

Taylor County Commissioners' Court
August 3, 2021

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on August 3, 2021, 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. Jeff Reid, Pastor of Pioneer Drive Baptist Church 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 meetings held on July 14, 20 and 27, 2021 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of August 3, 2021 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. Judge Bolls presented the Employee of the Quarter Awards for the 2nd Quarter 2021

John Graham
Ben James
Irma Vela

Sheriff's Office
Juvenile Probation
County Clerk

Law Enforcement
Administration of Justice
Government and Services

5. Public Comment Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.007 of items listed on this agenda. No one wished to speak.

6. 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]

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| 1. General Fund | 4. JP 2 Sec Fees |
| 2. Settlement Proceeds | 5. JP 3 Sec Fees |
| 3. CC Rest Fees | 6. D. A. Seizure |

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| 7. Juvenile Educ Svcs | 12. LEC Const |
| 8. Juvenile Local | 13. Self-Insurance |
| 9. Jail Commissary | 14. Employee Benefit |
| 10. Juvenile TDA Grant | 15. Payroll Clearing |
| 11. Road and Bridge | |

7. Consider approval of June 2021 Treasurer's Report and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the June 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

8. Discuss and consider approval of Employee Health Insurance coverage and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to set the stop loss at \$150,000.00 and not fund the Employee Assistance Program and use the ARPA funds as the Auditor sees fit to offset the cost to employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

9. Consider approval of FY21 Continuing Education Hours for the County Tax Assessor Collector, Kay Middleton and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the FY21 Continuing Education Hours for the County Tax Assessor Collector, Kay Middleton as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

10. Consider approval of Right of Way Application with Atmos Energy to replace an existing gas pipeline along CR 309, 286, 287, 640, 304, 396, 395, 385, 349, 368, 365 in Precinct 2 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Right of Way Application with Atmos Energy to replace an existing gas pipeline along CR 309, 286, 287, 640, 304, 396, 395, 385, 349, 368, 365. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

11. Consider approval of Right of Way Application with Taylor Telecom for fiber optics on Braune Rd/CR in Pct. 1 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Right of Way Application from Taylor Telecom for optics installations on Braune Rd as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. **(TABLED 7-27-2021)** Consider approval of 911 Dispatchers to be included in double overtime pay and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to remove this item from July 27 from the table and place item on the agenda for consideration today. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve moving the dispatchers to double overtime pay effective at the beginning of the next payroll on August 9 and ending at the end of the fiscal year on September 30th. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Consider renewal of Interlocal Agreement with Regional Public Defender Office for capital cases for a biennium starting October 1, 2021 and expiring September 30, 2022 and automatically renew for an additional year and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with Regional Public Defender Office for capital cases for the biennium starting October 1, 2021 and expiring September 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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

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

15. Consider approval of grant application through Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, Wildlife Services program for a County Feral Hog Abatement Grant and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the grant application through Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service, Wildlife Services program for a County Feral Hog Abatement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- 16. Set Public Hearing for Taylor County Clerk Archives Plan and District Clerk Records Fund Plan.

Judge Bolts made a motion to set the Public Hearing for Taylor County Clerk Archives Plan and District Clerk Records Fund Plan for August 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously

- 17. Discuss and Consider Premium Pay Plan with American Rescue Relief Act funds and any appropriate action.

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the Premium Pay Plan for our employees using ARPA funding at \$5,000.00 for Law Enforcement to include Sheriff Department employees, Constable employees and correction and detention employees and \$4,000.00 premium in the first stage for the remainder of the County Employees that are qualified during this time period; broken down for 100% for the 514 employees going to the second step 28 employees and the third step 26 employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

- 18. FY2022 Budget Discussion and any appropriate action.

The Court discussed the budget for Fiscal Year 2022 with the County Auditor including a letter from the Central Appraisal District and other worksheets.

Commissioner Kendrick proposed to move forward with the worksheet presented with the exception of the Constable's vehicle requested and using the ARPA funds for items the County Auditor sees appropriate and utilizing the fund balance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum. [Exhibit]

- 19. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 17th day of August, 2021.

Ray A. Birchum
 County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas

David J. Bolts
 County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

