

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2, 1999

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Tuesday, the 2nd day of February, 1999, the Commissioners' Court convened the regular 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 Melissa Nuñez.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Voting Session at 12:01 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 1:39 PM.

The Commissioners' Court retired to Executive Session at 4:58 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 6:04 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 6:07 PM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Northwest Travis County Road District No. 3 (Golden Triangle) Board of Directors, (NWTCRD), convened the NWTCRD #3 Voting Session at 6:07 PM and adjourned at 6:07 PM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Travis County Housing Finance Corporation (TCHFC), called to order the Voting Session at 6:08 PM and adjourned at 6:08 PM.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Side, Private Citizen; Laverne A. Redwine, Founder, Child Welfare Board; Greg Erikson, Free Press International; John Foreman, Producer, “In Your Face” Campaign; Mary Aleshire, Private Citizen; Gus Peña, President of East Austin Concerned Hispanics; Mona Gonzalez, Executive Director, River City Youth Foundation; Jose Villareal, Community Service Restitution Program (CSR); Marsha Morganroth, CSR Program; Jim Rust, CSR Program; and Jimmy Castro, Private Citizen. (9:08 AM)

CONSENT ITEMS

Members of the Court heard from: Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, Austin-Travis County Health and Human Services Department (A-TC HHSD) and Veterans’ Services; and Mary Etta Gerhardt, Assistant County Attorney.

- 1. **Motion by** Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Baxter to approve the following Consent Items: C1-C10, and Items 7, 8, 10, 15, 26, 28, 31. (9:50 AM)

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- C1. RECEIVE BIDS FROM COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT.
- C2. AWARD BIDS FOR FOOD ITEMS FOR TRAVIS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES.
- C3. APPROVE COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES FOR VOTING SESSION OF JANUARY 19, 1999.
- C4. APPOINT ESTELLA GONZALEZ BARRETT AS PRECINCT 4 REPRESENTATIVE TO TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSIONER BOARD, TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 31, 2001.
- C5. APPOINT NORMA SALINAS SIZEMORE AS A PRECINCT 4 REPRESENTATIVE TO CITIZENS BOND PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, REPLACING JAMES ALDRETE.

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED

- C6.** APPOINT CECILIA CROSSLEY AS A PRECINCT 4 REPRESENTATIVE TO CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD, REPLACING ERMALINDA CRUZ-TORRES, TERM EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2000.
- C7.** APPOINT ISSAC TREVINO AS A PRECINCT 4 REPRESENTATIVE TO CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD, REPLACING NORMA SAAVEDRA, TERM EXPIRING MARCH 31, 2000.
- C8.** APPROVE BOND FOR RESERVE DEPUTY FOR CONSTABLE PRECINCT FIVE OFFICE FOR: DWIGHT IVAN BERTRAM.
- C9.** APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATION OF STREET AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES IN WHITEHORN, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT THREE.
- C10.** APPROVE A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF FEBRUARY 16, 1999 FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGE FOR A PORTION OF DESSAU ROAD TO “IMMANUEL ROAD” PFLUGERVILLE CITY LIMITS TO GREGG LANE IN PRECINCT TWO.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- 2. APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT TWO: REPLAT OF LOTS 82, 83, 84, 88, 89 AND 90, WESTMINSTER GLEN PHASE 1E (TRUST DEEDS POSTED WITH TRAVIS COUNTY – 6 LOTS – 10.118 ACRES – NARROW RIDGE DRIVE – WASTEWATER SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED FOR BY ONSITE SEWAGE SERVICES. (9:59 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR); Steve Manilla, Director of Engineering and Planning, TNR; Vick Bouchet, River Place Homeowner; and Jim Niece, Representative of Westminster Glen.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve Item 2, with the additional steps that Narrow Ridge be posted with signs indicating no through trucks on Narrow Ridge Dr., and that TNR work with the neighborhoods on both sides of that connection to come back to the Court with suggestions and a plan of action related to traffic calming in that neighborhood.

A Clarification was made of the previous Motion by Judge Biscoe that the previous Motion contains separate items, one for plat approval and the other for the Court to direct Staff to assist the neighborhood in whatever way possible, including “No Through Trucks”, speed limits, and whatever other regulatory actions the Court has authority over.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 3. (A) RECEIVE BRIEFING REGARDING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON SETON PROPOSAL TO MANAGE COUNTY HEALTH CLINICS, ESPECIALLY HEALTH CARE ISSUES THAT STILL MUST BE ADDRESSED, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION; (10:09 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, A-TC HHSD and Veterans’ Services.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to terminate the Court’s consideration of the Seton proposal, plus to postpone the Public Hearing scheduled for the evening of February 3, 1999.

A Restatement of the Motion was made by Judge Biscoe.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- (B) RECEIVE STATUS REPORT FROM GOGGIO CONSULTANTS REGARDING PROGRESS MADE TO DATE AND ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND IMPACT, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION; (10:36 AM)

- (C) RECEIVE BRIEFING REGARDING FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS (FQHC), AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION; AND; (11:17 AM)

- (D) DISCUSS PRIMARY HEALTH CARE DELIVERY IN TRAVIS COUNTY, ANTICIPATED BUDGET IMPACT AND RELATED ISSUES, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (11:16 AM)

Clerk’s Note: Items 3.B, C, and D are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from: John Kuenning, Goggio Consultants; Kay Music, Goggio Consultants; David Lurie, Director, A-TC HHSD; and Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, A-TC HHSD and Veterans’ Services; Alan Miller, Budget Analyst, Planning and Budget (PBO); Mike Abkowitz, Chief Financial Officer, A-TC HHSD; Gus Peña, President of East Austin Concerned Hispanics; and Carol Guthrie, AFSCME Local 1624.

ITEM 3 CONTINUED

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez that the issue of health care services be referred to the HHS subcommittee, and to authorize the Court to work with Executive Manager Stephen Williams, his staff, the Goggio consultants, and other relevant parties, including Dave Marsh at CARTS; and secondly, that the Court start scheduling an Item similar to this one on the Court’s agenda every four to six weeks, to give the Court progress reports on relevant matters, as well as any new issues and concerns that surface; and that the subcommittee’s first progress report be given in approximately 30 days.

Maker and Second accept the Friendly Amendment by Commissioner Sonleitner to establish, for purposes of budget, that there should be some long-range plan of action for the Court and Staff to be working toward, so that could be included as early as possible within budgetary proposals.

Acceptance of the Friendly Amendment was made by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe - yes
 Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis - yes
 Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner - yes
 Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter - yes
 Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez - yes

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner that the Court write, to the leaders of Seton, an appropriate letter expressing the Court’s appreciation for their submitting a proposal, indicating the concerns that the Court has with the termination or withdrawal of the proposal, and providing appropriate language calculated to leave open the possibility of revisiting this issue, if necessary, at some point in the future; that the Judge draft a letter circulated to the other members of the Court for input, and, assuming the Court can get pretty much unanimous agreement, send it. If not, the Item will be reposted on the Agenda for the Court to look at in the future.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe - yes
 Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis - absent
 Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner - yes
 Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter - yes
 Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez - absent

- 4. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CONTRACT WITH AUSTIN COMMUNITY NURSERY SCHOOLS FOR SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,800 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF\$238,4400; CONTRACT TERM WILL BE JANUARY 1, 1999 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1999. (1:39 PM) (1:42 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, A-TC HHSD and Veterans’ Services; and Mary Etta Gerhardt, Assistant County Attorney.

Discussion Only.

Item 4 to be reposted February 9, 1999.

- 5. APPROVE INTERLOCAL CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR 12 MONTHS WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN (COA) FOR THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FY 1999. (1:43 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, A-TC HHSD and Veterans’ Services; Alfredo Carrasco, Manager, Housing Services, A-TC HHSD; Alan Miller, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Item 5.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 6. A. DISCUSS ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT ON THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER AND RELATED ITEMS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (2:06 PM)

- B. APPROVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER.

Clerk’s Note: Items 6.A and B are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from: Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, Justice and Public Safety (JPS).

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Baxter to approve Item 6.B.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- C. APPOINT NEW MEMBERS AND DISCUSS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE OTHER VACANCIES. (2:08 PM)

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 6.C.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 7. APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 1 TO CONTRACT MA950052, HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FROM UNISYS CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,892.24; CONTRACT APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT APRIL 1, 1997; MODIFICATION WILL ALLOW FOR A 12-MONTH RENEWAL AND REMOVAL OF HARDWARE (THROUGH SEPTEMBER, 1999). (9:56 AM)

Item 7 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

- 8.** APPROVE OR GIVE STAFF DIRECTION ON CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. 97T0130-JP WITH CDC CARPETS FOR FLOOR COVERING TIME & MATERIALS; MODIFICATION ALLOWS FOR AN ADDITIONAL 12-MONTH EXTENSION, FROM FEBRUARY 18, 1999 THROUGH FEBRUARY 17, 2000. (9:56 AM)

Item 8 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 9.** **A.** DISCUSS PROPOSED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL METRO TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE TRAVIS COUNTY OFFSITE RECORDS STORAGE CONTRACT, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (1:40 PM)
- B.** APPROVE MODIFICATION NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. 98T0207-LD FOR OFF-SITE RECORDS STORAGE WITH PIERCE-LEAHY.

Items 9.A and B postponed until February 9, 1999.

- 10.** APPROVE CONTRACT, CONTRACT MODIFICATION AND MAKING OF CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE CAMERON ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, IFB #B980720-JJ, TO THE LOW, QUALIFIED BIDDER, AUSTIN BRIDGE AND ROAD, INC., IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$1,093,912.50. (9:56 AM)

Item 10 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

11. APPROVE CONTRACT, CONTRACT MODIFICATION AND MAKING OF CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE MANSFIELD DAM PARK BOAT RAMP PROJECT, IFB #B980735-JJ, TO THE LOW, QUALIFIED BIDDER, C.C. CARLTON CONSTRUCTION OF AUSTIN, INC., IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$297,600.00. (4:08 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; and Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent.

Motion by Commissioner Baxter **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to approve Item 11.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

12. APPROVE QUANTUM MERUIT CLAIM FOR \$3,569.70 BY MARTINWORKS, INC. PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING SERVICES PROVIDED TO TRAVIS COUNTY COUNSELING & EDUCATION SERVICES. (2:10 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; and Caryl Colburn, Director, Travis County Counseling and Education Services (TCCES).

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 12.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

13. DECLARE THE ATTACHED LIST OF EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY, (PURSUANT TO SECTION 263.151 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE). (2:14 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 13.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

14. APPROVE MODIFICATION NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. IL970106KW, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING SERVICES; CONTRACT APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON JANUARY 28, 1997; MODIFICATION CHANGES THE CONTRACT TERM TO AUTOMATIC RENEWAL. (2:20 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; and Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Item 14.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 15. APPROVE MODIFICATION NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. PS960078LH, WOODSIDE TRAILS, FOR PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES FOR JUVENILE COURT OFFENDERS UNDER SUPERVISION OF TRAVIS COUNTY JUVENILE COURT; MODIFICATION ADDS LEVEL 4 CARE AT THE APPROVED HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DAILY RATE OF \$82.64 TO APPENDIX A-PAYMENT; ORIGINAL CONTRACT APPROVED ON JANUARY 14, 1997. (9:56 AM)

Item 15 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

- 16. APPROVE TWELVE-MONTH EXTENSION WITH MAKIN’ WAVES PERSONAL WATERCRAFT RENTALS, INC., CONTRACT NO. 970208-RG, FOR PARK CONCESSION OPERATIONS; CONTRACT APPROVED APRIL 15, 1997. (2:23 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; and Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 16.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 17. APPROVE TWELVE-MONTH EXTENSION WITH W.W. GRAINGER FOR TOOLS AND ACCESSORIES - COUNTYWIDE; CONTRACT NO. 97T0113-BA; CONTRACT APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 4, 1997. (2:24 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez and seconded by Commissioner Baxter to approve Item 17.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 18. APPROVE A CASH SECURITY AGREEMENT IN A FORM DIFFERENT THAN SHOWN IN STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STREETS AND DRAINAGE IN SUBDIVISIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSTING SIDEWALK FISCAL ONLY, IN REFERENCE TO THE RIDGE AT STEEDS CROSSING SECTION 1, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT TWO. (2:26 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 18.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 19. ACCEPT OR REJECT THE TRANSFER OF TITLE TO A BELL LONGRANGER III, MODEL 206L-3 (SERIAL #51143, REGISTRATION #NN85TC) FROM THE TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. (2:27 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; and Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney, Transactions Division.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 19.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 20. RECEIVE STATUS REPORT ON TRAVIS COUNTY’S ROCIP RELATING TO ENROLLED PROJECTS THROUGH FY’98; AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON THE INCLUSION OF FUTURE PROJECTS. (2:30 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dan Mansour, Risk Manager, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD); Tommy Martin, J&H Marsh McLennan; and Chuck Watt, Travis County Construction Safety Engineer.

Discussion Only.

21. DISCUSS AND APPROVE INCREASE IN MEMBER DUES TO CONFERENCE OF URBAN COUNTIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,250.00. (2:48 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Item 21.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

22. MAKE CITIZENS APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. (2:57 PM)

Discussion Only.

Item 22 to be reposted February 9, 1999.

23. DISCUSS TRAVIS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA INCLUDING: (3:02 PM)
- A. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, A MEETING WITH TRAVIS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.
 - B. (1) DISCUSS THE NEED FOR A PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR OUTSIDE LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.
 - (2) DISCUSS THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR OUTSIDE LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

Discussion Only.

Item 23 to be reposted on February 9, 1999.

- 24. A. REVIEW, DISCUSS, PROVIDE DIRECTION RELATED TO GROUP HEALTH QUARTERLY REPORT AND CONSULTANT RECOMMENDATION. (3:17 PM)
- B. RECEIVE STATUS REPORT ON INTERNAL BENEFITS PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.

Clerk’s Note: Items 24.A and B are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Patricia Reilly, Consultant, Watson Wyatt; Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor; Dan Mansour, Risk Manager, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD); Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney, Transactions Division; and Cindy Purinton, Contract Benefits Coordinator, HRMD.

Discussion Only.

- 25. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS. (4:05 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Jessica Rio, Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 25.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 26. RECEIVE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1998. (9:56 AM)

Item 26 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

27. APPROVE GRANT PROPOSALS, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AND PERMISSION TO CONTINUE.

A. APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT FOR HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT (FEMA) FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT. (4:11 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; and Eric Anderson, Private Citizen.

B. APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT FOR FAMILY VIOLENCE PROTECTION TEAM (VOCA) FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE. (4:22 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Jessica Rio, Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve Items 27.A and B.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

28. APPROVE PERSONNEL AMENDMENTS. (9:56 AM)

Item 28 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

29. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM EXECUTIVE MANAGER TEAM ON STATUS OF SEARCH FOR DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION & TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (ITS). (4:24 PM) (4:58 PM) (6:04 PM)

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

Item 29 to be reposted on February 9, 1999.

30. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY AND LIABILITY CLAIM RECOMMENDATIONS: (4:24 PM)

- A. TRANSP. & NATURAL RESOURCES – SETTLE
- B. TRAVIS CO. SHERIFF OFFICE – SETTLE
- C. TRANSP. & NATURAL RESOURCES – SETTLE
- D. LISA JONES – DENY

Item 30.D pulled from the Agenda until further notice.

- E. CHRISTINA DELEON – DENY

Members of the Court heard from: Dan Mansour, Risk Manager, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD); and Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Baxter to approve Items 30.A, B, C, and E.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

31. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST COUNTY FUNDS. (9:56 AM)

Item 31 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Note 1 -Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney

Note 2 -Gov't Code Ann 551.072, Real Property

Note 3 - Gov't Code Ann 551.074, Personnel Matters

- 32. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY ON RESULTS OF MEDIATION IN PHILLIPS, ET AL V. MONTGOMERY ELEVEATOR ET AL, AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT, REJECT, COUNTER-OFFER OR SETTLEMENT OFFER AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN THE SUBROGATION LIEN RECOVERY WITH REGARD TO THIS CAUSE OF ACTION. ¹ (1:40 PM)

Item 32 postponed until February 9, 1999.

- 33. RECEIVE BRIEFING AND APPROVE CALL DOWN OF TEXAS COMMERCE BANK LETTERS OF CREDIT NO. A-434568 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$258,000 AND NO. A-434605 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,000 POSTED IN CONNECTION WITH GREAT HILLS PHASE III SUBDIVISION. ¹ (4:58 PM) (6:04 PM)

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to accept the substitute letters of credit from Texas Commerce Bank.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 34. MAKE, ACCEPT, REJECT OR COUNTER SETTLEMENT OFFER, AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN BILLIE BLALACK HARDIE ET AL V. TRAVIS COUNTY ET AL, CAUSE NO. A-98-CA-779JN (FRASIER; WRONGFUL DEATH/CIVIL RIGHTS). ¹ (1:40 PM)

Item 34 postponed until February 9, 1999.

- 35.** RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY, ET AL V. TAIYO CORPORATION AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹
(1:40 PM)

Item 35 postponed until February 9, 1999.

- 36.** RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY REGARDING POSSIBLE LITIGATION INVOLVING DANIEL AND AMELIA GRIVAS AND VARIOUS CONTRACTORS, INSTALLERS, ENGINEERS, AND SANITARIANS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THE COUNTY'S ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY RULES, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹
(4:58 PM) (6:05 PM)

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 36 would be considered in Executive Session.

No Action required.

- 37.** RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND/OR TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTIONS REGARDING THE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 812 SAN ANTONIO. ² (4:58 PM) (6:05 PM)

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 37 would be considered in Executive Session.

Item 37 postponed until February 9, 1999.

Clerk's Note: The Court indicates to the property owners that it will have a written response to them February 9, 1999.

- 38.** RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM THE COUNTY'S OFFICE ON STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER BY M.W. BUILDERS, INC. AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (4:58 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: John Hille, Assistant County Attorney.

Item 38 postponed until February 9, 1999.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE ADDENDA:

- A.1** DISCUSS PROPOSED REVISIONS TO TRAVIS COUNTY REGULATIONS FOR FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT AND GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMITS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (4:34 PM) (4:57 PM) (4:58 PM) (6:05 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Steve Manilla, Director of Engineering and Planning, TNR; Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; and Gordon Bowman, Assistant County Attorney.

Judge Biscoe announced that Item A.1 would be considered in Executive Session.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to allow the Division Director of TNR the authority to grant variances which would allow other development within the floodway, provided an engineering analysis is performed that shows that the proposed encroachment would not result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge. Encroachments within the adopted floodway that would result in an increase in the base flood elevations may also be permitted if a conditional Flood Insurance Rate Map and floodway revision are approved, the requirements for such revisions are fulfilled, and approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator is obtained.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

Item A.1 to be reposted on February 9, 1999 and February 16, 1999.

- A.2** APPROVE BLANKET EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF AUSTIN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO ALLOW FOR UTILITY LINE RELOCATION AND TRANSFORMER INSTALLATION AT THE GARDNER BETTS SITE. (4:51 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Kevin Bailey, Director, Facilities Management.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Baxter to approve Item A.2.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- A.3** DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY AND LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION FOR LIVE CABLECAST OF THE SPRING TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (THE HOUSE) LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS ON TCTV. THIS REQUIRES A WAIVER OF TRAVIS COUNTY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, CHAPTER 43, SECTION 004. (4:53 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Steven Broberg, Director, Records Management Communications Resources.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Item A.3.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Baxter **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to adjourn the Voting Session. (6:07 PM)

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe - yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis - absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner - yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter - yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez - yes

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge