

MINUTES – MARCH 12, 1999

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Tuesday, the 12th day of March, 1999, the Commissioners' Court convened the regular Voting Session at 9:20 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 adjourned the Voting Session at 10:20 AM.

1. RECEIVE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.
(9:20 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant, Sheilds, Kamm, and Casteñeda; Tris Casteñeda, Legislative Consultant, Sheilds, Kamm, and Casteñeda; The Honorable Mike Lynch, District Court Judge, 167th District; Teresa Reel, Manager of Emergency and Wireless Communications, Justice and Public Safety (JPS); David Escamilla, First Assistant County Attorney; and Barbara Alsworth, Assistant, Travis County Commissioner Precinct 3.

Clerk's Note: The Commissioners' Court received legislative updates from the Legislative Consultants and Travis County Staff.

Discussion Only on SB 1172.

Discussion Only on HB 602.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Baxter that Commissioners' Court send a letter of support for HB 658.

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

ITEM 1 CONTINUED

Discussion Only on SB 543.

Motion by Commissioner Baxter **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to monitor the legislation on SB 366 and HB 1983, and to possibly support the legislation if it contains these conditions: 1) 100% of revenue returns to the region, 2) the Court opposes the language of the state recommending it's own planned interest in the middle of all regional plans, 3) the local planning commission should have the ability to get revenue totals from the local phone companies, and 4) to monitor the legislation to make sure language is not included that would prevent the County from doing what they are trying to achieve with SB 1172.

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

Discussion Only on HB 423.

Motion by Commissioner Baxter **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to support HB 1124.

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 Gómez to communicate with the appropriate Criminal Justice people of Travis County before taking a position on SB 205.

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

ITEM 1 CONTINUED

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to continue to monitor HB 430, to decide whether this inadvertently deletes the County's authority to have a habitat plan to begin with, that it be monitored carefully, and if any adjustments are needed, that those be brought to the Courts' attention.

A Clarification was made of the previous Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner to ask for legislative intent.

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

Item SB 701 postponed until March 16, 1999.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to generally support and continue to monitor HB 49.

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** Judge Biscoe to adjourn the Voting Session. (10:20 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

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge