

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

August 31, 2021

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on August 31, 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. The Court would conduct two public hearings prior to the regular session.

2. Commissioner Birchum made a motion to convene a public hearing on the Taylor County FY2022 Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

David Allman spoke to the FY2022 Proposed Budget requesting additional funding for Taylor County Emergency Medical Service

Commissioner Statler made a motion to close the public hearing on the Taylor County FY2022 Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

3. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to convene a public hearing on the Taylor County Fiscal Year 2022 Tax Rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

No member of the public wished to speak.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to close the public hearing on the Taylor County Fiscal Year 2022 Tax Rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously.

4. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to convene in a regular session of the Commissioners' Court. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

5. Ben Wilson, Pastor for Potosi Baptist 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.

6. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 24, 2021 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of August 31, 2021 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously.

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

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

9. 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. JP 3 Sec Fees
3. D. A. Seizure
4. Election Contracts
5. Juvenile Educ Srvcs
6. Juvenile Local
7. Jail Commissary
8. Juvenile TDA Grant
9. Road and Bridge
10. Expo Bond – 17
11. Historic CH Rest
12. Self-Insurance
13. Employee Benefit
14. Payroll Clearing

10. Consider approval of the July 2021 Treasurer's Report and any appropriate action

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

11. Consider approval of Sheriff and Constable Fees for fiscal year 2022 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the Sheriff and Constable Fees for fiscal year 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

12. Consider approval of Retiree Health Insurance Benefits for calendar year 2022 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Retiree Health Insurance Benefits for calendar year 2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

13. Consider approval of Diesel Fuel Bond Renewal and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Diesel Fuel Bond as pay the bill as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to ratify the service agreement renewal for the SAVNS (Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service) Vine Grant with Appriss Inc. as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

15. Consider approval of a Final Plat called Rodell Addition located in Pct. 3, off of CR 131 and CR 142 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Final Plat for Rodell Addition located in Pct. 3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

16. Consider approval of advertising through social media for open positions using American Rescue Relief Act funds and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to table the item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

17. Consider approval of grant auditor position funded from CSLFRF (ARPA) grants effective September 1, 2021 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the grant auditor position funded from CSLFRF (ARPA) grants effective September 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. The motion was passed by a vote of 3-2 With Commissioner Precinct 1 and 3 and County Judge voting for the motion. [Exhibit]

18. Consider approval of purchase of property from the View Volunteer Fire Department and two related property transfers between the View Volunteer Fire Department and Taylor County in Taylor County Precinct 1 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the purchase of property from the View Volunteer Fire Department and the two related property transfers between the View Volunteer Fire Department and Taylor County Precinct 1 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

19. Consider approval of Right of Way Application from Magellan Midstream Partners for repairs to existing line on CR 349 located in Pct. 2 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the Right of Way Application from Magellan Midstream Partners for repairs to existing line on CR 349 located in Pct. 2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried on a vote of 3-1. Commissioner Kendrick abstained due to personal interest in the property. [Exhibit]

20. Consider approval of Right of Way application from Taylor Telecom for fiber optics in the Blackhawk and Colony Hills Subdivision in Pct. 4 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the Right of Way application from Taylor Telecom for fiber optics upgrades in the Blackhawk and Colony Hills

Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

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

Judge Bolls 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]

22. Consider approval of Resolution to become eligible to participate in granting tax abatements and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the Resolution to become eligible to participate in granting tax abatements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

23. Consider approval of Resolution reestablishing the current Tax Abatement Policy as required by Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to approve the Resolution reestablishing the current Tax Abatement Policy as required by Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

24. Consider approval of Resolution establishing guidelines, criteria and policy for designating reinvestment zones as required in Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the Resolution establishing guidelines, criteria and policy for designating reinvestment zones as required in Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

25. Declare Surplus Property and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to declare the property as surplus as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

26. FY2022 Budget Discussion and any appropriate action

No Action was taken [Exhibit]

27. Consider approval and adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum moved that the Court approve the fiscal year 2022 budget as presented, with total budgeted expenditures as follows: General Fund of \$61,090,538.00, Road and Bridge Fund of \$4,861,994.00, Debt Service Fund of \$4,962,166.00 and \$18,282,517.00 for all remaining funds. This represents a total budget for Fiscal Year 2022 of \$89,197,215.00. This budget includes a fund balance draw of \$442,378.00 from funds that are majority or partially funded by property tax revenues. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick. Judge Bolls conducted a roll call vote; motion carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

28. Consider approval of ratifying property tax increase reflected in the adopted Fiscal Year 2022 budget and any appropriate action

Commissioner Birchum moved that the Court ratify that the previously adopted budget requires an increase over the no new revenue rate of 1.25 pennies per \$100.00 valuation for Property Tax Year 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Statler and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

29. Consider approval of setting salaries for Elected Officials for the Fiscal Year 2022 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve setting salaries for Elected Officials for the Fiscal Year 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

30. Consider adoption and Order setting the Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations for Fiscal Year 2022 [Exhibit]

Commissioner Birchum moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.5512 which is effectively a 2.10 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick. Judge Bolls conducted a roll call vote; motion carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

31. Consider adoption and Order setting the Tax Rate for Interest and Sinking for Fiscal Year 2022.

Commissioner Birchum made a motion to adopt the property tax rate of \$.0558. This interest and sinking debt rate, combined with the adopted maintenance and operations rate, represents a total adopted tax rate of 60.70 cents per \$100.00 of property valuation for the 2021 Property Tax Year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kendrick. Judge Bolls conducted a roll call vote; motion carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

32. Consider approval of contract renewal agreement with Texas Department of Family Protective for Community Partners Coordinator position funding beginning October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the contract renewal agreement with Texas Department of Family Protective for Community Partners Coordinator position funding beginning October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

33. Consider approval of Texans Feeding Texans Grant Resolution FY2022 for Rural Taylor County Nutrition Program and any appropriate action

Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the Texans Feeding Texans Grant Resolution for Rural Taylor County Nutrition Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

34. Consider approval Texans Feeding Texans Grant Resolution FY2022 for Meals on Wheels Plus, Inc. and any appropriate action

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to approve the Texans Feeding Texans Grant Resolution for FY2022 for Meals on Wheels Plus. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

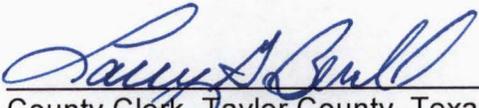
35. In Accordance With Government Code 551.074, Regarding Personnel Matters, CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to convene in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. The Court was in Executive Session at 10:35 a.m.

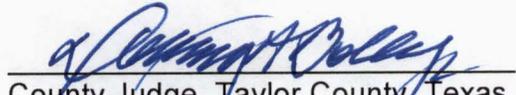
36. RECONVENE in Open Session and any appropriate action
Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to reconvene in Regular Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Birchum and carried unanimously. The Court returned to Regular Session at 11:05 a.m.

37. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this the 28th day of September, 2021.



County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas



County Judge, Taylor County, Texas

