

MINUTES OF MEETING AUGUST 4, 2009

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Tuesday, the 4th day of August 2009, the Commissioners' Court convened the Voting Session at 9:10 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor of the Ned Granger Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Gillian Porter.

The Commissioners Court record notes that Precinct Two Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt was not present during this Voting Session.

The Commissioners Court retired to Executive Session at 11:30 AM.

The Commissioners Court reconvened the Voting Session at 1:16 PM.

The Commissioners Court adjourned the Voting Session at 1:21 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. RECEIVE COMMENTS REGARDING A PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT THREE: REVISED PLAT OF LOTS 53 THROUGH 56 AND 103, BLOCK A AND LOTS 5 THROUGH 9, 13 AND 14, BLOCK C, THE RESERVE AT LAKE TRAVIS SUBDIVISION (15 TOTAL LOTS). (COMMISSIONER HUBER) (ACTION ITEM #18) (9:11 AM)

Clerk's Note: This Item is a public hearing to receive comments. Please refer to Agenda Item 18 for a summary of the action item.

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 Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Members of the Court heard from: Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Engineering Services, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR).

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

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

2. RECEIVE COMMENTS REGARDING A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN INSTRUMENT TO VACATE SIX FIVE-FOOT PUBLIC UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENTS LOCATED ALONG THE COMMON LOT LINES OF LOTS 11 AND 12, LOTS 12 AND 13 AND LOTS 13 AND 14, BLOCK B, SECTION ONE, KINGSBERY PARK SUBDIVISION. (COMMISSIONER DAVIS) (ACTION ITEM #19) (9:12 AM)

Clerk's Note: This Item is a public hearing to receive comments. Please refer to Agenda Item 19 for a summary of the action item.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **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 Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Members of the Court heard from: Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Engineering Services, TNR.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **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 Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Members of the Court heard from: Gus Peña, Travis County Resident; Richard Macdonald, Travis County Resident; Delores Esfacio, Travis County Resident; Maria Hernandez, Travis County Resident; Leslie Almazan, Travis County Resident; Beverly Manroe, Travis County Resident; Courtney Enriquez; Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident; Ann Ramos, Travis County Resident; Paul Saldaña, Travis County Resident; Raël Zamoro, Travis County Resident; Ralph Ramos, Travis County Resident; Lupe Morin, Travis County Resident; Diana Castenada; Travis County Resident; Joe Vela, Travis County Resident; Rebecca J. Cobos, Travis County Resident; Jerry Bragg, President, Republic of Texas (ROT) Biker Rally; Marícela Rodriguez-Barr, Travis County Resident; Kathy Nomady, Travis County Resident; Veronica Andradi, Travis County Resident; Melissa Matas, Travis County Resident, Sarah Lightfoot, Travis County Resident; John Matos, Travis County Resident; Bernadette Ruiz, Travis County Resident; Ernie Pedraza, Executive Vice-President, Texas Hispanic Police Officers Association; John Colunga, Travis County Resident; Stacy Suits, Chief Deputy, Constable Precinct 3; Vicky Valdez, Travis County Resident; Cheryl Brown, Executive Assistant, County Judge's Office; Clementina Moran, Travis County Resident; Martha Coteria, Travis County Resident. (9:14 AM)

CONSENT ITEMS

Members of the Court heard from: Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Huber to approve the following Consent Items: C1-C4 and Items 6, 7.A&B, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.A&B, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25.A&C, 28, 29, and 30. (10:50 AM)

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

- C1. RECEIVE BIDS FROM COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT.
- C2. APPROVE COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES FOR VOTING SESSION OF JULY 14, 2009.
- C3. APPROVE COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES FOR VOTING SESSION OF JULY 21, 2009.
- C4. APPROVE SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR AUGUST 25, 2009 TO RECEIVE COMMENTS REGARDING A PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT THREE: SCHUKNECHT SUBDIVISION, A RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 3, 4 AND 5, BLOCK A OF THE EXA PRESLAR SUBDIVISION, 4 TOTAL LOTS. (COMMISSIONER HUBER)

SPECIAL ITEMS

- 3. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TRAVIS COUNTY. (10:41 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Hershel Lee, Assistant Fire Marshal.

