

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 9, 1999

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Tuesday, the 9th day of February, 1999, the Commissioners' Court convened the regular Voting Session at 9:10 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 12:11 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 1:36 PM.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Voting Session at 4:33 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 4:33 PM and adjourned at 4:33 PM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Travis County Housing Finance Corporation (TCHFC), the Travis County Health Facilities Development Corporation (TCHFDC), the Capital Health Facilities Development Corporation (CHFDC) and the Capital Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC), called to order the Voting Session at 4:34 PM and adjourned all the Corporations at 4:35 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 4:35 PM.

The Commissioners' Court retired to Executive Session at 4:38 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 5:41 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 6:14 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. PUBLIC HEARING TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN INSTRUMENT TO VACATE A 5' PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON EITHER SIDE OF THE COMMON LOT LINE BETWEEN LOT 16 & 17, BLOCK 4M, FIRST RESUBDIVISION OF TRAVIS LANDING NO.2 PHASE 5, IN PRECINCT THREE. (9:13 AM)

Motion by Commissioner Baxter **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to open the public hearing.

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

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR); and Mrs. Sary, Private Citizen.

Motion by Commissioner Baxter **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to close the public hearing.

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

Clerk's Note: The action Item for Item 1 is Consent Item C26. Please refer to Agenda Item 6 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

2. PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE A PROPOSED STREET NAME ASSIGNMENT FOR AN UNNAMED PUBLIC ROAD OFF POOL CANYON ROAD EXTENDING NORTH AND LOOPING WEST TO LOT 40 TO BE KNOWN AS "POOL CANYON COVE" IN PRECINCT THREE. (9:18 AM)

Motion by Commissioner Baxter **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to open the public hearing.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Baxter **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to close the public hearing.

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

Clerk's Note: The action Item for Item 2 is Consent Item C27. Please refer to Agenda Item 6 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

3. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE ELIMINATION OF MORTGAGE CERTIFICATIONS AND IN-HOUSE DESIGN OF PRIVATE SEWAGE FACILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS TO SUBMIT COMPLETE APPLICATIONS FOR ON-SITE SEWAGE PERMITS BEFORE RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR PROCESSING THROUGH THE ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY PROGRAM. (FINAL ACTION EXPECTED ON 2/16/99)
(9:19 AM)

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to open the public hearing.

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

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; Steve Manilla, Director of Engineering and Planning, TNR; Joe K. Welt Jr., Professional Engineer; Janet Dunkelberg, Registered Sanitarian; Steve Sheewe, Engineer, TNR; Jan Witt, Licensed Installer; and David High, Licensed Real Estate Inspector.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to close the public hearing.

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

- 4. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 64, REGULATIONS FOR FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT AND GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMITS. (10:02 AM)

(COPIES OF THE PROPOSED REVISIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE TRANSPORTATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT ON THE 9TH FLOOR OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING AT 411 W. 13TH STREET OR FROM THE OFFICE OF TRAVIS COUNTY JUDGE, SAMUEL T. BISCOE, ON THE 5TH FLOOR OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, ROOM 520, 314 W. 11TH STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS)

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to open the public hearing.

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

Members of the Court heard from: Steve Manilla, Director of Engineering and Planning, TNR; Erik A. Anderson, Private Citizen; Alex Jones, Private Citizen; Mike Hanson, Private Citizen; and Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Baxter to close the public hearing.

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

5. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT POLICY GOVERNING CITIZENS COMMUNICATION DURING COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETINGS. (10:23 AM)

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to open the public hearing.

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

Members of the Court heard from: Erik A. Anderson, Private Citizen; Mike Hanson, Private Citizen; Alex Jones, Private Citizen; Darrell Robinson, Y2K Consultant; Robert Kurtz, Private Citizen; Charlie Waites, Private Citizen; Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; Greg Erikson, Free Press International; John Foreman, Producer “In Your Face Campaign”; Gus Peña, President of East Austin Concerned Hispanics; Florence Yurity, Private Citizen; and Mary Aleshire, Private Citizen.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to close the public hearing.

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

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Members of the Court heard from: Alex Jones, Private Citizen; Greg Erikson, Free Press International; Mike Hanson, Private Citizen; Robert Kurtz, Private Citizen; John Foreman, Producer, “In Your Face Campaign”; Mary Aleshire, Private Citizen; and Gus Peña, President of East Austin Concerned Hispanics. (11:28 AM)

CONSENT ITEMS

6. **Motion by** Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the following Consent Items: C1-C27 (excluding C9 and C18), and Items 10, 13, 14.A & B, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 26, 29.A, 33. (1:36 PM)

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 26, 1999.
- C4. APPROVE CORRECTED MINUTES FOR JANUARY 5, 1999; JANUARY 12, 1999; AND JANUARY 19, 1999.
- C5. APPOINT NASH MARTINEZ AS PRECINCT 1 AND 4 APPOINTEE TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT TO A TWO-YEAR TERM ENDING JANUARY 31, 2001.
- C6. REAPPOINT DR. DWAYNE ADAMS TO THE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE FEBRUARY, 2002.
- C7. APPOINT JOSEPH BORGIO TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY CHILDREN'S PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD TO EXPIRE JANUARY, 2002, AS A PRECINCT 2 APPOINTEE.
- C8. APPOINT WILLIAM BEARE, JR. TO SERVE ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AS A PRECINCT 2 APPOINTEE, TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL JANUARY, 2001.
- C9. APPOINT FRANK IVY TO SERVE ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AS A PRECINCT 2 APPOINTEE, TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL JANUARY, 2001. (1:36 PM)

Item C9 pulled from the agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED

- C10.** REAPPOINT PATRICK K. RANDALL TO THE ANIMAL ADVISORY COUNCIL BOARD, FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM, TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER, 2000, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.
- C11.** REAPPOINT BARBARA HANKINS TO SERVE ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AS A PRECINCT 2 APPOINTEE, TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL JANUARY, 2001.
- C12.** REAPPOINT BETTY BAKER TO SERVE ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AS A PRECINCT 2 APPOINTEE, TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL JANUARY, 2001.
- C13.** REAPPOINT ROSEMARY MORROW TO SERVE ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AS A PRECINCT 2 APPOINTEE, TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL JANUARY, 2001.
- C14.** REAPPOINT VICTORIA WORSHAM TO SERVE ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AS A PRECINCT 2 APPOINTEE, TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL JANUARY, 2001.
- C15.** REAPPOINT AVADNE MONTANDON TO SERVE ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AS A PRECINCT 2 APPOINTEE, TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL JANUARY, 2001.
- C16.** REAPPOINT VERNAGENE MOTT TO SERVE ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AS A PRECINCT 2 APPOINTEE, TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL JANUARY, 2001.
- C17.** APPOINT ANITA H. WUKASCH TO SERVE ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AS A PRECINCT ONE APPOINTEE, TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL FEBRUARY, 2001.
- C18.** APPOINT BRUNO C. SCHMIDT TO SERVE ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AS A PRECINCT ONE APPOINTEE, TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL FEBRUARY, 2001. (1:36 PM)

Item C18 pulled from the agenda.

- C19.** REAPPOINT MARGARINE G. BEAMAN TO SERVE ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AS A PRECINCT ONE APPOINTEE, TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL JANUARY, 2001.

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED

- C20.** REAPPOINT EVA A. WILLIAMS TO SERVE ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AS A PRECINCT ONE APPOINTEE, TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL JANUARY, 2001.
- C21.** REAPPOINT BIRDIE M. CALDWELL TO SERVE ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AS A PRECINCT ONE APPOINTEE, TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL JANUARY, 2001.
- C22.** REAPPOINT CLIFTON GRIFFIN TO SERVE ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AS A PRECINCT ONE APPOINTEE, TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL JANUARY, 2001.
- C23.** APPOINT JIM NIXON TO SERVE AS COMMISSIONER ON THE EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #5 BOARD (MANCHACA), TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2000.
- C24.** APPOINT W. STEVE COLLIER TO SERVE AS COMMISSIONER ON THE EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #5 BOARD (MANCHACA), TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2000.
- C25.** APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT TWO: SARAH'S CREEK SECTION THREE (FISCAL POSTED WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN) - 14.993 ACRES - 85 LOTS - SARAH'S CREEK DRIVE - WASTEWATER SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED FOR BY CITY OF AUSTIN.
- C26.** APPROVE ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN INSTRUMENT TO VACATE A 5' PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON EITHER SIDE OF THE COMMON LOT LINE BETWEEN LOT 16 & 17, BLOCK 4M, FIRST RESUBDIVISION OF TRAVIS LANDING NO. 2 PHASE 5, IN PRECINCT THREE.
- C27.** APPROVE A PROPOSED STREET NAME ASSIGNMENT FOR AN UNNAMED PUBLIC ROAD OFF POOL CANYON ROAD EXTENDING NORTH AND LOOPING WEST TO LOT 40 TO BE KNOWN AS "POOL CANYON COVE" IN PRECINCT THREE.

COUNTY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

7. CONSIDER PROPOSED POLICY ON CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (1:38 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Linda Moore Smith, Director, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD); Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, Planning and Budget (PBO); Susan Spataro, County Auditor; Margo Frasier, Travis County Sheriff; Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney, Transactions Division; and Charles Vaughn, Senior Financial Analyst, Travis County Auditor's Office.

Discussion Only.

Item 7 to be reposted on February 16, 1999.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8. RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORT FROM BOARD OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES. (12:01 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Jane Manister, Secretary, Child Protective Services Board; and Walter Timberlake, Member, Child Protective Services Board.

Discussion Only.

9. INITIATE PROCESS FOR SOLICITATION OF NAME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE TRAVIS COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER, PURSUANT TO TRAVIS COUNTY POLICY 1.020. (2:31 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Tommy Blackwell, Director of Information Services, Travis County Sheriff’s Office.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to initiate the process to name the Criminal Justice Center after a person.

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 Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Baxter to approve the schedule as presented by the Executive Manager for Administrative Operations related to this particular solicitation.

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

10. 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 \$238,440; CONTRACT TERM WILL BE JANUARY 1, 1999 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1999. (1:36 PM)

Item 10 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 6 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

11. DISCUSS REQUESTED EXTENSION OF AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY RADIO COALITION TRUNKED RADIO SYSTEM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) TIMELINE AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (2:36 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Teresa Reel, Manager of Emergency and Wireless Communications, Justice and Public Safety (JPS); Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, JPS; and Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Baxter to grant the request.

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

12. APPROVE AN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN INSTRUMENT TO VACATE A 5' PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON EITHER SIDE OF THE COMMON LOT LINE BETWEEN LOT 18 & 19, TRAVIS VISTA, AND A 5' PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ACROSS PART OF THE BACK OF THESE LOTS IN AN AREA TO BE REPLATTED TO FORM A NEW LOT IN PRECINCT TWO. (2:46 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; and Gordon Bowman, Assistant County Attorney, Transactions Division.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the order to vacate with strong language also given to the owner to please move as quickly as they can through the re-platting process to clean up all other associated problems with this lot.

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

- 13.** APPROVE TWO CASH SECURITY AGREEMENTS 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 STEINER RANCH PHASE 2, SECTION 4C & PHASE 2 SECTION 4D, TWO SUBDIVISIONS IN PRECINCT TWO. (1:36 PM)

Item 13 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 6 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 14.** **A.** 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 RIVER PLACE SECTION 8, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT TWO. (1:36 PM)
- B.** APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATION OF STREET AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES RIVER PLACE SECTION 8 SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT TWO.

Item 14.A and B added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 6 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 15.** APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TRAVIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 17, FOR THE RELOCATION OF A WATERLINE ASSOCIATED WITH 1997 TRAVIS COUNTY BOND PROJECT, #9701-13-3CA, LOHMANS CROSSING ROAD. (1:36 PM)

Item 15 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 6 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 16.** APPROVE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE FOR PRISONER MATCHING PURSUANT TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF PRISONER NON-PAYMENT PROVISIONS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT. (1:36 PM)

Item 16 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 6 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 17. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW. (2:56 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; John Hille, Assistant County Attorney, Transactions Division; and John Emmons, Director, Exposition Center.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Baxter to approve the amendment with the Austin Travis County Livestock show.

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

- 18. APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION FOR POST ROAD BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT, CONTRACT NO. 98K0722-JG TO FAR WEST CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$51,414.01. (3:01 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Leslie Strickland, Facilities Planner, Facilities Management.

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

Motion carried:

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

- 19. APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. 98T0122-JP, GASTON & SHEEHAN AUCTIONEERS, INC., FOR AUCTIONEER SERVICES - SEIZED AND ABANDONED PROPERTY; CONTRACT APPROVED ON MARCH 9, 1998; MODIFICATION ALLOWS FOR A 12-MONTH EXTENSION. (1:36 PM)

Item 19 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 6 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

20. APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. 98T0109-JP, WILSON CULVERTS, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF CULVERT PIPE; CONTRACT APPROVED ON MARCH 3, 1998; MODIFICATION ALLOWS FOR A 12-MONTH EXTENSION; CONTRACT IS FOR AN ANNUAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$236,372.23. (1:36 PM)

Item 20 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 6 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

21. APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. 98T0113-JP, ARMORED TRANSPORT TEXAS, INC., FOR ARMORED CAR SERVICES; CONTRACT APPROVED ON MARCH 24, 1998; MODIFICATION ALLOWS FOR A 12-MONTH EXTENSION; CONTRACT IS FOR AN ANNUAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$54,002.54. (1:36 PM)

Item 21 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 6 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

22. MAKE CITIZENS APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. (3:03 PM)

Discussion Only.

23. DISCUSS TRAVIS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA INCLUDING:
(5:45 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.

Clerk’s Note: Items 23.A, B.1 and B.2 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to go outside and interview these 5 firms on Friday, February 12, 1999.

A Friendly Amendment was made of the previous Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner that the Court professes that at some point the Court will need an Intergovernmental Officer, but in terms of the time frame, this is not the time, but that the Court recognize that, with the appropriate time and legwork, that that is the long term interest and goal of this County.

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

24. APPROVE PRINTING AND MAILING OF 500+ COPIES OF PRECINCT LEADER REALIGNMENT LETTER, QUESTIONNAIRE, PRECINCT MAP, PRECINCT/DISTRICT REPORT; AND POLLING PLACE FLYER, TO BE SENT TO TRAVIS COUNTY ELECTION JUDGES, ALTERNATE JUDGES, DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRECINCT CHAIRS AND COUNTY CHAIRS AND COMMISSIONERS. (3:04 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dana DeBeauvoir, Travis County Clerk; Dolores Lopez, Director, Voter Registration; and Tamara Armstrong, Assistant County Attorney, Transactions Division.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Item 24.

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

25. APPROVE DISTRIBUTION OF BROCHURES FOR FUNDRAISING EVENT BENEFITTING THE RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER (RSVP) PROGRAM, WITH PAYROLL CHECKS OF FEBRUARY 15, 1999. (3:10 PM)

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

Motion carried:

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

26. APPROVE TRANSFER OF FY'99 QUARTER NET PARK REVENUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,888.40 FROM THE LCRA PARKS ESCROW FUND TO TRAVIS COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND. (1:36 PM)

Item 26 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 6 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

27. DISCUSS FY 2000 PLANNING AND BUDGET PROCESS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION. (3:14 PM)

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

Discussion Only.

Item 27 to be reposted on February 23, 1999.

28. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS. (3:46 PM)

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 28.

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

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

A. APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT WITH TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS AT SOUTHEAST METRO PARK. (1:36 PM)

Item 29.A added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 6 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

30. CONSIDER Y2K COORDINATOR, SUPPORT STAFF, AND PERIODIC REPORTS TO COMMISSIONERS' COURT AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (3:47 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Pete Baldwin, Emergency Management Coordinator, TNR; Chris Callsen, Director of Emergency Services, JPS; and Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, JPS.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve staff recommendations 1 and 3.

A Friendly Amendment was made of the previous Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner to regularly post on the Website the updates that the Court receives from staff.

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

31. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM EXECUTIVE MANAGER TEAM ON STATUS OF SEARCH FOR DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION & TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (ITS). (4:16 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, JPS.

Item 31 to be reposted on February 16, 1999.

32. APPROVE PERSONNEL AMENDMENTS. (4:17 PM) (6:13 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Carlotta Valdez, Compensation and Benefits Manager, HRMD; Norman McRee, Lead Personnel Analyst, HRMD; and Shoshanna Lansberg, Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the personnel amendments, with the clarification that on the Pretrial Services the recommendation of the Court is to limit those to 5%.

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

A Clarification was made of the previous Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner that what is related to Pretrial Services on the Court’s agenda needs to be slashed out, because what is reflected are the current salaries which reflect the 5% they’ve already gotten, and if the Court does not slash this out, they will get 10% which is not the vote of the Commissioners Court.

The Court agreed to the Clarification of the Motion by Consensus.

33. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST COUNTY FUNDS. (1:36 PM)

Item 33 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 6 (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

- 34. RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY REGARDING RESALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY LAGO VISTA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AS TRUSTEE FOR ALL TAXING JURISDICTIONS, FOR PROPERTY THAT WAS PART OF TRAVIS COUNTY, ET AL. V. TAIYO CORPORATION FOR LESS THAN THE DELINQUENT TAXES OR APPRAISED VALUE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (4:35 PM) (5:41 PM)

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the resale of property owned by Lago Vista Independent School District as a trustee for all of the taxing jurisdictions in the matter of Travis County vs Taiyo Corporation for less than the delinquent taxes or appraised value as provided in the code.

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

- 35. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND GIVE DIRECTION AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AND/OR ACCEPT, REJECT, OR COUNTER SETTLEMENT DEMAND ON CIP PROJECT 3-002, PARCEL NO. 2D, JAMES A. HOPKINS AND WIFE, JEAN C. HOPKINS, AND STATE OF TEXAS; (HOPKINS; GIESELMAN; CONDEMNATION). ¹ (4:36 PM)

Item 35 pulled from the agenda.

- 36. DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INACTIVE ROLL FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES OVER 10 YEARS DELINQUENT PURSUANT TO LIMITATION OF COLLECTION OF TAXES, TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE SECTION 33.05(c). ¹ (4:35 PM) (5:42 PM)

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

Clerk’s Note: Judge Biscoe announced that the record show that the Court has been advised, and that the Court has no objection to the action proposed by the Tax Assessor.

Discussion Only.

- 37. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY ON RESULTS OF MEDIATION IN PHILLIPS, ET AL V. MONTGOMERY ELEVATOR, 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 (4:35 PM) (5:42 PM)

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve the mediation, and, for the record, in the matter of Joy Phillips, the net to Travis County is \$11,752.23, and from Diana Dobson the net to Travis County is \$4,972.50, and in Lori Barton the net to Travis County is \$5,023.50.

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

38. 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 (4:35 PM) (5:43 PM)

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 38 would be considered in Executive Session.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to reject the settlement offer in the action of Billy Blalack Hardie vs Travis County.

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

39. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ON STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER BY M.W. BUILDERS, INC. AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (4:37 PM)

Item 39 postponed until February 16, 1999.

40. RECEIVE BRIEFING, DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTIONS REGARDING THE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 812 SAN ANTONIO. ² (4:35 PM) (5:43 PM)

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 40 would be considered in Executive Session.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez that staff prepare, for the County Judge’s signature, an appropriate letter to the owners of the property at 812 San Antonio, indicating the Court’s appreciation for their willingness to negotiate with the Court, but, given the various reasons at this time, the County cannot pursue acquisition of this property, but that the Court feels positively about the possibility of getting it done at some point in the near future.

Motion carried:

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

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ADDENDUM:

A.1 APPROVE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY, 1999 AS "AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH". (9:10 AM)

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve Item A.1.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Baxter to adjourn the Voting Session. (6:14 PM)

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

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge