



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: January 17, 2012

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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 Session of January 3, 2012.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court Tuesday, January 3, 2012 Voting Session

Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on January 3, 2012, 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 request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a .029 acre section of Lynnbrook Drive as dedicated by separate instrument recorded at Volume 3651, Page 860, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Huber) (Action Item #12)

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, Transportation and Natural Resources (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:

Gus Peña, Travis County Resident
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident
Cindy Purinton, Benefit Administrator, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD)
Rowena Ochoa-Wells, On-Site Representative, United Healthcare
Morris Priest, Travis County Resident
Dr. John K. Kim, Travis County Resident

Special Item

2. 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, Fire Marshal

MOTION: Follow Staff recommendations and take no action.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

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

Resolutions and Proclamations

3. Approve Proclamation congratulating the Lake Travis High School Cavaliers on winning a record-setting two-time state championship in volleyball and fifth straight state football championship, and a state championship boys golf team, a runner-up girls golf team, the state finalist Mighty Cavalier Marching Band, and multiple academic achievements. (Commissioner Huber)

Members of the Court heard from:
Dr. Brad Lancaster, Superintendent, Lake Travis Independent School District
Kim Brents, Principal, Lake Travis High School

MOTION: Approve the Proclamation in Item 3.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Karen L. Huber, Commissioner
SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

Planning and Budget Dept. Items

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

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

Clerk's Note: The Court noted that action on Discussion Item D1 would be postponed until January 10, 2012.

Clerk's Note: Please note that for this Item, references to D1 refer to numbered items in separate budget documents, not these minutes. See supporting documentation.

5. Approve amendment to the Fiscal Year 2012 Agreement with the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, to include generated program income from the first quarter in the budget for the Drug Diversion Court Program managed by Pretrial Services.

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

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 \$942,710.54 for the period of December 16 to December 22, 2011.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing Office Items

8. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 10AE0146LP, RVI Planning Inc., for Onion Creek Greenway Phase 1 Design.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Approve Modification No. 8 to Contract IL070209VR with Envision Central Texas for regional planning activities.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 10 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Approve Item 10.
RESULT: **APPROVED [3 TO 2]**
MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER: Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt
NAYS: Karen L. Huber, Margaret J. Gómez

11. Consider and take appropriate action on contract with Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP for legal 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)

MOTION: Approve Item 11.
RESULT: **APPROVED [3 TO 2]**
MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER: Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt
NAYS: Karen L. Huber, Margaret J. Gómez

Transportation, Natural Resources and Facilities Dept. Items

12. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a .029 acre section of Lynnbrook Drive as dedicated by separate instrument recorded at Volume 3651, Page 860, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Huber)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

20. Receive briefing and take appropriate action on draft agreement with Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo.¹

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 20 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED **Reset for: 1/10/2012**

21. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding a proposal to purchase certain open space land near Gilleland Creek in Precinct One and discuss draft agreement with TXI.¹

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 21 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: Ask Joe Giesleman, consultant and Tom Nuckols, Assistant County Attorney, to meet with Qualico, Inc. regarding issues set forth in their memo, and to talk with other interested residents in the area before the public hearing that is set for January 31, 2012.

RESULT: APPROVED [4 TO 0]

MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

SECONDER: Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner

AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber, Margaret J. Gómez

ABSTAIN: Ron Davis

22. Receive briefing from County Attorney regarding status of contract with Vinson and Elkins and take appropriate action.¹

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 22 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Assign the current contract to Bracewell and Giuliani.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

SECONDER: Karen L. Huber, Commissioner

AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

23. 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

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 23 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

MOTION: Indicate to the Travis County Sheriff and the County Attorney's Office that the Commissioners Court approves the person designated by the Sheriff to represent Travis County at the trial of this matter.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER: Karen L. Huber, Commissioner
AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

24. Consider and take appropriate action regarding offer to sell Travis County real property owned by Housing Authority of Travis County located at 502 E. Highland Mall Blvd. ^{1 and 2}

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 24 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: Ask Staff to take two weeks to review and research the issues set forth in the offer from the Housing Authority and to look at real property issues as well as programmatic issues, defined as housing and affordable housing related.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER: Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

Consent Items

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

MOTION: Approve the following Consent Items: C1–C3 and Agenda Items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15.a–c, 16, 17, 19, and A1.
RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER: Ron Davis, 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 setting a public hearing on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 to receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a ten foot wide public utility easement located along the rear lot line of Lot 54, Block B of Barton Creek, Section H, Phase 2 in Precinct Three.

Added Items

- A1. Approve order setting terms for meeting for Calendar Year 2012 for the Travis County Courts at Law.

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

Clerk's Note: The Court noted that terms for meeting for Calendar Year 2012 for the Travis County Courts at Law will be January 1, 2012, through June 30, 2012, and July 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge