plus, Inc. for FY2021 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

28. Consider approval of Texans Feeding Texans Grant Resolution for Rural Taylor County Nutrition through Rural Taylor County Aging Services for FY2021 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Texans Feeding Texans Grant Resolution for Rural Taylor County Nutrition through Rural Taylor County Aging Services for FY2021 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

29. Consider approval of contract renewal agreement with Texas Department of Family and Protective Services beginning October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 for a Community Partners Coordinator in Taylor County and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to renew the contract agreement with Texas Department of Family and Protective Services beginning October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 for a Community Partners Coordinator in Taylor County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

30. Consider approval of specifications and advertising for I. T. B. 2020-105 Structural Repairs and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve specifications and advertising for I. T. B. 2020-105 Structural Repairs to the Law Enforcement Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

31. Consider approval specifications and advertising for I. T. B. 2020-106 Law Enforcement Interior Painting and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve specifications and advertising for I. T. B. 2020-106 Law Enforcement Interior Painting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

32. Consider approval specifications and advertising for I. T. B. 2020-107 Law Enforcement Flooring and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve specifications and advertising for I. T. B. 2020-107 Law Enforcement Flooring. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

33. Consider approval of renewal for I. T. B. 2018-103 Asphalt Materials and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the renewal of I. T. B. 2018-103 Asphalt Materials as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

34. Consider approval renewal for I. T. B. 2017-103 Rock Road Materials and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the renewal of I. T. B. 2017-103 Rock Road Materials as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

35. Consider approval renewal for I. T. B. 2016-102 Office Supplies and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the renewal for I. T. B. 2016-102 Office Supplies as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

36. Consider approval of renewal for I. T. B. 2017-102 Vehicle Service Repairs and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the renewal of I. T. B. 2017-102 Vehicle Service Repairs as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

37. Consider approval to buy Elevator Modernization in the Law Enforcement Center to be purchased from the National IPA Contract # 384889 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve buying Elevator Modernization in the Law Enforcement Center to be purchased from the National IPA Contract #384889 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

38. Consider approval of ratifying the engagement letter with Fitch Ratings, Inc. for credit rating services towards obtaining certificate of obligations for Law Enforcement Center repairs and restoration of 1915 Taylor County Courthouse and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve and ratify the engagement letter with Fitch Ratings, Inc. for credit rating services towards obtaining certificate of obligations for Law Enforcement Center repairs as well as the restoration of 1915 Taylor County Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

39. Consider approval of ratifying the engagement letter with S & P Global Ratings, Inc. for credit rating services towards obtaining certificate of obligations for Law Enforcement Center repairs and restoration of 1915 Taylor County Courthouse and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve and ratify the engagement letter with S & P Global Ratings, Inc. for credit rating services towards obtaining certificate of obligations for Law Enforcement Center repairs as well as restoration of 1915 Taylor County Courthouse. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

40. Consider approval of the Proposed Early Voting Schedule for the November 3, 2020 General Election and any appropriate action

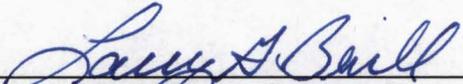
Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Proposed Early Voting Schedule for the November 3, 2020 General Election as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

41. Consider approval of the Proposed Election Day County Wide Vote Center locations for the November 3, 2020 General Election and any appropriate action

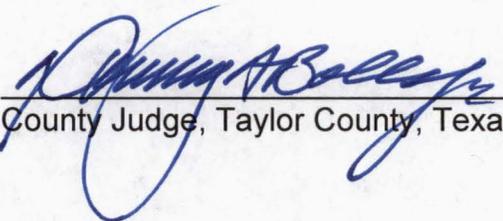
Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Proposed Election Day County Wide Vote Center locations for the November 3, 2020 General Election. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

42. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 15th day of September, 2020.



County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas



County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

