



## Item 4

# Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: 12/18/12

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Department Head: Steven M. Manilla, P.E., County Executive-TNR

Sponsoring Court Member: County Judge Sam Biscoe

**AGENDA LANGUAGE:** Consider and take appropriate action to approve a resolution recognizing Howard F. Herrin, Jr. on his retirement from Travis County TNR, Road Maintenance Division.

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Attached Resolution.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Recommend approval.

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

none

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

none

**ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:**

Resolution for Howard F. Herrin, Jr.

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

Cynthia McDonald	Financial Manager	TNR	854-4239
Steve Manilla	County Executive	TNR	854-9429
Donna Holt	Human Resources	TNR	854-9417

**CC:**




**WHEREAS,** Howard F. Herrin Jr. is recognized among his peers, subordinates, superlatives, constituents, elected officials and anyone that was able to listen to him for more than five minutes, for his dedication to duty, his conscientious effort to completing any type of task that was requested, his response in any type of emergency and his exemplary extension and prolific use of the English language; and

**WHEREAS,** he served his country proudly as a member of the armed forces while in the Navy, where he first earned the title “Commander”, that is still used as his moniker by numerous representatives to the EOC and On-Call staff of TNR;

**WHEREAS,** his middle initial, unbeknownst to many stands for Football, as in “Howie Football” as he was well known for in high school and college, unfortunately that was prior to the Heisman trophy era and when leather helmets were in vogue; and

**WHEREAS,** he is a connoisseur of fine steaks, albeit he is usually purchasing those high end cuts of bovine for others after losing a wager that had been wrongly placed on some other local bovine mascot of the local institution of higher learning; and

**WHEREAS,** he has worked tirelessly on numerous committees within Travis County to the betterment of employees, retirees and vehicle users throughout Travis County and to his credit Travis County owes a debt of gratitude because it is a better working environment for his efforts and now the committee meetings will be several hours shorter, and

**WHEREAS,** he is a dedicated Master Mason belonging to the local Norton Moses Lodge in Leander where he recently served as the Master of the Lodge, and he has committed his time and efforts to assisting in numerous local events that benefit many children by raising funds for college scholarships through masonic events, thank you Brother Herrin; and

**WHEREAS,** he is a dedicated father, grandfather and who knows maybe great grandfather, for he has opened his heart and home to raising numerous children and grandchildren for a long, long time; and

**WHEREAS,** he is a dedicated husband and lifelong partner to his wife Jane (and how she has put up with him all these years we will never know) and they have shared many a year of wedded bliss; and

**WHEREAS,** for approximately 23 years and 5 months Howard has contributed his knowledge and skills to the betterment of the roadway system of Travis County and all who travel these roadways can thank him for his contribution; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Travis County Commissioners Court of the great state of Texas gratefully recognizes the outstanding contributions of Howard F. Herrin, Jr. for his years of superior service to Travis County and extend to him best wishes for Godspeed and success in all of this future endeavors.

Entered this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

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Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

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Ron Davis, Commissioner, Pct. 1

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Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner, Pct.2

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Karen Huber, Commissioner, Pct. 3

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Margaret Gomez, Commissioner, Pct.4