May 17, 2018

The Taylor County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Doug Horton, Jerry Murphy, Charles Ambrose, and Deputy Auditor Sue Cox present.

Murphy made a motion seconded by Ambrose to approve the minutes of last meeting and today’s agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Ambrose discussed staffing at Matura. The state is taking Promise Jobs back. This will eliminate approximately $67,000 in administrative fees. After discussion of several possible solutions to the shortfall; the Board decided to eliminate the assistant position at Matura and fund $10,000 to keep the full-time director at Matura in Bedford.

Murphy discussed custodian Cheryl Wallace concerns. The dirt has receded from the building by the men’s bathroom window. When Bedford received the strong rain, it flooded the men’s bathroom. Since rain is predicted for this weekend the Board asked Jordan Walston to put fill dirt in the receded area and slope it away from the window. There is a varmint in the small shed on the north side of the courthouse. The Board will put steel wool in a hole and bait in the shed.

Sheriff Weed joined meeting to discuss purchasing another car or two in this academic year. The vehicle would be for his chief deputy and they would like a SUV. The Board told him to look at prices and return on Thursday, May 24, 2018.

Horton called Jon Anderson to get an update for the Board on the proposed sow farm. Geological survey has had issues with clay and also issues with water. Rural water will not guarantee water so they cannot build without knowing water will be constant. They have tested for a well and water is not sufficient. They are now researching to see if a pond would be able to help with their water situation. So at this point they are waiting on the study to see if a pond will give sufficient water. Building on this project will not probably happen until this fall at the earliest.

Rick Cabbage with the 360 Housing Committee and Foundation of New Market met with the Board to see what the process is to take ownership of some dilapidated properties in New Market. They also wanted to know if the Board would abate back taxes. Ambrose said the County has abated taxes in the past and would consider these properties as well provided the City of New Market takes possession and cleans up the properties. He advised Mr. Cabbage that he needs to make sure there are no liens on any of the properties as well.

Deputy Auditor Cox discussed with the Board about start date of Mr. Wolf, new engineer. We discussed Mr. Wolf has to Cobra one month of insurance. The Board decided to refund Mr. Wolf for the cost of his Cobra. Deputy Cox will contact Mr. Wolf in reference to this.

Public Hearing was opened by Horton at 11:00 a.m. There were three citizens at the meeting and two from the Engineer’s office. The Engineer’s office brought a letter of opposition to the road closure. All three citizens at the meeting are opposed to the road closure. Since there was only opposition to the road closure expressed, the Board has denied the road closure. Murphy motioned to deny the request to close the road. Horton seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Public hearing closed at 11:20 a.m.
Jim Rowe, Supervisor at the engineer’s office, said they had to change the fuel filters again. There seems to be an issue with their tanks and/or fuel they are receiving. The Board tried to call RK Fuels but received a voicemail. They suggested that Jim Rowe contact them as soon as possible to see what can be done to fix the problem.

Sharon Dalton came to the Board reference the air conditioner not working is making it very hot upstairs. They Board will make a decision on Monday but they do intend to fix as soon as possible.

No further business came before the Board at this time. The meeting was adjourned subject to call.

Attest:

Doug Horton, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
Sue Cox, Taylor County Deputy Auditor