

Taylor County Commissioners' Court

January 3, 2012

The Commissioners' Court of Taylor County met in Regular Session on January 3, 2012, 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. Stan Egger, 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 10:00 a.m.

2. Commissioner Kendrick led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance and Brenton Dowdy, Associate Pastor of Beltway Park Baptist Church gave the invocation.

3. Commissioner Statler made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on December 20, 2011 and to adopt the agenda for the meeting of January 3, 2012 as printed and posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously.

4. Judge Bolls presented the service awards to employees who have given 15 years and more service to Taylor County.

Brenda Polston	Juvenile Justice Center	15 yrs
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5. Commissioner Egger made a motion to approve bills from the following funds and to order them paid according to minutes of the accounts. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

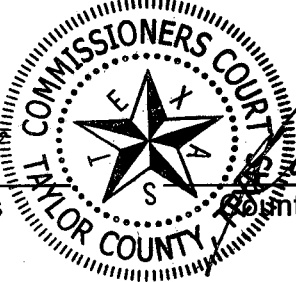
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| 1. General Fund | 7. Local TYC |
| 2. County Clerk's Microfilm | 8. Jail Commissary |
| 3. Commissioners' Special | 9. Task Force – Forfeiture |
| 4. VIT Escrow Interest | 10. Sheriff Forfeiture |
| 5. Election Contracts | 11. Road and Bridge |
| 6. Juvenile Education Services | 12. Payroll Clearing |

6. Commissioner Egger noted the last few day's low humidity with no moisture for the last few weeks. He received a call from a local volunteer fire chief, speaking for several more, of their belief that local conditions require a ban on outdoor burning. Each Commissioner spoke of increasing number of wildfires, noting many were started by fireworks or controlled burns that had escaped control. Commissioner Statler noted that several fires in Precinct 4 were controlled burns that got away from people due to winds. Commissioner Kendrick made a motion to re-impose the ban on outdoor burning for 90 days, ending April 2, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and carried unanimously. [Exhibit]

7. Commissioner Williams began the discussion as he and Commissioner Egger have been working on wording for a procedure for persons conducting an agriculture burn. The Court has individually reviewed the wording and discussion centered around length of barriers around a controlled burn, minimum acreage as well as notification requirements. Commissioner Egger noted that the document finally approved would not be legally binding document but rather a suggested procedure for people to follow. After discussion the Court determined that it would be in the best interest of land owners to not specify a distance for barriers nor a minimum amount of acreage. The Commissioners questioned whether they had the authority to specify or limit these under the law. The Court next discussed the requirement that those conducting an agriculture burn be registered with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Court determined that citizens should contact the volunteer fire department which serves the area where the burn was to occur as well as the Taylor County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Bruce reiterated that communication is the key. He also made mention that as suit for damages to property during a wildfire would be a civil matter. Commissioner Williams will use the information gathered today to further finalize the suggested procedures. [No exhibit provided]

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

The foregoing Minutes have been examined, read and approved this 17th
day of JANUARY, 2012.


Larry D. Brill County Clerk, Taylor County, Texas
William H. Kelly County Judge, Taylor County, Texas