

MINUTES OF MEETING--SEPTEMBER 10, 1996

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On the 10th day of September 10, 1996, the Commissioners' Court convened the Voting Session at 9:08 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor of the Travis County Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Julianne Rompel.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Voting Session at 11:55 AM and reconvened the Voting Session at 2:05 PM.

The Commissioners' Court retired to Executive Session at 4:11 PM and reconvened the Voting Session at 4:41 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 4:49 PM.

RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. APPROVE A TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE OF GRISHAM TRAIL FROM ITS SOUTHERN INTERSECTION WITH PACE BEND PARK ROAD TO THE TATUM COVE BOAT RAMP IN PRECINCT THREE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SAFETY TO THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE "ONE WORLD" MUSIC EVENT AT CAMP CHAUTAUQUA. (9:10 AM)

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Gómez that the Public Hearing be opened.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

Members of the Court heard from Joe Kendall, Chautauqua Foundation; Charles Burgh, Transportation and Natural Resources; and Constable Mike Simpson, Precinct Two.

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Gómez that the Public Hearing be closed.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

2. CONSIDER REJECTION AND QUITCLAIM OF PORTION OF DEDICATION OF DECKER LAKE ROAD AND GILBERT LANE. (EXECUTIVE SESSION ALSO, PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV'T CODE, ANN. SECTION 551.071). (9:13 AM) (4:11 PM) (4:41 PM)

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner that the Public Hearing be opened.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

Members of the Court heard from Joe Gieselman, Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner that the Public Hearing be closed.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 2 would be considered in Executive Session.

No action taken.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No respondents noted. (9:14 AM)

3. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve the following Consent Items: 15 (A), 15 (B), 23, 24, and C.1 - C.13; excluding Items C.10 and C.14. (9:15 AM)

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

C.1 RECEIVE BIDS FROM COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT.

C.2 AWARD BIDS FOR FOOD ITEMS FOR TRAVIS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES.

C.3 APPROVE COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES FOR VOTING SESSION OF AUGUST 27, 1996.

C.4 APPROVE BONDS FOR RESERVE DEPUTY CONSTABLES, PRECINCT FIVE, FOR THE FOLLOWING: (A) VAN NESS CARDENAS AND (B) RICHARD C. HENDRICKSON.

C.5 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON CONTRACT BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND PEDIATRIC AIDS LEAGUE.

C.6 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND PATHWAYS COMMUNITY COUNSELING.

C.7 APPROVE PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALLISON ABERNATHY TO PERFORM DUTIES ASSOCIATED WITH A COMMUNITY EDUCATOR IN THE AREA OF FAMILY VIOLENCE AWARENESS.

C.8 APPROVE STATE CATALOG PURCHASE OF NETWORKING EQUIPMENT FOR PALM SQUARE BUILDING AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT, RIVERSIDE OFFICE.

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:

- C.9** APPROVE STATE CATALOG PURCHASE OF UPGRADES TO THE TRAVTAX AS/400 COMPUTER SYSTEM TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY CLERK FOR EARLY VOTING.
- C.10** APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. PS960019-OJ, DR. NICOLAS CARRASCO, SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM; CONTRACT APPROVED ON 10/31/95; MODIFICATION ALLOWS FOR RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR FY '97 AND CORRECTS A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR. (9:09 AM)

Consent Item 10 pulled from the Consent Items.

- C.11** APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. PS960146-SG, NURSES PLUS, INC., NURSING SERVICES FOR COUNTY DETENTION FACILITIES; CONTRACT APPROVED ON 6/15/93; MODIFICATION ALLOWS FOR THE ADDITION OF A LINE ITEM FOR THE SERVICES OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS.
- C.12** APPROVE A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF SEPTEMBER 24, 1996, TO APPROVE THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS ON LOTS 6, 7, AND 8, BLOCK 11, AUSTIN LAKE ESTATES, SECTION TWO, A SUBDIVISION, IN PRECINCT THREE.
- C.13** APPROVE A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF SEPTEMBER 24, 1996, TO APPROVE THE VACATION OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON LOTS 882 & 883, THE HILLS OF LAKEWAY, PHASE 9, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT THREE.
- C.14** APPROVE A TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE OF GRISHAM TRAIL FROM ITS SOUTHERN INTERSECTION WITH PACE BEND PARK ROAD TO THE TATUM COVE BOAT RAMP IN PRECINCT THREE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SAFETY TO THE PUBLIC ATTENDING THE "ONE WORLD" MUSIC EVENT AT CAMP CHATAUQUA. (9:15 AM)

Consent Item 14 pulled from Consent Items. No action taken.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**4.**

- A.** APPROVE TAX ABATEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM DESIGN, ELIGIBILITY, AND BENEFITS GUIDELINES, AND ESTIMATED COSTS. (9:16 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Verna Browning, Health and Human Services; Stephen Williams, Executive Manager of Health, Human Services, and Veterans' Affairs; Alan Miller, Workforce Development Board; Margarine Beeman, Workforce Development Board; and Father John Kracsmar, Austin Interfaith.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to give the staff direction that the Court approves the tax abatement training program design and criteria, as outlined; that an accountability measure would include the differential made in the income level of the participants and that this be tracked as a part of the programs measures; that Judge Aleshire be authorized to formally communicate in writing to the appropriate officials at Samsung (to the local CEO) the points that Commissioner Biscoe made today; to request that Samsung advise the County as soon as they are able, to enable the County to use this information for planning purposes; that the County encourages the staff, the volunteers, the Workforce Development Board, as well as others, to discuss these issues with potential clients to obtain their feedback, as well as, to continue to develop a potential pool of prospective clients to begin this program should the point be reached where the project is ready to proceed; that the County continue to negotiate with the Workforce Development Board to work on the budget end of this project, to obtain feedback, and to, hopefully before the completion of budget mark-up, begin to see whether or not there are any opportunities for savings or other leveraging of any of the other funds; and to request an analysis of costs for continuing the classes during the summer, rather than to have interruptions in the classes.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

- B.** DISCUSS AND APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, AND CAPITAL AREA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR TAX ABATEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM. (10:11 AM)

Item 4 "B" to be reposted for September 17, 1996.

5. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK (CAN) RESOURCE COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SOCIAL SERVICE CONTRACTING PROCESS. (10:11 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Stephen Williams, Executive Manager of Health, Human Services, and Veterans' Affairs; Pandora Wood, Health and Human Services; Diane Harrison, Health and Human Services; and Shari Holland, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approach the overall Community Action Network strategy.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

6. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON TERMINATION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND TRAVIS COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE DEAF: 1993 AGREEMENT AND 1983 AGREEMENT FOR THE COOPERATIVE PROVISION OF SERVICES. (10:37 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Stephen Williams, Executive Manager of Health, Human Services, and Veterans' Affairs; Nancy Riley, Deaf Services; Dennis Campa, Health and Human Services; and Michael Femur, Transitional Manager.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the requested terminations.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

7. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON JULY 30, 1996, TO CHANGE THE MAKE-UP OF THE TASK FORCE ON INDIGENT HEALTH CARE. (9:09 AM)
(10:52 AM)

Judge Aleshire announced that the Court yet to receive the Resolution for this Item.

Members of the Court heard from Stephen Williams, Executive Manager of Health, Human Services, and Veterans' Affairs.

Discussion only. Item 7 to be reposted for September 17, 1996.

8. APPROVE REQUEST FROM TRAVIS COUNTY COUNSELING CENTER TO OFFER CHILD CARE SERVICES FOR WOMEN ATTENDING THE PROJECT OPTIONS PROGRAM. (9:08 AM)

Item 8 to be reposted for September 17, 1996.

9. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON TEXAS REHABILITATION COMMISSION CLIENT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR DEAF SERVICES. (10:49 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Nancy Riley, Deaf Services; Stephen Williams, Executive Manager of Health, Human Services, and Veterans' Affairs; and Dennis Campa, Health and Human Services.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

10. APPROVE PAYMENT OF QUANTUM MERUIT CLAIM FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR PHARMACY SERVICES PROVIDED TO TRAVIS COUNTY IN FY '96. (11:07 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Stephen Williams, Executive Manager of Health, Human Services, and Veterans' Affairs.

Motion by Commissioner and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to authorize payment in FY '96 out of the Health and Human Services budget in the amount of \$358,391.31 and to request that the Auditor expedite payment.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

11.

**A. ADOPT PROPOSED FY '97 TAX RATE AND DECIDE UPON SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING BUDGET RELATED ACTIONS, INCLUDING: FORMAL VOTE ON PROPOSED TAX RATE CHANGES, OPTIONS FOR ADVERTISEMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARING, AND TAX RATE ADOPTION. (11:16 AM)
(2:05 PM)**

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget and Leroy Nellis, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to authorize the Executive Manager for Planning and Budget to indicate that the County's proposed FY '97 tax rate would be composed of 38.72 M and O, and 10.78 I and S, for a total tax rate of 49.50 and to authorize Planning and Budget to run one ad in the newspaper simultaneously announcing the County's public hearing on October 1, 1996, as well as, giving the information which would normally be given under truth in Taxation ad, as proposed.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

ITEM 11 CONTINUED:

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to reconsider the previous Motion for Item 11 (A).

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe that the Commissioners' Court indicate that its proposed tax rate for 1996 (FY 1997) will be 38.69 cents M and O, 10.81 cents I and S, for a total tax rate of 49.50 cents.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

ITEM 11 CONTINUED:**B. DETERMINE FY '97 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PAY INCREASE AMOUNTS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS.
(11:16 AM) (2:06 PM)**

Members of the Court heard from Susan Spataro, Auditor; Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget; Alicia Perez, Executive Manager of Administrative Operations; Dr. Mattye Mauldin-Taylor, Director of Human Resources Management.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve a four-percent base salary increase with the verbiage "ranging from a two-percent minimum to a five-percent maximum".

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

Members of the Court heard from Alicia Perez, Executive Manager of Administrative Operations; Dr. Mattye Mauldin-Taylor, Director of Human Resources Management; April Bacon, Chief Deputy TCSO; Richard Hale, TCSO; and Susan Spataro, Auditor.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to continue to have the current practice of allowing the payout to occur as it did this past year.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

Item 11 (B) to be reposted for September 17, 1996.

R E C E S S

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Bristol to recess the Voting Session until 1:30 PM. (11:55 AM)

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

12.

A. APPROVE AMENDED ATTACHED SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE TRAVIS COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE. (11:08 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Richard Gaston, Fire Marshal and Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve the schedule of fees as requested by the Fire Marshal with the provision that this be included in the Public Hearing tentatively scheduled for October 1, 1996.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

ITEM 12 CONTINUED:**B. APPROVE PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE FOR TRAVIS COUNTY EXPOSITION AND HERITAGE CENTER. (11:08 AM)**

Members of the Court heard from John Emmons, Exposition Center.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez and seconded by Commissioner Bristol to approve the schedule of fees with the provision that this be included in the Public Hearing tentatively scheduled for October 1, 1996.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

Motion by Commissioner Gómez and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to add to the fee schedule that John Emmons be authorized to charge a flat fee, to be negotiated with each party, from a minimum of \$1,000.00 to a maximum of \$1,500.00 for the sale of merchandise not otherwise included as concessions.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

C. APPROVE FEES FOR SERVICES BY OFFICES OF THE SHERIFF AND CONSTABLES FOR EXECUTION OF CIVIL PROCESS FOR 1997 AND AUTHORIZE ANY NECESSARY NOTICE TO STATE COMPTROLLER. (11:15 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Assistant County Attorney, Gordon Bowman.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

13. APPROVE BUDGETS AMENDMENTS AND BUDGET TRANSFERS.
(3:12 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Leroy Nellis, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve all of the budget amendments and budget transfers.

Judge Aleshire requested a division of the vote as follows:

For all budget amendments and budget transfers with the exception of subitems A.10 -A.13.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

Substitute Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Bristol to delay the action on Subitems A.10 - A.13 until FY '97, and as soon as possible after the new fiscal year, to look at performance pay for the Commissioners' Court to try to resolve any inequity.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	opposed
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	opposed
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

14. ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACT WITH REGION XIII AND APPROVE NECESSARY BUDGET AMENDMENTS CONCERNING THE JUVENILE JUSTICE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM. (11:23 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Assistant County Attorney, Gordon Bowman; Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget; Dobbs Rogers, Juvenile Court; and Estella Medina, Juvenile Court.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve amendments to the contract and to the approve the necessary budget amendments.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

15. APPROVE GRANT PROPOSALS, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AND PERMISSION TO CONTINUE: (9:15 AM)

A. APPROVE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR SPEED SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP GRANT) FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE. (9:15 AM)

Item 15 "A" added to Consent Items.

B. APPROVE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CHURCH ARSON PREVENTION GRANT FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE. (9:15 AM)

Item 15 "B" added to Consent Items.

C. APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL GRANT - SAFE KIDS - SAFE STREETS - COMMUNITY APPROACHES TO REDUCING ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND PREVENTING DELINQUENCY AND APPROVE LETTER OF SUPPORT. (9:15 AM)

No action taken.

- 16.** CONSIDER WACKENHUT CORRECTIONS CORPORATION'S REQUEST TO AMEND TERM OF CONTRACT AND OVERSIGHT FEE AMOUNT AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (3:26 PM) (4:11 PM) (4:41 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Coordinator for Justice and Public Safety and Steve Cole, Planning and Budget.

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 16 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 16, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner:

- 16.** to authorize staff to proceed to continue negotiating with Wackenhut concerning this issue, but that staff indicate that the Commissioners' Court position is to not agree to an amendment which would reduce the fee that the County has to an amount below what it would take to sustain the current staffing in this department;
- 25.** to approve the reject and quitclaim for the portion of Decker Lake and Gilbert Lane;
- 26.** to repost this Item for September 17, 1996;
- 27.** to approve the order which will be attached and entered into the Minutes authorizing the sale of this property, the amount either being current taxes, penalties, and fees, or the current appraised value;
- 28.** to repost this Item for September 17, 1996;
- 29.** to approve the recommendation from Karen Castro in Planning and Budget for the budget amendments necessary to support this Item and to request that the County Attorney's Office proceed to get the appraiser and others necessary to work in order to pursue this Item;
- 30.** to repost this Item for September 17, 1996;
- 31.** to repost this Item for September 17, 1996;
- 32.** to repost this Item for September 17, 1996;
- 33.** to repost this Item for September 17, 1996; and
- 34.** to repost this Item for September 17, 1996.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	absent
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

17. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER WAIVING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 3 OF THE ETHICS POLICY CONCERNING CONSTABLE MIKE SIMPSON, IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS SQUAD AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AT SEPTEMBER 17, 1996, MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT. (3:34 PM)

Discussion only. Item 17 to be reposted for September 17, 1996.

18. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY COURTROOMS IN THE GAULT BUILDING, IFB B960712-MB, TO THE SOLE BIDDER, GARCIA CONSTRUCTION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,800.00. (3:35 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Cyd Grimes, Purchasing Agent and Karen Castro, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to approve the contract award.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

19. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH FAR AND AWAY TRANSPORTATION FOR PURCHASE OF WATER DELIVERY PROGRAM. (9:09 AM) (3:39 PM)

Discussion only.

Members of the Court heard from Joe Gieselman, Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources and David Larry, Far and Away Transportation.

Discussion only.

20. APPROVE CANDIDATE COUNTY PROJECTS FOR FEDERAL FUNDING THROUGH SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP-4C). (3:45 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Joe Gieselman, Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources.

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the federal funding list for STP-4C, as recommended by Joe Gieselman.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	absent
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

21. ACCEPT APPRAISAL BY W.F. (DUBB) SMITH FOR SALE OF SURPLUS RIGHT-OF-WAY OF OLD FOREST OAK DRIVE AND AUTHORIZE COMMISSIONER BRISTOL TO SIGN DEED TO TRANSFER THE PROPERTY TO ADJOINING LANDOWNERS, PHILLIPS AND COPUS CREDITORS TRUST. (3:50 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Joe Gieselman, Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources.

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	absent
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

22. DISCUSS THE REQUEST FOR SERVICES FOR THE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP), AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (3:52 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Dr. Mattye Mauldin-Taylor, Director of Human Resources Management; Cyd Grimes, Purchasing Agent; Alicia Perez, Executive Manager of Administrative Operations; and Marilyn Hancock, Human Resources Liaison.

Discussion only.

23. APPROVE PERSONNEL AMENDMENTS. (9:15 AM)

Item 23 added to Consent Items.

A. AUTHORIZE ADVANCE POSTING OF NEW POSITIONS ANTICIPATED TO BE FUNDED IN FY '97. (4:05 PM) (4:41 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget and Frank Curcio, ITS.

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the immediate posting of the two ITS positions, the Facilities Planner position, the Systems Support Specialist II Position, the Custodian-Operations Manager in the Expo Center, and the Tax-Assessor Collector file clerk position.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	absent
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

Judge Aleshire announced a clarification in the form of a consensus agreement of the Motion to state that it is the Court's intention to approve the Systems Support Specialist II position as a range 19, and the job description which goes with this position-- being the position which was discussed during the budget hearing.

24. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST COUNTY FUNDS. (9:15 AM)

Item 24 added to Consent Items.

25. CONSIDER REJECTION AND QUITCLAIM OF PORTION OF DEDICATION OF DECKER LAKE ROAD AND GILBERT LANE. (GIESELMAN) (EXECUTIVE SESSION ALSO, PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV'T CODE, ANN. SECTION 551.071). (4:11 PM) (4:41 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 25 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 16, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. Refer to Item 16 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

26. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING STATE OF TEXAS V. BURNICE WADE ROSS. (ROSS; GIESELMAN; CONDEMNATION) (EXECUTIVE SESSION ALSO, PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV'T CODE, ANN. SECTION 551.071). (4:11 PM) (4:41 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 26 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 16, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. Refer to Item 16 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

27. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IN LAKE TRAVIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT V. CRAZY HORSE LAND CORPORATION AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (EXECUTIVE SESSION ALSO, PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV'T CODE, ANN. SECTION 551.071). (4:11 PM) (4:41 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 27 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 16, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. Refer to Item 16 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

28. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING OPTIONS FOR CONTRACT AMENDMENTS WITH REGARD TO ALTERNATIVE USES OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER. (DINWIDDIE) (EXECUTIVE SESSION ALSO, PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV'T CODE, ANN. SECTION 551.071). (4:11 PM) (4:41 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 28 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 16, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. Refer to Item 16 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

29. RECEIVE BRIEFING ON JUVENILE COURT NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND MASTER PLAN; DISCUSS, APPROVE, AND GIVE STAFF DIRECTION REGARDING ADDITIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE COMPLETION OF MASTER PLAN. (DINWIDDIE) (EXECUTIVE SESSION ALSO, PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV'T CODE, ANN. SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.072). (4:11 PM) (4:41 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 29 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 16, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. Refer to Item 16 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

30. AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO TAKE APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST J.C. EVANS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. (DINWIDDIE) (EXECUTIVE SESSION ALSO, PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV'T CODE, ANN. SECTION 551.072). (3:12 PM) (4:41 PM)

Item 30 to be reposted for September 17, 1996.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 16, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. Refer to Item 16 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

31. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY; AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT, REJECT, OR COUNTER SETTLEMENT OFFER AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN VELASQUEZ V. SHERIFF TERRY KEEL, ET AL. (KEEL; SECTION 1983 EXCESSIVE FORCE) (EXECUTIVE SESSION ALSO, PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV'T CODE, ANN. SECTION 551.071). (4:11 PM) (4:41 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 31 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 16, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. Refer to Item 16 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

32. AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT, REJECT, OR COUNTER SETTLEMENT OFFER IN CAUSE NO. 230634; BRENT CHRISTIANSEN V. TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF, AND TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS. (TCSO; KEEL; EMPLOYMENT) (EXECUTIVE SESSION ALSO, PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV'T CODE, ANN. SECTION 551.071). (4:11 PM) (4:41 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 32 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 16, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. Refer to Item 16 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

33. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND GIVE DIRECTION AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN MARY ELIZABETH HUMPHREY ET AL., V. TRAVIS COUNTY ET AL., CAUSE NO. A95-CA-053-AA. (KEEL; WRONGFUL DEATH/CIVIL RIGHTS) (EXECUTIVE SESSION ALSO, PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV'T CODE, ANN. SECTION 551.071). (4:11 PM) (4:41 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 33 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 16, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. Refer to Item 16 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

34. AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT, REJECT, OR COUNTER PAYMENT TERMS FOR MEDIATION OFFERED BY PLAINTIFF IN RUBY COOK V. TRAVIS COUNTY (MEDRANO; EMPLOYMENT MATTER). (EXECUTIVE SESSION ALSO, PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV'T CODE, ANN. SECTION 551.071). (4:11 PM) (4:41 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 34 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 16, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34. Refer to Item 16 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

A D J O U R N M E N T

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Bristol to adjourn the Voting Session. (4:49 PM)

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	absent
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Bill Aleshire, Travis County Judge

MINUTES OF MEETING--SEPTEMBER 10, 1996**NORTHWEST TRAVIS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3 (GOLDEN TRIANGLE)**

On the 10th day of September 10, 1996, the Commissioners' Court meeting as the Road District Board convened the Northwest Travis County Road District No. 3 (Golden Triangle) Voting Session at 2:01 PM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor of the Travis County Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Julianne Rompel.

The Road District Board adjourned the Northwest Travis County Road

District No. 3 (Golden Triangle) at 2:03 PM.

1. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST DISTRICT FUNDS. (2:01 PM)

No action taken.

2. APPROVE N.W.T.C.R.D. #3 MINUTES FOR AUGUST 27, 1996.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Bristol to approve the Northwest Travis County Road District No. 3 (Golden Triangle) Minutes for August 27, 1996.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

**3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FY '97 FOR
NORTHWEST TRAVIS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3. (2:02 PM)**

Members of the board heard from D. Ladd Patillo, Travis County bond counsel and Christian Smith, Executive Director of Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to approve the proposed tax rate of 35 cents for the Northwest Travis County Road District No. 3 (Golden Triangle) and that this be included as a sentence or two in the ad which will be run in the newspaper, that this tax rate, as well as, the budget for the road district will be set on October 1, 1996.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

A D J O U R N M E N T

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to adjourn the Northwest Travis County Road District No. 3 (Golden Triangle) Voting Session. (2:03 PM)

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE ROAD DISTRICT BOARD

Date of Approval

Bill Aleshire, Travis County Judge