

MINUTES – APRIL 24, 2001

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Tuesday, the 24th day of April, 2001, the Commissioners' Court convened the regular Voting Session at 9:11 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 Velasquez.

The Commissioners' Court retired to Executive Session at 10:40 AM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 11:33 AM.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Voting Session at 12:21 PM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Northwest Travis County Road District No. 3 (Golden Triangle) Board of Directors, (NWTCRD #3), convened the NWTCRD #3 Voting Session at 1:40 PM and adjourned at 1:40 PM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Travis County Housing Finance Corporation (TCHFC) called to order the Voting Session at 1:41 PM and adjourned at 1:41 PM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Capital Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC) called to order the Voting Session at 1:41 PM and adjourned at 1:53 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 1:53 PM.

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

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 4:02 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 4:07 PM.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Members of the Court heard from: Kenneth Snyder, Private Citizen. (9:12 AM)

CONSENT ITEMS

- 1. Motion by** Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the following Consent Items: C1-C6, and Items 7, 8, 9.A & B, 10, 11, 13, 17.A, 18, 21, 23, and 28. (9:17 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 SERVICES.
- C3.** APPROVE COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES FOR VOTING SESSION OF APRIL 10, 2001.
- C4.** APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF BARBARA JOHNSON TO THE BOND CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
- C5.** APPROVE A PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT THREE: RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK A, LAKEWIND ESTATES, SECTION 3 (SHORTFORM PLAT – 2 LOTS – 3.30 ACRES – LAGO VISTA – NO FISCAL REQUIRED - SEWAGE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED BY LCRA AND TRAVIS COUNTY OSSF – CITY OF AUSTIN ETJ).
- C6.** APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT TWO: RPS (SHORT FORM PLAT – 3 LOTS – 19.815 ACRES – ROYSTON LANE – NO FISCAL REQUIRED – SEWAGE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED BY MANVILLE WATER CORPORATION – PFLUGERVILLE ETJ).

2. RECEIVE UPDATE ON CHILDRENS' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP) AND THE RESULTS OF THE TEXCARE PARTNERSHIP URBAN COUNTY CHALLENGE, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (9:20 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: David Lurie, Director, Austin-Travis County Health and Human Services (A-TCHHS); and Beth Atherton, Insure-A-Kid.

Clerk's Note: The Court presented Certificates of Recognition to Departments and Organizations that participated in the CHIP enrollment campaign.

Discussion Only.

TRANSPORTATION & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT. ITEMS

3. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION ADVISING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) THAT TRAVIS COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE ANY PUBLIC NEED FOR STATE-OWNED, UNUSED RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG INTERSTATE IH-35 IN PRECINCT ONE, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (9:39 AM)

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the requested resolution.

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

JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY ITEMS

4. RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITED MEDICAL TRANSPORT SYSTEMS (CAMTS) ACCREDITATION FOR THE STAR FLIGHT PROGRAM. (9:43 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, Justice and Public Safety (JPS); and Casey Ping, Program Manager, Emergency Services.

Discussion Only.

5. CONSIDER REVISIONS TO FORM INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND HELICOPTER SERVICES BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND CITIES THAT HAVE NOT YET SIGNED, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (9:48 AM)

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

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the revisions to the interlocal.

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 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND HELICOPTER SERVICES BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND CITY OF WESTLAKE, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (9:50 AM)

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

Motion by Commissioner Baxter **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve, with the “60 days” in the language rather than the “30 days”.

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

PURCHASING OFFICE ITEMS

7. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR WATER TREATMENT SERVICES, IFB NO. B010042-RV TO THE LOW BIDDER, NALCO DIVERSIFIED TECHNOLOGIES. (9:17 AM)

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

8. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR 2001 HOT MIX ASPHALT CONCRETE OVERLAY PROGRAM, IFB NO.B010702-DM, TO THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDDER, WHEELER COATINGS ASPHALT, INC. (9:17 AM)

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

9. A. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR SOLAR AND ALUMINUM SCREENS, IFB NO. B010045-JP, GROUP B, LINE ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3, TO THE SOLE BIDDER, AUSTIN CUSTOM SCREENS. (9:17 AM)

- B. REJECT BIDS RECEIVED FOR IFB NO. B010045-JP, HOME REPAIR MATERIALS, EXCEPT FOR GROUP B, LINE ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3, AND REBID.

Items 9.A and B added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

- 10.** APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MOST HIGHLY QUALIFIED FIRM, DOUCET & ASSOCIATES, INC., RFQ #Q010049-JJ, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE MOORE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. (9:17 AM)

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

- 11.** APPROVE A 12-MONTH EXTENSION (MODIFICATION NO. 1) TO CONTRACT NO. 00T0293-JP, MONARCH PAINT COMPANY FOR PAINT AND PAINT SUPPLIES; CONTRACT APPROVED ON 6/20/00. (9:17 AM)

Item 11 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 12.** APPROVE A 12-MONTH EXTENSION AND DELETION OF LINE ITEMS (MODIFICATION NO. 1) TO CONTRACT NO. 00T0276-RG, INTELLIGENT INTERFACE OFFICE PRODUCTS, INC., FOR REMANUFACTURED TONER CARTRIDGES; CONTRACT APPROVED 6/13/00. (9:11 AM)

Item 12 postponed until May 1, 2001.

- 13.** APPROVE ORDER EXEMPTING THE PURCHASE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM MORNINGSIDE RESEARCH AND CONSULTING, PURSUANT TO SECTION 262.024(A)(4) OF THE COUNTY PURCHASING ACT. (9:17 AM)

Item 13 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

14. APPROVE AN INCREASE IN REIMBURSEMENT RATE (MODIFICATION NO. 1) TO CONTRACT NO. 01T0068-OJ, BARRON RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. FOR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION FOR TRAVIS COUNTY; CONTRACT APPROVED ON 2/27/01. (9:55 AM)

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve Item 14, plus give directions to Staff between now and a year to look at the feasibility of bringing this in-house.

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

15. APPROVE AN AUTHORIZED PRICE INCREASE (MODIFICATION NO. 2) TO CONTRACT NO. 00T0105-JP, METROCALL WIRELESS NETWORK FOR RENTAL OF PAGERS. (9:57 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; and Walter Leslie, JPS.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Item 15.

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

16. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARDS FOR WEBBERVILLE PARK RESTROOMS AND ON-SITE SEWER SYSTEMS, IFB B010705-DM, TO THE QUALIFIED BIDDERS (TNR). (9:11 AM) (10:06 AM) (2:31 PM) (4:05 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; John Hille, Assistant County Attorney; Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; Robert Goode, Division Director, Planning and Engineering Services, TNR; Matt Phelps, Principal Owner, APEC; Unknown Male, Ajax Equipment; and Mike Halloren, Southwest Corporation.

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

Motion by Commissioner Davis and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner that Ajax be awarded the contract for the selection of the soccer restroom and also the septic system, picnic restroom and also septic system, in the amount of \$65,800.00; and that Southwest be awarded the contract to construct the soccer restroom building and also the picnic restroom building, in the amount of \$272,981.83.

Maker and Second accept the Friendly Amendment by Commissioner Sonleitner to clarify that, in terms of septic, that we found that APEC was rejected as non-responsive, and on the second part, that Aztec was rejected as non-responsive, and Spur was also not the low bid. Therefore, we are going with the recommendations of Ajax and Southwest, based on the rejection of the others as non-responsive.

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

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

PLANNING AND BUDGET DEPT. ITEMS

17. REVIEW AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON GRANT PROPOSALS, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS AND PERMISSION TO CONTINUE: (9:17 AM)

A. APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR THE VICTIM ASSISTANCE LIAISON PROGRAM IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Item 17.A added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

18. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS. (9:17 AM)

Item 18 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS ITEMS

19. DISCUSS INSTALLATION OF DISPLAY CASES AT THE BLACKWELL-THURMAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (1:57 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Roger El Khoury, Director, Facilities Management; Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Tommy Blackwell, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO).

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

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	absent

- 20.** DISCUSS POLICY ISSUES AND QUESTIONS RELATED TO COUNTY PARKING FACILITY LOCATED AT 1000 NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD, TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (2:07 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Pat Ford, Facilities Management; Roger El Khoury, Director, Facilities Management; and Lynn Harper, Administrative Operations.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis that in two weeks we are presented with written proposals so that we can look at them, know the details, and vote for one of them.

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	absent

Item 20 to be reposted on May 8, 2001.

- 21.** APPROVE PERSONNEL AMENDMENTS. (9:17 AM)

Item 21 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

OTHER ITEMS

- 22.** DISCUSS STATUS, NECESSARY CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS AND RELATED ISSUES ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM (CJP) PROJECTS, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (1:54 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; and Dave Stauch, Herndon Stauch and Associates.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the contract modification in the amount of \$40,000.00 for Donna Carter.

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	absent

- 23.** APPROVE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS OF TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE CHAPTER 706 (DENIAL OF RENEWAL OF LICENSE FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR). (9:17 AM)

Item 23 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 24.** CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO ALLOW JUDICIAL MANAGER'S POSITION WITH DRUG DIVERSION COURT BE SHARED BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (9:11 AM)

Item 24 pulled from the Agenda.

25. A. DISCUSS LEGISLATIVE ISSUES, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (SEE ATTACHED LIST OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS); AND (9:11 AM) (11:34 AM)
- B. OTHER BILLS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED IN RESPONSE TO ACTION TAKEN BY THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

Clerk's Note: Items 25.A and B are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

House Bill 769: Relating to the fees imposed in certain child support cases.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

House Bill 2167: Relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court at Law Number 4 of Travis County.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

House Bill 2212: Relating to the certification of certain revenue received by a county after the fiscal year begins.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

House Bill 2937 and Senate Bill 1308: Relating to the setting of certain county fees for a license, permit, or registration.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

ITEM 25 CONTINUED

House Bill 3055: Relating to authorizing a county to pay the costs of an owner-controlled insurance program with the proceeds of certain securities issued by the county.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

House Bill 3646: Relating to the jurisdiction of and procedure in a county court at law in Travis County.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

Senate Bill 201: Relating to the authority of certain counties to collect traffic fines through Internet transactions.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

Senate Bill 407: Relating to the authority of a public entity to borrow funds from the state infrastructure fund.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

Senate Bill 578: Relating to the provision of emergency communication services.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

ITEM 25 CONTINUED

Senate Bill 873: Relating to infrastructure planning in certain urban counties.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant; and Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR.

Discussion Only.

Senate Bill 1341: Relating to reimbursing counties for the cost of holding state parolees in county jails.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

House Bill 1287: Relating to the authority of the commissioners court of a county to establish a drug court program.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

House Bill 709: Relating to the maximum number of registered voters an election precinct may contain in certain counties.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

House Bill 2691: Relating to procedures for the electronic transfer of voter registration applications by certain voter registration agencies.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

ITEM 25 CONTINUED

Senate Bill 510: Relating to the procurement methods a political subdivision or a related entity may use.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

House Bill 1318: Relating to conditions of employment for a peace officer or a detention officer employed by certain sheriff's departments.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant; Barbara Alsworth, Precinct 3 County Commissioner's Office; and Jim Connolly, Assistant County Attorney.

Discussion Only.

House Bill 1119: Relating to tort liability of governmental units.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to voice our opposition, but to indicate that we thought that by increasing the amount, we would have to increase the amount of cash deposited in reserve in order to meet County fiscal policy standards; and we thought the monetary impact on us was substantial.

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 25 CONTINUED

Senate Bill 866: Relating to the creation of a Texas Privacy Act and addressing the ways in which the information practices of state and local governmental entities affect personal privacy.

Members of the Court heard from: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant; Ann Marie Sheely, Assistant County Attorney; and David Escamilla, First Assistant County Attorney.

Clerk's Note: Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant, requested that he be given the authority to provide a letter, drafted by the County Attorney's Office, to the Conference of Urban Counties, and to the Texas Judges and Commissioners Association.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis that Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant, be authorized to relay that information to the bill's sponsor.

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

Senate Bill 5: Relating to the Texas emissions reduction plan; providing a penalty.

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; and Scheleen Walker, TNR.

Discussion Only.

Clerk's Note: The Court announced that Senate Bill 5 is to be reposted on May 1, 2001.

26. APPOINT TWO REPLACEMENT MEMBERS TO THE BOND CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (2:22 PM)

Motion by Commissioner Baxter and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to appoint Mike Moroney to the Bond Citizens Advisory Committee.

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	absent

27. RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE FY 2001 MID-YEAR REVENUE REPORT.
(2:23 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Blaine Keith, Chief Assistant County Auditor, Travis County Auditor's Office; and Carolyn Damron, Senior Financial Analyst, Travis County Auditor's Office.

Discussion Only.

28. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST COUNTY FUNDS. (9:17 AM)

Item 28 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

Note 4 – Gov't Code Ann 551.076, Security

29. **TAKE UP AT 10:30 A.M.** RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE ON ISSUES RELATED TO TRAVIS COUNTY REDISTRICTING, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹
(9:12 AM) (10:40 AM) (11:33 AM)

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

Item 29 to be reposted on May 1, 2001.

- 30. A. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE REGARDING CLAIMS RECEIVED FROM CONTRACTORS FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (2:31 PM)**
- B. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING FLUOR DANIEL, INC. V. TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; CIVIL ACTION NO. A 00CA021SS; IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, AUSTIN DIVISION. ¹**

Items 30.A and B postponed until May 1, 2001.

- 31. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM PFLUGER WIGINTON & HOOKER FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES FUNDING FOR TRAVIS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX DESIGN CONTRACT, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (2:31 PM)**

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

No action required on Item 31.

32. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY REGARDING CLAIM BY CITY OF AUSTIN FOR COUNTY SHARE OF REPAYMENT FUNDS FOR TEXAS MEDICAID PROGRAM COSTS THROUGH THE FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS (FQHC) CLINIC SYSTEM DEMANDED BY NATIONAL HERITAGE INSURANCE COMPANY, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹
(2:31 PM) (4:02 PM)

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis that we notify the City of Austin that Travis County has always received a 5% reimbursement, and we understood that to be based on the percentage of utilization; and therefore, of the 1.4 million dollars that they have had to repay, we believe that the County's share should be 5%, which we are willing to pay at this time. However, we want to work with them to discover all of the relevant facts, and that if it appears at a later time that the County owes zero or less, we want our money paid back, and, if we owe more, then we will pay that.

Maker and Second accept the Friendly Amendment by Commissioner Sonleitner to request that the City put that in the form of a demand letter to us to expedite this getting worked through our system.

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

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	absent

33. DISCUSS, APPROVE OR TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE SEVENTH AMENDMENT OF THE LEASE BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AND HARRY M. WHITTINGTON, D/B/A TRAVIS PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 209 WEST 9TH, REDUCING THE LEASE SPACE BY 222 SQUARE FEET. ²
(2:31 PM) (4:02 PM)

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

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner that we authorize the recommended reduction in lease by 222 square feet, that we authorize the County Judge to sign an appropriate amendment to the contract that we have before us, showing the County to save \$313.39 monthly, and \$14,986.25 in the new payment.

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	absent

34. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN; ADDIE KYLES V. MARGO FRASIER, ET AL. (TEXAS TORT CLAIMS ACT; PERSONAL INJURY) ¹ (2:31 PM)

Item 34 postponed until May 1, 2001.

35. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND ACCEPT, REJECT OR COUNTER SETTLEMENT OFFER AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN PATRICIA MITCHELL, ET AL. VS. MARGO FRASIER ET AL.; CAUSE NO. 97-13704. (EMPLOYMENT CLAIMS) ¹ (2:31 PM)

Item 35 postponed until May 1, 2001.

36. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND ACCEPT, REJECT OR COUNTER SETTLEMENT OFFER AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN LARRY LAWS VS. TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; CAUSE NO. 98-06351. (EMPLOYMENT CLAIMS) ¹ (2:31 PM)

Item 36 postponed until May 1, 2001.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Baxter and seconded by Commissioner Davis to adjourn the Voting Session. (4:07 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	absent

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge