



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: January 10, 2012

Prepared By/Phone Number: Gillian Porter, Commissioners Court Specialist, 512-854-4722

Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Dana DeBeauvoir, Travis County Clerk

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Approve the Commissioners Court Minutes for the Voting Sessions of December 20 & 27, 2011.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court Tuesday, December 20, 2011 Voting Session

Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on December 20, 2011, in the Ned Granger Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 1st Floor, 314 W. 11th St., Austin, TX. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Gillian Porter.

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

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding a plat for recording: Steiner Ranch Phase 1, Section 10-D, resubdivision of Lots 303-315 and Lots 324-339 (resubdivision final plat - 34 total lots [33 single-family lots and 1 greenbelt lot] - 15.17 acres - Shoreview Overlook Drive) in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Eckhardt) (Action Item #13)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER: Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner
AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:
 Anna Bowlin, Engineering Services Director, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
 Steve Manilla, County Executive, TNR

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER: Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner
AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

2. Receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate two five foot wide public utility easements located along the common lot line of Lots 39 and 40, Block H of Highland Creek Lakes, Section 1 in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Huber) (Action Item #14)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Karen L. Huber, Commissioner
SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

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

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Karen L. Huber, Commissioner
SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

3. Receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate two five foot wide drainage easements located along the north and south lot lines of Lot 7, Block 48 of Austin Lake Hills, Section Three in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Huber) (Action Item #15)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Karen L. Huber, Commissioner
SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

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

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Karen L. Huber, Commissioner
SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

Citizens Communication

Members of the Court heard from:
Diane Blankenship; Director, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD)
Morris Priest, Travis County Resident
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

Special Item

4. Consider and take appropriate action on an order concerning outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County.

Members of the Court heard from:
Hershel Lee, Travis County Fire Marshal

Clerk's Note: The County Judge announced that by taking no action, the prohibition against outdoor burning remains lifted.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Purchasing Office Items

5. Approve Modification No. 7 to Contract No. 07T00155OJ, The Retirement Store, consultant services for the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for Travis County.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

6. Approve twelve month extensions to 43 contracts with various contractors for social services, and authorize County Purchasing Agent to sign all extension modifications on the Court's behalf (see Attachment A for list of contracts).

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

7. Approve Modification No. 14 to Contract No. 02T00005OJ, administrative services agreement, with United Healthcare Services, Inc.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Approve three month extensions to:
 - a. Contract No. PS090092RE, Caritas of Austin; and
 - b. Contract No. PS090104RE, Austin Area Urban League, for social services.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Approve interlocal agreement with Texas Department of Public Safety for the purchase of alcohol blood test kits.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

10. Approve Modification No. 8 to Interlocal No. IL060254RE, University of Texas at Austin (Ray Marshall Center), for human resources study.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. LA110090LC, Cyrus Networks, LLC, for data center lease space.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Consider and take appropriate action on contract negotiations for advisory team for feasibility analysis of a P3 for new civil and family courthouse. (This item may be taken into Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney)

Members of the Court heard from:

Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent
Belinda Powell, Capital Planning Coordinator, PBO
James Collins, Senior Chief Deputy, County Attorney's Office
The Honorable John K. Dietz, Judge, 250th District
John Hille, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Select Ernst & Young for contract negotiations, specifically addressing the issues of diversity and local participation prior to approval of a final contract by the Commissioners Court.

RESULT: APPROVED [3 TO 2]

MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

SECONDER: Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner

AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt

NAYS: Karen L. Huber, Margaret J. Gómez

Transportation, Natural Resources and Facilities Dept. Items

13. Consider and take appropriate action on a plat for recording: Steiner Ranch Phase 1, Section 10-D, resubdivision of Lots 303-315 and Lots 324-339 (resubdivision final plat - 34 total lots [33 single-family lots and 1 greenbelt lot] - 15.17 acres - Shoreview Overlook Drive) in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Eckhardt)

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14. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate two five foot wide public utility easements located along the common lot line of Lots 39 and 40, Block H of Highland Creek Lakes, Section 1 in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Huber)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate two five foot wide drainage easements located along the north and south lot lines of Lot 7, Block 48 of Austin Lake Hills, Section Three in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Huber)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Consider and take appropriate action regarding modifications to LCRA Buoy Permit #B00045 at Bob Wentz Park at Windy Point in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Eckhardt)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Consider and take appropriate action on request for approval of new license agreements with the Travis County Credit Union for replacement and operation of automated teller machines at the Criminal Justice Center and the Office of the Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health and Human Services Dept. Items

18. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the City of Austin reducing the amount of Communities Putting Prevention to Work (Tobacco Free Work Place) Grant funds by \$75,264, due to a late start in the program.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Consider and take appropriate action on proposed amendments to Chapter 57 (Travis County Smoking Policy) of the Travis County Code. (This item may be taken into Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney)

Members of the Court heard from:

 Sherri Fleming, County Executive, Health, Human Services, and Veterans' Services
 (HHS&VS)

 Mary Etta Gerhardt, Assistant County Attorney
 Ana Almaguel, Planner, HHS&VS

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Reset for: 1/3/2012

20. Consider and take appropriate action on Memorandum of Understanding between Healthy Families Travis County and Any Baby Can for the provision of home-based counseling services.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action on items related to the Program Year 2010 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report for the Community Development Block Grant provided by HUD:

a. Review the comments received during the public comment period;

Members of the Court heard from:
Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS&VS

MOTION: Accept comments received during the public comment period and add them to the Program Year 2010 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER).

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

SECONDER: Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner

AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber

ABSENT: Margaret J. Gómez

b. Approve the final draft of the report; and

c. Approve submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, San Antonio Field Office, Region VI.

Members of the Court heard from:
Sherri Fleming, County Executive, HHS&VS

MOTION: Approve Items 21.b–c.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Ron Davis, Commissioner

SECONDER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber

ABSENT: Margaret J. Gómez

Planning and Budget Dept. Items

22. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers and discussion items.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Approve contract amendment with Fotowatio Renewable Venture, LLC (Solar Farm) for change in ownership.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Administrative Operations Items

24. 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 \$1,217,952.91 for the period of December 2 to December 8, 2011.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Consider and take appropriate action on proposed routine personnel amendments.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other Items

26. Consider and take appropriate action on request regarding County participation in Parking Mobility Initiative. (This item may be taken into Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney)

Members of the Court heard from:

Roger Jefferies, County Executive, Justice and Public Safety (JPS)
Craig Spradling, Chief Technical Officer and Co-Founder, Parking Mobility
Tonya Mills, Senior Planner, Criminal Justice Planning (CJP)
Bruce Elfant, Constable Precinct 5
Julie Maluca, Travis County Resident
Mike Hanes, Lone Star Paralysis Foundation
Chase Beard, Coalition for Texans with Disabilities
Luke Terry, Travis County Resident
Mike Marsh, Executive Director, Texas Association for Centers for Independent Living
Catherine McCarter, Travis County Resident

MOTION: Indicate the Court's intention to proceed and direct Roger Jefferies, County Executive, JPS and Legal to work with Parking Mobility to negotiate a proposal to bring back to the Commissioners Court on January 10, 2011 for further action.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

27. Consider and take appropriate action on an order regarding ethical and training standards for juvenile case managers.

Members of the Court heard from:

Judge Susan Steeg, Justice of the Peace Precinct 3

MOTION: Approve Item 27.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

28. Receive strategic plan for the Juvenile Case Management Program and recommendations for expenditures from the Juvenile Case Management Fund in Fiscal Year 2012 and take appropriate action.

Members of the Court heard from:

Judge Susan Steeg, Justice of the Peace Precinct 3
Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Judge Glenn Bass, Justice of the Peace Precinct 2

MOTION: Approve Item 28.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

SECONDER: Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

29. Consider and take appropriate action regarding interlocal agreement with Clean Air Force.

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 29 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

Members of the Court heard from:

Scott Johnson, Travis County Resident
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident
Tom Weber, Environmental Quality Program Manager, TNR
Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO

MOTION: Approve the \$10,000.00 request; funds would be from Allocated Reserve through TNR as an automatic budget adjustment. The Court directs Staff to monitor deliverables from the Clean Air Force within a one-year time frame.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Ron Davis, Commissioner

SECONDER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber

ABSENT: Margaret J. Gómez

Clerk's Note: The County Judge requested that Staff look into the elimination of duplication of effort with the various organizations that Travis County contracts with to ensure the best use of limited funds.

30. Consider and take appropriate action regarding renewal of contract with Envision Central Texas.

Members of the Court heard from:

Steve Manilla, County Executive, TNR
Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO
John Donisi, Incoming President, Envision Central Texas

MOTION: Approve Item 30; funds will be from Allocated Reserve through TNR as an automatic budget adjustment.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Karen L. Huber, Commissioner

SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

31. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Lindsey Hale to the Children's Protective Services Board as the County Judge's appointee, effective immediately through December 31, 2014.

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

32. Consider and take appropriate action on redistricting plans for the following Travis County Precincts:

- a. County Commissioners;
- b. Justices of the Peace and Constables; and
- b. Elections (voter tabulation districts).

Members of the Court heard from:

Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental Relations (IGR)
David Escamilla, Travis County Attorney

RESULT: DISCUSSED

33. Consider and take appropriate action on request to ratify Resolution recognizing retirement of Travis County employee, Nick Macik after 16 years of service. (Judge Biscoe)

MOTION: Approve Item 33.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

Executive Session Items

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.

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

Note 5: Gov't Code Ann 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations

34. Receive briefing from County Attorney and take appropriate action concerning the extension of administrative leave with pay for Juvenile Probation employee, Slot 360. ^{1 and 3}

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 34 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

MOTION: Approve an additional seven days.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

SECONDER: Karen L. Huber, Commissioner

AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber

ABSENT: Margaret J. Gómez

35. Receive briefing from County Attorney and take appropriate action to file an amicus curiae brief with the Supreme Court of Texas supporting the City of Austin's petition for review in Harper Park Two, LP v. City Of Austin. ¹

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 35 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Approve filing an amicus curiae brief with the Supreme Court.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

SECONDER: Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner

AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber

ABSENT: Margaret J. Gómez

36. Receive briefing from the County Attorney in Travis County, et al v. Bar-K Ranches POA, LLC (Samuel F. & Patricia L. Albus resale deed) and take appropriate action.¹

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 36 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Approve the proposed transaction.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER: Karen L. Huber, Commissioner
AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber
ABSENT: Margaret J. Gómez

37. Receive briefing from County Attorney and take appropriate action regarding potential litigation with Mortgage Electronic Recording System (MERS Corp.).¹

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 37 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: **DISCUSSED**

38. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding Travis County involvement in legal action objecting to congressional redistricting by the Texas legislature.¹

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 38 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

Members of the Court heard from:
Bill Derryberry, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO

MOTION: Authorize an additional \$30,000.00 for legal fees; funding is to come from Allocated Reserve as an automatic budget adjustment.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER: Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber
ABSENT: Margaret J. Gómez

39. Receive briefing and take appropriate action in Regina Jackson and Rudolf Williamson, individually, and on behalf of the estate of Rachel Jackson, deceased v. John A. Ford, M.D., and Travis County, Texas; Action No. A-10-CA-522-SS. (Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney)

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 39 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: **DISCUSSED**

40. Receive briefing from County Attorney regarding status of lease agreement at 700 Lavaca with Austin Suites Management, Ltd. And take appropriate action.^{1 and 2}

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 40 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: Authorize the County Attorney to send an appropriate response and have the matter back on the Court's Agenda at the appropriate time.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER: Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner
AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber
ABSENT: Margaret J. Gómez

41. Interview candidates to fill vacancy in the office of the Travis County Tax Assessor Collector on January 1, 2012:

- a. Stan Wilson;
- b. Renea Deckard;
- c. Tina Morton; and
- d. Dolores Lopez.

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 41 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

MOTION: Authorize the County Judge to contact the person not interviewed today with the results of the Court's discussion; further, that we ask the County Attorney to prepare a legal opinion on issues regarding one of the applicants for the Tuesday, December 27, 2011 Executive Session, and indicate the Court's intention to take action on the selection next Tuesday, December 27, 2011.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER: Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber
ABSENT: Margaret J. Gómez

Consent Items

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

MOTION: Approve the following Consent Items: C1–C4 and Agenda Items 5, 6, 7, 8.a–b, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 31.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER: Karen L. Huber, Commissioner
AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

- C1. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent.
- C2. Approve payment of claims and authorize County Treasurer to invest County funds.
- C3. Approve the Commissioners Court Minutes for the Voting Sessions of November 22 and 29, 2011.
- C4. Approve setting a public hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 to receive comments regarding a plat for recording: Steiner Ranch Phase 2, Section 10, Resubdivision of Lot 1, Block C (resubdivision final plat - 14 total lots (10 commercial lots, 2 open space lots, and 2 private joint use access lots) - 60.93 acres - Quinlan Park Road) in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Eckhardt)

Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge



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Call to Order

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

Citizens Communication

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

Special Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on an order concerning outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County.

Members of the Court heard from:
Hershel Lee, Travis County Fire Marshal

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Clerk's Note: The County Judge announced that by taking no action, the prohibition against outdoor burning remains lifted.

2. Consider and take appropriate action regarding:
 - a. Presentation of patriotic employer certificate to the Travis County Commissioners Court from employer support of the Guard and Reserve; and
 - b. Presentation of military honors to Travis County employee Colonel Leroy Ontiberos from Major General Gary Bunch and Major General Jaye Wells.

Members of the Court heard from:
Major Tyson Voekel
Alan Burgeron, Ombudsman, Department of Defense
Roger El Khoury, Director, Facilities Management
Major General Jimmy Jaye Wells
Colonel Leroy Ontiberos

Major General Gary Bunch

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Transportation, Natural Resources and Facilities Dept. Items

3. Consider and take appropriate action on approval of a replacement license agreement for 60 parking spaces located at 9th and Lavaca location.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

4. Consider and take appropriate action regarding license agreements with Matt Lucas and Bobby Jay Williamson to trap and control the feral hog population in Travis County parks and the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. (Commissioner Huber)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning and Budget Dept. Items

5. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers and discussion items.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

6. Review and approve requests regarding grant programs, applications, contracts and permissions to continue:
 - a. Ratification of a new application submitted by the Travis County Historical Commission to the Texas Historical Commission to receive National Park Service Resources for public outreach and educational curricula for the Ransom and Sarah Williams Farmstead Project in south Travis County;
 - b. Permission to continue the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program and use Health and Human Services and Veterans Service's budget for related operating expenses until the forthcoming Fiscal Year 2012 agreement is fully executed; and
 - c. Permission to continue the Casey Family Programs Community and Family Reintegration Project in Health and Human Services and Veterans Service until the forthcoming Fiscal Year 2012 agreement is fully executed.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

7. Approve collateral assignment agreement between Travis County, Fotowatio Renewable Venture, LLC (Solar Farm) and Wells Fargo Bank.

Members of the Court heard from:

Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident
Mary Etta Gerhardt, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Approve Item 7.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

SECONDER: Karen L. Huber, Commissioner

AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber

ABSENT: Margaret J. Gómez

Administrative Operations Items

8. 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 \$565,509.10 for the period of December 9 to December 15, 2011.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Consider and take appropriate action on proposed routine personnel amendments.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing Office Items

10. Approve Modification No. 9 to Contract No. MA080155LC, Future Com, Ltd., for it security products, support and services.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Approve interlocal agreement No. IL120078EC, Harris County Department of Education, to participate in the purchasing cooperative entitled "Choice Facility Partners."

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Consider and take appropriate action on contract award to Ernst & Young, LLC for consultant services on feasibility analysis for new civil and family courthouse.

RESULT: POSTPONED

13. Consider and take appropriate action on contract with Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP for legal services to provide consultant services on feasibility analysis for new civil and family courthouse. (This item may be taken into Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney)

RESULT: POSTPONED

Other Items

14. Receive revenue and expenditure reports for the month of November 2011.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Precinct One reappointments to Emergency Services District (ESD) Boards of Commissioners, effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013:

- a. Jesse Arellano, Clemente Zabalza and Ronald Fowler, ESD No. 12;
- b. Gary Johnson and Cliff Kessler, ESD No. 13;
- c. Reggie Williams, ESD No. 4; and
- d. Maize Hamilton, ESD No. 2.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Precinct Three reappointments to Emergency Services District (ESD) Boards of Commissioners, effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013:
 - a. Carroll Knight and Edd New, ESD No. 3;
 - b. Krista Moy and John Hogg, ESD No. 9; and
 - c. Lainey Melnick and Tina Romanella De Marquez, ESD No. 10.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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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

Note 5: Gov't Code Ann 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations

17. Consider and take appropriate action to fill vacancy in the office of the Travis County Tax Assessor Collector on January 1, 2012, and related Issues. ^{1 and 3}

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 17 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

Members of the Court heard from:

John Hille, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Appoint Delores Lopez.
MOVER: Ron Davis, Commissioner

Clerk's Note: The Motion died for lack of a Second.

MOTION: Appoint Stan Wilson.
MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

Clerk's Note: The Motion died for lack of a Second.

MOTION: Appoint Tina Morton.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Karen L. Huber, Commissioner
SECONDER: Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner
AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber
ABSENT: Margaret J. Gómez

18. Receive briefing and take appropriate action in Regina Jackson and Rudolf Williamson, individually, and on behalf of the estate of Rachel Jackson, deceased v. John A. Ford, M.D., and Travis County, Texas; Action No. A-10-CA-522-SS. ¹

RESULT: POSTPONED

Consent Items

Members of the Court heard from:
Mary Etta Gerhardt, Assistant County Attorney
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

MOTION: Approve the following Consent Items: C1–C4 and Agenda Items 3, 4, 5, 6.a–c, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15a–d, and 16.a–c.
RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Ron Davis, Commissioner
SECONDER: Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner
AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber
ABSENT: Margaret J. Gómez

- C1. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent.
- C2. Approve payment of claims and authorize County Treasurer to invest County funds.
- C3. Approve the Commissioners Court Minutes for the Voting Sessions of December 6 and 13, 2011.
- C4. Approve setting a public hearing on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 to receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a 0.658 acre drainage easement located over and across a portion of Lot 1, Block A of the Schmidt Addition Subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Huber)

Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge