

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 23, 1999

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Tuesday, the 23rd 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 11:58 AM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Travis County Housing Finance Corporation (TCHFDC), called to order the Voting Session at 1:35 PM and adjourned at 1:43 PM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as 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 Sessions at 1:43 PM and adjourned the Corporations at 1:43 PM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Southwest Travis County Road District No. 1 Board of Directors, (SWTCRD), convened the SWTCRD #1 Voting Session at 1:43 PM and recessed the Voting Session at 1:44 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 1:44 PM and adjourned at 1:45 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 1:45 PM.

The Commissioners' Court retired to Executive Session at 2:31 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 4:00 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 4:04 PM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Southwest Travis County Road District No. 1 Board of Directors, (SWTCRD), convened the SWTCRD #1 Voting Session at 4:04 PM and adjourned the Voting Session at 4:04 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PUBLIC FOR NAMING NEW SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SUBSTATION AT GORE SITE ON BURLESON MANOR ROAD IN EASTERN TRAVIS COUNTY, PURSUANT TO TRAVIS COUNTY POLICY 1.020, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (9:08 AM)

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

Motion carried:

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| 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: Bruce Marshall, Descendent of Maurice B. Moore; Dan Richards, Deputy Chief, Travis County Sheriff's Office; Margo Frasier, Travis County Sheriff; and Jim Sylvester, Vice President, Sheriff's Association.

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

Motion carried:

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| 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 Gómez to ask Alicia Perez, Executive Manager of Administrative Operations, to communicate the packet of information that the Court received on this item to the Travis County Historical Commission as required by Travis County policy, and that a transcription or detailed summary of today's testimony be included in that packet, and that we ask the association to give us their response as soon as possible.

Motion carried:

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| 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 |

RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

- 2. APPROVE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION OF WARDEN J.D. WILLIAMS TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER. (9:22 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, Justice and Public Safety (JPS); J.D. Williams, Warden; Ronnie Earle, District Attorney; and Greg Erikson, Free Press International.

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

Motion carried:

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| 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. APPROVE PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 23, 1999 AS "CELEBRATION OF FAMILIES" DAY. (9:32 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Jennifer Sodern, Executive Director, Connections Resource Center.

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

Motion carried:

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| 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: Kenneth Snyder, Northridge Resident; Greg Erikson, Free Press International; John Foreman, Producer, “In Your Face Campaign”; Robert Kurtz, Private Citizen; Wes Curtis, Texas Best Seminars; and Christian Side, Private Citizen. (9:35 AM)

CONSENT ITEMS

4. **Motion by** Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the following Consent Items: C1-C17, and Items 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 26. (9:59 AM)

Motion carried:

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| 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 FEBRUARY 9, 1999.
- C4. APPROVE REAPPOINTMENT OF RICHARD GASTON AS TRAVIS COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL.
- C5. REAPPOINT ROSIE MENDOZA AS A PRECINCT 4 REPRESENTATIVE TO TRAVIS COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER BOARD, TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER, 2002.
- C6. REAPPOINT ALICE MALDONADO AS A PRECINCT 4 REPRESENTATIVE TO TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION, TERM EXPIRING JANUARY, 2001.
- C7. REAPPOINT PAUL MEDRANO AS A PRECINCT 4 REPRESENTATIVE TO TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION, TERM EXPIRING JANUARY, 2001.
- C8. REAPPOINT FRANK IVY AS A PRECINCT 4 REPRESENTATIVE TO TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION, TERM EXPIRING JANUARY, 2001.
- C9. APPOINT CAROLINA SARABIA AS A PRECINCT 4 REPRESENTATIVE TO TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION, TERM EXPIRING JANUARY, 2001.

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED

- C10.** REAPPOINT HUGH WILLIAMSON TO TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #11 (SETCO), TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER, 2000.
- C11.** REAPPOINT HAROLD REYNOLDS TO TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #11 (SETCO) TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER, 2000.
- C12.** APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT THREE: EL SENDERO LUMINOSO - (SHORTFORM - NO FISCAL REQUIRED - 2 LOTS - 5.515 ACRES - THE HIGH ROAD - SEWAGE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED BY ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY.
- C13.** APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATION OF STREET AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES IN WEBBERWOOD RIDGE SECTION 2 AND SECTION 3, TWO SUBDIVISIONS IN PRECINCT ONE.
- C14.** APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATION OF THE NEW 'T' TURN AROUND AT THE END OF KING ARTHUR COURT IN NASSOUR ACRES, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT THREE.
- C15.** APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT TWO: RESUBDIVISION OF NORTH PARK, SECTION FOUR, LOT 1, BLOCK C - (SHORTFORM - SIDEWALK FISCAL POSTED AT THE CITY OF AUSTIN - 2 LOTS - 3.0149 ACRES - CENTRAL COMMERCE DRIVE - WASTEWATER SERVICE TO PROVIDED FOR BY WINDERMERE UTILITIES).
- C16.** APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT TWO: THE RIDGE AT STEEDS CROSSING SECTION TWO, PHASE A - (LONGFORM - FISCAL WITH TRAVIS COUNTY - 130 LOTS - 26.92 ACRES - COUNTY ROAD 138 - WASTEWATER SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED FOR BY KELLY LANE UTILITIES.
- C17.** APPROVE SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF MARCH 9, 1999 ON THE PROPOSAL TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE MERRILLTOWN DRIVE, DETOURING OF TRAFFIC VIA BURNET ROAD - SHORELINE DRIVE - BRATTON LANE, FOR ONE WEEK, BEGINNING MARCH 9, 1999; PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE WITH DETOUR IS TO FACILITATE SAFETY DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEEDED REPAIRS TO THE WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IN MERRILLTOWN DRIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

COUNTY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- 5. DISCUSS AND APPROVE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10 OF TRAVIS COUNTY CODE RELATED TO LEAVE TIME AND PERFORMANCE BASED PAY FOR TRANSFERRED EMPLOYEES. (10:35 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Linda Moore Smith, Director, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD); Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney, Transactions Division; Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR); Charles Vaughn, Senior Financial Analyst, Travis County Auditors Office; Carol Guthrie, AFSCME Local 1624; and Jessica Rio, Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO.

A Clarification prior to the Motion was made by Judge Biscoe that the unpaid vacation leave, same as the language in Option II, does not exceed 240 hours, and if it is unused after two years it expires. **Further Clarification was made by** Commissioner Sonleitner stating that any portion unused after two years expires.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez that terms of Option II, change the category heading to Unpaid Vacation Leave and note the clarifications related to the 2 year expiration.

Motion carried:

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| 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 Davis to allow transferred employees to transfer 8 weeks (320 hours) of sick leave, and for the employee to determine if they want to be paid or unpaid, and after two years what has not been used of the sick leave expires.

A Clarification was made of the previous Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner that the amount is not to exceed 320 hours, and that it expires within two years. This refers to unpaid transferred sick leave so this is affecting folks who have already been paid. The employee can elect whether paid or unpaid leave is taken first.

A Clarification was made of the previous Motion by Judge Biscoe that the employee has the right to elect County or what is transferred, but the employee can transfer over 8 weeks (320 hours), and the transferred, unpaid leave that has not been used by the expiration of two years, expires.

ITEM 5 CONTINUED

Clerk’s Note: There was no Vote on the previous Motion and Second. **The Judge requested the Assistant County Attorney to reword the Motion for passage by the Court on March 2, 1999.**

Motion by Judge Biscoe to impose a two-year limit on transfer employees using their paid transferred sick leave, and applying the same 3 or 4 conditions.

Clerk’s Note: The Motion was not seconded.

Motion was made by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Staff Recommendation B-2 in the backup material, provided the employees transfer all of their hours. They will have unlimited time to use the hours, but they must use the County earned time first.

Motion carried:

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| 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 Gómez to approve Staff Recommendation C-Family Medical Leave in the backup material provided.

Motion carried:

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| 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 Gómez to approve Staff Recommendation D-Longevity Pay in the backup material provided.

Motion carried:

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| 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 |

ITEM 5 CONTINUED

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve Staff Recommendation E-Performance Based Pay in the backup material provided.

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| 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 |

6. CONSIDER PROPOSED POLICY ON CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS, AND RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.
(11:32 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney, Transactions Division; and Linda Moore Smith, Director, HRMD.

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

A Friendly Amendment was made of the previous Motion by Judge Biscoe to change the length of continuous employment from 12 months to 9 months.

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

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| 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 |

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- 7. APPROVE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND THE JUVENILE COURT THAT WILL INCREASE REVENUE FROM TITLE IV-E SOURCES AND PROVIDE CLIENT SERVICES TO JUVENILES. (10:03 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, Planning and Budget (PBO); Bill Benton, DMG-MAXIMUS, Inc.; Joe Borgo, DMG-MAXIMUS, Inc.; Estella Medina, Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Court; Belinda Poppa, Capital Planning Coordinator, PBO; and Barbara White, Dean, University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 7.

Motion carried:

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| 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 |

- 8. CONSIDER AND DECIDE AN APPEAL BY REYNALDO RAMIREZ, OWNER, OF THE DETERMINATION BY THE HEALTH AUTHORITY THAT A PUBLIC NUISANCE EXISTS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT SADDLE CIRCLE AND REATA (LOT 16, EL RANCHO), PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 61 OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY CODE. (11:40 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, Austin-Travis County Health and Human Services Department (A-TC HHSD) and Veterans' Services.

Item 8 postponed until March 2, 1999.

9. APPROVE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY, THE CITY OF AUSTIN, AND THE AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER FOR THE PROVISION OF A MANAGED CARE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT NETWORK IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$705,102, FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1999 (COUNTY SHARE IS \$136,700 AND CITY SHARE IS \$568,303). (11:41 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, A-TC HHSD and Veterans’ Services; Diane Harrison, Manager, Contract Management Unit, A-TC HHSD; Elaine Carroll, Interim Director, Medical Assistance Program; Patty Van Buren; Contract Monitor, A-TC HHSD; and Sam Bowker, Chief Financial Officer, Austin-Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez and seconded by Judge Biscoe to approve Item 9.

Motion carried:

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| 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 RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH THE SALVATION ARMY, A GEORGIA CORPORATION, TO PURCHASE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, (TOTAL AMOUNT OF CONTRACT IS \$228,992, TRAVIS COUNTY PROVIDING \$92,971 FROM FY'98-99 SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET, AND \$136,021 FROM CITY OF AUSTIN). (11:52 AM)

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 10.

Motion carried:

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| 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 |

- 11. APPROVE SOURCE CODE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND HART INFORMATION SERVICES, INC., FOR DEED INDEXING SYSTEM, CONTRACT NO. 99C0018-JP. (11:53 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; Tamara Armstrong, Assistant County Attorney, Transactions Division; and Brad Powell, Interim Director, Information and Telecommunications Systems (ITS).

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

Motion carried:

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| 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 CONTRACT AWARD FOR RESIDENTIAL HVAC SERVICES - SECONDARY AWARD, IFB #B990023-JP, TO THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDDER, RIVER CITY MECHANICAL, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$203,196.00. (9:59 AM)

Item 12 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 4 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

- 13. APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 5 TO CONTRACT 95T0227-MG, AUS-TEX CONCESSIONS, INC., FOR EXPOSITION CENTER CONCESSIONS; MODIFICATION ALLOWS CONCESSIONAIRE TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND TO PAY CERTAIN REVENUES DIRECTLY TO AUSTIN FOOTBALL, INC., AS THE LICENSEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS TERMINATORS INDOOR FOOTBALL LICENSE AGREEMENT, ARTICLE 8. (9:59 AM)

Item 13 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 4 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

- 14. APPROVE STATE CATALOG PURCHASE OF NORTEL/BAY NETWORKS EQUIPMENT FOR INFORMATION & TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (ITS) FROM CAPCO COMMUNICATIONS; CONTRACT IS ESTIMATED AT \$500,000.00. (1:45 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; Brad Powell, Interim Director, ITS; and Becky Solter, Purchasing.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve Item 14.

Motion carried:

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| 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 |

- 15. APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. 98T0054-OJ, TEXAS DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, REFUSE COLLECTION; CONTRACT APPROVED ON DECEMBER 23, 1997; MODIFICATION ADDS A REFUSE PICKUP LOCATION TO THE CONTRACT. (9:59 AM)

Item 15 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 4 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

- 16. REJECT BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE, IFB #B990022-RG; APPROVE RE-ADVERTISEMENT WITH REVISED SPECIFICATIONS. (1:52 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; and John Carr, Division Manager, Maintenance and Repair, Facilities Management.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to reject the bids and re-advertise.

Motion carried:

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| 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 |

- 17. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR TRAP ROCK (GRADE 5T), IFB #B990034-JP, TO THE SOLE QUALIFIED BIDDER, VULCAN MATERIALS, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$62,088.88. (9:59 AM)

Item 17 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 4 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

- 18. APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 3 TO CONTRACT NO. 96T0124-RH, PETROLEUM TRADERS CORP., CONTRACT NO. 96T0125-RH, SUNCOAST RESOURCES, CONTRACT NO. 96T0126-RH, ARROW OIL CO., FOR UNLEADED GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL; CONTRACT APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 27, 1996; MODIFICATION PROVIDES AN EXTENSION TO THE CONTRACT. (1:54 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 18.

Motion carried:

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| 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 |

- 19. APPROVE A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH FIRST RIVER PLACE RESERVE, LTD., FOR CART PATHS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF RIVER PLACE BLVD., IN PRECINCT TWO. (9:59 AM)

Item 19 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 4 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

- 20. RECEIVE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1999. (9:59 AM)

Item 20 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 4 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

21. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS. (1:57 PM)

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Baxter to approve Item 21.

Motion carried:

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| 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 |

22. APPROVE GRANT PROPOSALS, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AND PERMISSION TO CONTINUE. (9:59 AM)

A. APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT FOR BUREAU OF JUSTICE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

B. APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT FOR JUVENILE COURT DRUG COURT PROGRAM.

C. APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR USDA COMMODITY REQUEST FOR JUVENILE COURT.

Item 22.A, B, and C added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 4 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

23. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH SHIELDS, KAMM & CASTANEDA FOR LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DURING CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION, APPROVE BUDGET AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (1:58 PM)

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

Motion by Commissioner Baxter and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to adopt the contract.

Motion carried:

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| 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. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM EXECUTIVE MANAGER TEAM ON STATUS OF SEARCH FOR DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION & TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (ITS) AND SELECTION PROCESS, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (2:06 PM)

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

Discussion Only.

25. APPROVE PERSONNEL AMENDMENTS. (2:08 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Norman McRee, Lead Personnel Analyst, HRMD; Lynn Andrus, Senior Human Resources Analyst, HRMD; Estella Medina, Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Court; and Alan Miller, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the Director job at 5.1% above the matrix level and that the Court approve the other routine personnel items.

Motion carried:

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| 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 |

26. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST COUNTY FUNDS. (9:59 AM)

Item 26 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 4 (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

- 27. CONSIDER WACKENHUT CORRECTIONS CORPORATION'S RECOMMENDATION OF JAMES BLACK FOR THE POSITION OF FACILITY ADMINISTRATOR AT THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ & ³ (9:31 AM)

Item 27 postponed until March 2, 1999.

- 28. RECEIVE STATUS REPORT AND DISCUSS ISSUES RELATED TO THE INTEGRATED JUSTICE SYSTEM. ¹ (2:29 PM) (4:00 PM)

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

Item 28 postponed until March 2, 1999.

- 29. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING 911 SERVICE DELIVERY OPTIONS. ¹ (2:29 PM) (4:01 PM)

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

Motion by Commissioner Baxter **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to allow appropriate action to try to get a bill drafted (knowing that getting the bill drafted is totally different than getting it filed and acted upon) until the Court has an opportunity to address a resolution, explore all options, and come back with more detail, in resolution form, to make it part of the Court's legislative agenda.

- 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

30. DISCUSS, APPROVE OR TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE LEASE AMENDMENT WITH HARRY M. WHITTINGTON D/B/A TRAVIS PROPERTIES, FOR 911 FOR LEASE SPACE LOCATED AT 207 W. 9TH STREET. ¹ (2:29 PM) (4:02 PM)

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 30 would be considered in Executive Session.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Item 30; also that the Court approve rejecting the dedication of the quit claim deed in Item 31; and that the Court approve a termination notice of park improvement operations and management agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County for the development of Springbrook regional park.

Motion carried:

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| 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. APPROVE ORDER REJECTING DEDICATION AND QUIT CLAIM TO WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT - POINT VENTURE OF UNNEEDED PORTION OF CUL DE SAC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON LAKEPOINT COVE, LOT B, POINT VENTURE SECTION 1A SUBDIVISION. ¹ (2:29 PM) (4:02 PM)

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

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 30, 31, and 32. Please refer to Item 30 for a summary of the Court’s action on this Motion.

32. DISCUSS AND APPROVE TERMINATION NOTICE OF PARK IMPROVEMENT OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND TRAVIS COUNTY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONS OF SPRINGBROOK REGIONAL PARK OR TAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (2:29 PM) (4:02 PM)

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

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 30, 31, and 32. Please refer to Item 30 for a summary of the Court’s action on this Motion.

33. 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 (2:29 PM) (4:03 PM)

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to direct Purchasing to send an appropriate letter to the Surety containing an update of this project, pointing out what the Court thinks some of the problem areas are; and to request that Fluor Daniel summarize it's telephone conference with AMCC Incorporated, and send the Corporation a copy of that confirming letter, as well as making a copy of that letter available to members of the Commissioner's Court; and to ask Staff to schedule a meeting of appropriate County Staff and two members of the Commissioners' Court, Judge Biscoe and Commissioner Sonleitner, with the bonding company for M.W. Builders as well as the parent company; and to schedule the meeting as soon as possible.

Motion carried:

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| 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 |

34. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN BEDFORD, KATHY ET AL., V. TRAVIS COUNTY, ET AL, CAUSE NO. A-97-CA-661 JN (BEDFORD; RUST; EMPLOYEE MATTER). ¹ (2:29 PM) (4:00 PM)

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

Item 34 postponed until March 2, 1999.

35. APPROVE SECOND AMENDMENT TO LAND PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, (TPL) FOR VISTA POINT, PHASE 1. ² (2:29 PM) (4:01 PM)

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 35 would be considered in Executive Session.

Item 35 postponed until March 2, 1999.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE ADDENDA:

- A.1** RATIFY DECISION TO ALLOW EUROCOPTER REQUEST TO SHOWCASE EC-135 AT DALLAS CONVENTION, AT NO COST TO TRAVIS COUNTY IN EXCHANGE FOR BACKUP HELICOPTER SERVICES FOR TRAVIS COUNTY FOR THE DURATOIN OF CONFERENCE. (2:27 PM)

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

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the ratification request.

Motion carried:

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| 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.2** RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY, ET AL. V. TRAVIS STAR CORPORATION IN CAUSE NO. 92-12501 AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (EXECUTIVE SESSION ALSO, PURSUANT TO GOV'T. CODE ANN 551.071 (1) (A)¹ (2:29 PM) (4:03 PM)

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to direct the County Attorney’s Office at the public auction to strike off the property to Travis County, if we don’t get an acceptable bid from the public.

Motion carried:

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| 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. (4:04 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