Clerk's Note: The County Judge announced that by taking no action the prohibition against outdoor burning stays in place.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

Item 3 to be reposted on August 11, 2009.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

4. APPROVE PROCLAMATION PRESENTED TO MR. MOSES GONZALES FOR HIS LIFESAVING EFFORTS ON JULY 5, 2009. (COMMISSIONER DAVIS) (10:32 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Hershel Lee, Fire Marshal; Chris Fanuel, Executive Assistant, Commissioner Precinct 1 Office; Don Smith, Chief, Travis County Fire Control, ESD # 4; and Moses Gonzales, Travis County Resident.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the Proclamation in Item 4.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

5. APPROVE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2009 AS "TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORY DAY." (JUDGE BISCOE) (10:43 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Steven Broberg, Director, Records Management and Communication Resources (RMCR); Amalia Rodriguez-Mendoza, Travis County District Clerk; and Ronnie Earle, Former District Attorney.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the Resolution in Item 5.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS ITEMS

6. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENT TO UNITED HEALTH CARE FOR CLAIMS PAID FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE TRAVIS COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE FUND FOR PAYMENT OF \$885,761.53 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 17 TO 23, 2009.
(10:50 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. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:
(10:50 AM)

- A. PROPOSED ROUTINE PERSONNEL AMENDMENTS; AND
- B. REQUEST FROM FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT FOR AN EXCEPTION TO TRAVIS COUNTY CODE SECTION 10.03009, VOLUNTARY JOB CHANGE.

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

8. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON TRAVIS COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRAVIS COUNTY CODE SECTIONS 10.043, HOLIDAYS AND 10.044, PERSONAL HOLIDAYS.
(10:50 AM)

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

JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY ITEMS

9. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON REVISED AND AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT TRANSPORT HELICOPTER SERVICES AMONG TRAVIS COUNTY, SETON HEALTHCARE AND PEDIATRIX MEDICAL SERVICES, INC. D/B/A PEDIATRIX MEDICAL GROUP OF TEXAS. (11:25 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Danny Hobby, Executive Manager, Travis County Emergency Services.

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

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	abstain
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

10. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AGREEMENT FOR MATERNAL TRANSPORT HELICOPTER SERVICES BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND SETON HEALTHCARE. (11:26 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Danny Hobby, Executive Manager, Travis County Emergency Services; and Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident.

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

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	abstain
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

11. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AGREEMENT FOR DONATED HEART TRANSPORT HELICOPTER SERVICES AMONG TRAVIS COUNTY, SETON HEALTHCARE AND CARDIOTHORACIC AND VASCULAR SURGEONS. (11:28 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Danny Hobby, Executive Manager, Travis County Emergency Services.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Huber to approve Item 11.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	abstain
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

12. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR ON-GOING PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT MAINTENANCE, EQUIPMENT UPGRADE AND TRAINING. (10:50 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 JOINT RESOLUTION OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS AND THE CITY OF LAKEWAY, TEXAS, REGARDING MUTUAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATION AND SERVICES. (10:50 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.

PURCHASING OFFICE ITEMS

14. AUTHORIZE PURCHASING AGENT TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MOST HIGHLY QUALIFIED FIRM, JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP, INC., RFQ NO. Q090251JW, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF HOWARD LANE EXTENSION, PHASE II. (10:50 AM)

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

15. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR IFB NO. B090237-DR, RUBBER MULCH, TO THE RESPONSIBLE LOW BIDDER, JJV RUBBER MULCH AND SAFETY SURFACING. (10:50 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. APPROVE MODIFICATION NO. 12, TO CONTRACT NO. 99C0018-JP, MANATRON, INC., FOR PUBLIC RECORDS DEED INDEXING SYSTEM. (10:50 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. APPROVE TWELVE-MONTH EXTENSIONS (MODIFICATION NO. 2) TO THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS FOR MINOR CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION SERVICES: (10:50 AM)

A. NO. 07K00307RV, ARCHITECTURAL HABITAT OF AUSTIN, INC.; AND

B. NO. 07K00308RV, TRIMBUILT CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Clerk's Note: Items 17.A&B approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

TRANSPORTATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT. ITEMS

18. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING A PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT THREE: REVISED PLAT OF LOTS 53 THROUGH 56 AND 103, BLOCK A AND LOTS 5 THROUGH 9, 13 AND 14, BLOCK C, THE RESERVE AT LAKE TRAVIS SUBDIVISION (15 TOTAL LOTS).
(COMMISSIONER HUBER) (10:50 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 18 is the action item for the public hearing on Agenda Item 1.

Clerk's Note: Item 18 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

19. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN INSTRUMENT TO VACATE SIX FIVE-FOOT PUBLIC UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENTS LOCATED ALONG THE COMMON LOT LINES OF LOTS 11 AND 12, LOTS 12 AND 13 AND LOTS 13 AND 14, BLOCK B, SECTION ONE, KINGSBERY PARK SUBDIVISION.
(COMMISSIONER DAVIS) (10:50 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 19 is the action item for the public hearing on Agenda Item 2.

Clerk's Note: Item 19 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

20. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A PRELIMINARY PLAN AND A PHASING AGREEMENT WITH FPA BRATTON ASSOCIATES, L.P. FOR PEARSON BUSINESS CENTER II. (COMMISSIONER ECKHARDT)
(10:50 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 ON A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FROM TITLE 30-2-151 OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY CODE, STREET ALIGNMENT OF SUBDIVISIONS, WHICH REQUIRES STREETS OF A NEW SUBDIVISION TO BE ALIGNED WITH EXISTING STREETS ON ADJOINING PROPERTY, FOR THE SCHUKNECHT SUBDIVISION. (COMMISSIONER HUBER) (10:50 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 21 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

22. RECEIVE BRIEFING REGARDING HOUSE BILL 2833 REGARDING RESIDENTIAL BUILDING INSPECTIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TRAVIS COUNTY. (JUDGE BISCOE) (11:02 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; Harry Savio, Texas Association of Homebuilders; Stacey Scheffel, Flood Plain Manager, TNR; Paul Cauduro, Texas Association of Homebuilders; and Julie Joe, Assistant County Attorney.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT. ITEMS

23. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF HOST AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH AARP FOUNDATION FOR SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. (10:50 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.

PLANNING AND BUDGET DEPT. ITEMS

24. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON BUDGET AMENDMENTS, TRANSFERS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS. (10:50 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 24 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

25. REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUESTS REGARDING GRANT PROPOSALS, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS AND PERMISSIONS TO CONTINUE:
(10:50 AM)

- A. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE THROUGH TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE FOR LAND ACQUISITION ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR THE BALCONES CANYONLANDS PRESERVE;

Clerk's Note: Item 25.A approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

25. REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUESTS REGARDING GRANT PROPOSALS, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS AND PERMISSIONS TO CONTINUE:

- B. AMENDED GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR THE CRIMINAL COURTS TO CONTINUE PROVIDING ENHANCED TREATMENT AND CASE MANAGEMENT TO SPECIALIZED POPULATIONS IN THE DRUG DIVERSION COURT; AND

Members of the Court heard from: Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 25.B.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

25. REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUESTS REGARDING GRANT PROPOSALS, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS AND PERMISSIONS TO CONTINUE:
(10:50 AM)

- C. GRANT CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ALLOW FOR TRAVIS COUNTY TO SUBMIT ELIGIBLE CLAIMS FOR INTEGRATED CHILD SUPPORT SYSTEM RELATED TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT UP TO ONE YEAR AFTER PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.

Clerk's Note: Item 25.C approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

26. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING SETTING ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010, INCLUDING:
(11:30 AM) (1:16 PM)
- A. SET SALARIES;
 - B. LONGEVITY PAY FOR JUDGES QUALIFYING UNDER THE ELIGIBILITY PRESCRIBED IN SENATE BILL 497; AND
 - C. WHETHER TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR DUTIES AS PRESIDING CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE AS ALLOWED UNDER HOUSE BILL 3468. (THIS ITEM MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOV'T CODE ANN. 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY)

Clerk's Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Items 26.A-C would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

Members of the Court heard from: John Hille, Assistant County Attorney; and Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Huber to approve Item 26.A.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Items 26.B&C Discussion only. No formal action taken.

Items 26.B&C to be reposted on August 11, 2009.

Clerk's Note: The County Judge noted that by passing Item 26.A the Court has approved the order setting the salaries for Elected Officials.

27. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDER AMENDING CHAPTER 23, INVESTMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES, OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY CODE.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Huber to approve Item 27.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	abstain
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

OTHER ITEMS

28. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST COUNTY FUNDS. (10:50 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 28 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

29. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RENEWAL BOND FOR VISITING JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PAMELA LANCASTER. (JUDGE BISCOE) (10:50 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 29 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

30. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON REQUEST TO RATIFY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR THE 2009 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AWARD. (10:50 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 30 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

31. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON PROCESS TO FILL VACANCY ON CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY BOARD. (JUDGE BISCOE) (1:20 PM)

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Huber to approve the process, the proposed schedule, and take actions to implement it.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

32. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING HOUSE BILL 3613, WHICH PROVIDES A NEW DISABLED VETERANS RESIDENCE EXEMPTION:

A. REQUEST TO LINK TO A DISABLED VETERAN FACT SHEET ON THE TRAVIS COUNTY WEB SITE;

B. REQUEST TO DISTRIBUTE FLIERS WITH TRAVIS COUNTY EMPLOYEE PAYROLL CHECKS ANNOUNCING THE NEW LAW; AND

C. ANY OTHER ACTIONS DESIGNED TO EDUCATE TRAVIS COUNTY VETERANS ABOUT THIS NEW EXEMPTION.

Clerk's Note: Items 32.A-C are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from: Nelda Wells Spears, Travis County Tax Assessor Collector; Patrick Brown, Chief Appraiser, Travis Central Appraisal District; Maria Crigler, Deputy Chief Appraiser, TCAD; and Olie Pope, Director, Veterans' Services, Travis County Health and Human Services (TCHHS).

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve Items 32.A-C.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

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

The Commissioners Court will consider the following items in Executive Session. The Commissioners Court may also consider any other matter posted on the agenda if there are issues that require consideration in Executive Session and the Commissioners Court announces that the item will be considered during Executive Session.

33. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE SALE OF COUNTY-OWNED LAND OFF FM 969 IN EAST AUSTIN. ^{1 AND 2}
(11:30 AM) (1:17 PM)

Clerk's Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item 33 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis that we authorize the potential buyer of the land on the front tract that the County needs to see a list of possible uses for our approval or that we revisit this matter at the time when the potential buyer has a specific project in mind.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis that we indicate our intention to ask the City of Austin to sign the latest version of a contract of sale, and have Commissioners Court approve it next week, August 11, 2009.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

ADDED ITEMS

- A1. RECEIVE BRIEFING AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON FIRE SAFETY ISSUES RELATED TO MANCHACA COMMUNITY CENTER LOCATED AT 1310 FM 1626. (THIS ITEM MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOV'T CODE ANN. 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY) (11:30 AM) (1:19 PM)

Clerk's Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item 33 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez that appropriate County representatives, including Hershel Lee, Fire Marshal, and Facilities Management, will visit Mr. Vogel at the Center, Wednesday, August 5, 2009, and they will observe the situation and take whatever action is necessary, especially in terms of compliance with the specific actions requested in a seven-day period, and that seven-day period ends August 5, 2009.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

- A2. A. RECEIVE LEGAL BRIEFING AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON COMMISSIONERS COURT'S AUTHORITY AND PROCESS TO HEAR APPEAL OF EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE AGAINST COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS. (THIS ITEM MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOV'T CODE ANN. 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY); AND (11:30 AM) (1:19 PM)

Clerk's Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item A2.A would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

Discussion only. No formal action taken.

ITEM A2 CONTINUED

- A2. B. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON SETTING HEARING DATE REGARDING APPEAL FROM JUNE 17, 2009 TRAVIS COUNTY GRIEVANCE PANEL DECISION IN NANCY DIMAS V. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 5, PURSUANT TO TRAVIS COUNTY CODE SECTION 9.257(K). (1:19 PM)

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez that we authorize the County Judge to try to coordinate a hearing of this appeal on the afternoon of August 18, 2009, which is two weeks from today; if this won't work then August 25, 2009, three weeks from today.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Huber to adjourn the Voting Session. (1:21 PM)

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Sarah Eckhardt	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Karen Huber	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge