

## MINUTES OF MEETING – JULY 5, 2005

### TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005, the Commissioners' Court convened the regular Voting Session at 9:15 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the Ned Granger Administration Building, 314 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Melissa Velasquez.

The Commissioners Court record notes that Precinct Two Commissioner Karen Sonleitner and Precinct Three Commissioner Gerald Daugherty were not present during this Voting Session.

The Commissioners Court adjourned the Voting Session at 10:09 AM.

The Commissioners Court, meeting as the Northwest Travis County Road District #3 (Golden Triangle) convened at 10:09 AM and adjourned at 10:10 AM.

The Commissioners Court, meeting as the Travis County Housing Finance Corporation, convened at 10:10 AM and adjourned at 10:11 AM.

The Commissioners Court, meeting as the Capital Health Facilities Development Corporation, convened at 10:11 AM and adjourned at 10:13 AM.

---

### CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

**Clerk's Note:** No speakers addressed the Court at this time. (9:16 AM)

**Clerk's Note:** Citizens Communication was further discussed at 10:04 AM.

**Members of the Court heard from:** Scott Johnson, Travis County Resident.  
(10:04 AM)

### CONSENT ITEMS

**Motion by** Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the following Consent Items: C1-C4, and Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.A-F, 8.A&B, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.A-C, 15, 16, 20, 22, and 23. (9:16 AM)

**Motion carried:**

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	absent
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 JUNE 14, 2005.
- C4.** APPROVE AUTOMATIC BUDGET TRANSFERS.

### PURCHASING OFFICE ITEMS

- 1.** APPROVE ISSUANCE OF JOB ORDER NO. 19, MINOR CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION SERVICES CONTRACT NO. 04K0203ARV, WILLIAMS AND THOMAS, INC. D.B.A. JAMAIL CONSTRUCTION. (FM)  
(COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:16 AM)

**Clerk's Note:** Item 1 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

2. APPROVE AWARD OF A CATALOG INFORMATION SYSTEMS VENDOR STATE CATALOG PURCHASE, RFO NO. 0050066-JT, FOR CAMERAS, RELATED EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION FOR COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM FROM COMMERCIAL VIDEO SYSTEMS. (RMCR) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:16 AM)

**Clerk's Note:** Item 2 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

3. APPROVE TWELVE-MONTH EXTENSION (MODIFICATION NO. 3) TO CONTRACT NO. PS020281LB, JOHN S. FORD, FOR PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES. (SHERIFF'S OFFICE) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:16 AM)

**Clerk's Note:** Item 3 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

4. APPROVE AWARD OF A CATALOG INFORMATION SYSTEMS VENDOR STATE CATALOG PURCHASE, RFO NO. 0050096-RG, FOR LAPTOP COMPUTERS TO TECH DEPOT. (SHERIFF'S OFFICE & FIRE MARSHALL) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:16 AM)

**Clerk's Note:** Item 4 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

5. DECLARE LISTING OF EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION, PURSUANT TO SECTION 263.151 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. (FIXED ASSETS) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:16 AM)

**Clerk's Note:** Item 5 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

6. APPROVE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) TRUCKS WITH PATCHER UNITS FROM THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE, BUYBOARD, NO. IL030067OJ. (TNR) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:16 AM)

**Clerk's Note:** Item 6 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

7. APPROVE TWELVE- MONTH EXTENSIONS (MODIFICATION NO. 2) TO THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING SERVICES: (9:16 AM)

- A. NO. PS030310LB, PINNACLE MEDICAL MANAGEMENT;
- B. NO. PS030311LB, SOURCE 1 SOLUTIONS;
- C. NO. PS030312LB, PROMED MEDICAL CARE;
- D. NO. PS030313LB, PRORESULTS;
- E. NO. PS030314LB, ALLIANT DIAGNOSTICS; AND
- F. NO. PS030315LB, OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CENTERS (FORMERLY CONCENTRA MEDICAL) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ)

**Clerk's Note:** Items 7.A-F approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

8. A. APPROVE TWELVE-MONTH EXTENSION (MODIFICATION NO. 2) TO THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS FOR CAR WASHING SERVICES: (9:16 AM)

- 1. NO. 03T00258RV, AUSTIN QUALITY CAR WASH; AND
- 2. NO. 03T00259RV, MACE SECURITY INTERNATIONAL DBA GENIE CAR WASH;

- B. APPROVE TWELVE-MONTH EXTENSION (MODIFICATION NO. 4) TO CONTRACT NO. 03T00260RV, SPARKLING CAR WASH, FOR CAR WASHING SERVICES. (TNR) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ)

**Clerk's Note:** Items 8.A and B approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

9. REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR IFB NO. B050081-MP, COMMERCIAL AND CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONAL PLUMBING HARDWARE ITEMS, AND REBID. (SHERIFF'S OFFICE) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:16 AM)

**Clerk's Note:** Item 9 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

10. REJECT ALL BIDS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO IFB NO. B050056-JJ, STREET AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, WESTLAKE DRIVE, DUE TO ALL BIDS SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDING THE PROJECT BUDGET. (TNR) (COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY) (9:16 AM)

**Clerk's Note:** Item 10 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

### TRANSPORTATION & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT. ITEMS

11. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ACCEPT BILL OF TRANSFER FROM THE TEXAS SYSTEM OF NATURAL LABORATORIES FOR A LIBRARY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER MATERIALS TO ASSIST WITH MANAGEMENT OF THE BALCONES CANYONLANDS PRESERVE (BCP). (COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY) (9:16 AM)

**Clerk's Note:** Item 11 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

### PLANNING AND BUDGET DEPT. ITEMS

12. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON BUDGET AMENDMENTS, TRANSFERS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS. (9:16 AM)

**Clerk's Note:** Item 12 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

13. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON REQUEST TO APPROVE ORDER AMENDING CHAPTER 23 (INVESTMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES) OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY CODE. (9:16 AM)

**Clerk's Note:** Item 13 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

14. REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUESTS REGARDING GRANT PROPOSALS, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS AND PERMISSIONS TO CONTINUE:  
(9:16 AM)
- A. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR A FAMILY VIOLENCE VICTIM COORDINATOR AND LIAISON GRANT IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. GRANT PROVIDES FUNDS FOR A CONTRACT WITH SAFEPLACE FOR VICTIM COORDINATION SERVICES AND CONTINUES EXISTING PROGRAM FOR FY 06;
  - B. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR A FAMILY VIOLENCE VICTIM OUTREACH GRANT FOR A VICTIM COUNSELOR POSITION IN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE; AND
  - C. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR A FAMILY VIOLENCE VICTIM COORDINATOR AND LIAISON GRANT FOR A VICTIM COUNSELOR POSITION IN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

**Clerk's Note:** Items 14.A-C approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

### ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS ITEMS

15. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENT TO UNITED HEALTH CARE FOR CLAIMS PAID FOR TRAVIS COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS COVERED BY THE HOSPITAL AND INSURANCE FUND FOR PAYMENT OF \$496,255.40 FOR THE PERIOD OF JUNE 17 THROUGH JUNE 23, 2005. (9:16 AM)

**Clerk's Note:** Item 15 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

16. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON PROPOSED ROUTINE PERSONNEL AMENDMENTS. (9:16 AM)

**Clerk's Note:** Item 16 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 17. A. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES TO FUND EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR FY 06; (9:24 AM)
- B. DIRECT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH OPEN ENROLLMENT WITH RATES FROM BENEFIT PLAN 7.

**Clerk’s Note:** Items 17.A and B are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

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

**Motion by** Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the changes set out in the June 30, 2005 memo, and basically, we would modify Option 7, which we previously approved, by reducing the employee contribution increase, under the EPO plan, from \$34.00 per month to \$20.00 per month; and for retirees under 65 in the EPO category, to reduce the increase by \$100.00 in each of the tiers; and that amount would be picked up by Travis County from the Insurance Reserve in the amount of \$306,600.00 for the EPO active employees, and \$73,200.00 for the retirees under 65; and to increase the employee and retiree education as to all the options between now and the end of open enrollment.

**Motion carried:**

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

- 18. A. APPROVE OFFERING OPTIONAL 100% VOLUNTARY ACCIDENTAL DEATH OR DISMEMBERMENT (AD&D) TO EMPLOYEES; (9:58 AM)
- B. AUTHORIZE PAYROLL DEDUCTION FOR THE VOLUNTARY ACCIDENTAL COVERAGE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2005.

**Clerk’s Note:** Items 18.A and B are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

**Members of the Court heard from:** Dan Mansour, Risk and Benefits Manager, HRMD.

Items 18.A and B pulled from the Agenda.

**JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY ITEMS**

19. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON STRATEGY TO FILL UPCOMING VACANCY FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATOR. (9:23 AM)

**Motion by** Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the posting of the position of Criminal Justice Coordinator.

**Motion carried:**

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

**OTHER ITEMS**

20. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST COUNTY FUNDS. (9:16 AM)

**Clerk’s Note:** Item 20 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court’s Motion and Vote.

21. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TRAVIS COUNTY. (9:18 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Pete Baldwin, Emergency Management Coordinator, Travis County Emergency Services.

Discussion Only. No formal action taken.

22. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON REQUEST TO INCREASE AUTHORIZED NUMBER OF SHERIFF’S OFFICE RESERVE DEPUTIES FROM FORTY TO SEVENTY-FIVE. (9:16 AM)

**Clerk’s Note:** Item 22 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court’s Motion and Vote.



23. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON REQUEST TO APPOINT OFELIA ELIZONDO TO SERVE AS A PRECINCT THREE APPOINTEE TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND TO THE STRATEGIC HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, TERM EFFECTIVE THROUGH JULY 2007. (COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY) (9:16 AM)

**Clerk's Note:** Item 23 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

24. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 79<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS LEGISLATURE. (9:59 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor; and Ann Denkler, Executive Assistant, Travis County Commissioner Precinct 2 Office.

**Clerk's Note:** The Court discussed the following proposed legislation:

**House Bill 4 (HB4):** Relating to certain limitations on the ad valorem tax rates of certain taxing units.

**Senate Bill 4 (SB4):** Relating to the calculation and imposition of an ad valorem tax by a taxing unit.

**Senate Bill 5 (SB5):** Relating to certain fiscal matters affecting governmental entities.

**Clerk's Note:** The Court without objection gave directions to Staff to send a reminder note to the Travis County Legislative Delegation regarding the action previously taken by the Travis County Commissioners Court on the subject of Revenue Caps.

Discussion Only. No formal action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by** Commissioner Davis **seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to adjourn the Voting Session. (10:09 AM)

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

**MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT**

---

**Date of Approval**

---

**Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge**