

# Item C3



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** April 2, 2013

**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 February 19, 26 and March 5, 2013.

**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 should be submitted as a pdf to the County Judge's office, [agenda@co.travis.tx.us](mailto:agenda@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, February 19, 2013 Voting Session

Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk  
512-854-4722 • www.co.travis.tx.us • PO Box 149325, Austin, TX 78714-9325

## Call to Order

Meeting called to order on February 19, 2012, in the Travis County Administration Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca Street, 1st Floor, Austin, TX, Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Gillian Porter.

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

## Public Hearings

1. Receive input from the public related to the Community Development Block Grant available from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding the community needs and project ideas for the unincorporated areas of Travis County and the Village of Webberville for Program Year 2013.

**MOTION:** Open the Public Hearing.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Sarah Eckhardt, Gerald Daugherty  
**ABSENT:** Ron Davis, Margaret J. Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

Christy Moffett, Manager, Travis County Health and Human Services (TCHHS)  
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

**MOTION:** Close the Public Hearing.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Sarah Eckhardt, Gerald Daugherty  
**ABSENT:** Ron Davis, Margaret J. Gómez

## Citizens Communication

Members of the Court heard from:

Stacey Scheffel, Program Manager, On-site Sewage Facilities, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)  
Anna Bowlin, Program Manager, Planning and Engineering, TNR  
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

## Special Items

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, Travis County Fire Marshal

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

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

3. Presentation of the Extension in the City Award to the Travis County Commissioners Court by the Agri-life Extension Service.

Members of the Court heard from:

Dolores Sandman, Director, Travis County Division, Texas AgriLife Extension Service  
Dr. Douglas Steele, Executive Director, Texas AgriLife Extension Service

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

## Resolutions and Proclamations

4. Approve Resolution recognizing Betty E. Rodriguez in the Juvenile Public Defender's Office on her retirement and for her many years of service to Travis County and its residents.

Members of the Court heard from:

Roger Jefferies, County Executive, Justice and Public Safety (JPS)  
Kameron Johnson, Travis County Juvenile Public Defender  
Terry Esquivel, Senior Office Manager, Travis County Juvenile Public Defender's Office  
Betty E. Rodriguez, Attorney, Travis County Juvenile Public Defender's Office  
Tom Rodriguez, Spouse of Betty E. Rodriguez

**MOTION:** Approve the Resolution in Item 4.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**SECONDER:** Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner

**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Sarah Eckhardt, Gerald Daugherty

**ABSENT:** Ron Davis, Margaret J. Gómez

5. Consider and take appropriate action on resolution in support of the expansion of Medicaid. (Judge Biscoe and Commissioner Eckhardt)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jim Newman, Parish Associate, Central Presbyterian Church  
Fanny Akemhabal, Austin Interfaith  
Pam Baggett, National Alliance of Mental Health Austin  
Minerva Camarena-Skeith, Leader, Austin Interfaith  
Jacob Cortez, Lead Organizer, Austin Interfaith  
Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental Relations (IGR)  
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

**MOTION:** Approve the Resolution in Item 5.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Sarah Eckhardt, Gerald Daugherty  
**ABSENT:** Ron Davis, Margaret J. Gómez

### Purchasing Office Items

6. Approve twelve-month extension (Modification No. 10) to Contract No. 4400000351 (HTE Contract No. IL040149ML), Limestone County for inmate housing services.

**RESULT:** **ADDED TO CONSENT**

7. Approve twelve-month extension (Modification No. 3) to Contract No. 4400000147 (HTE Contract No. 11T00037OJ), JI Specialty Services, Inc., for third party administration for County's self-funded programs for workers compensation and auto liability.

**RESULT:** **ADDED TO CONSENT**

8. Approve contract award for recycling services, RFP No. 120139-LD, to the highest qualified proposer, Texas Disposal Systems.

Members of the Court heard from:

Tom Weber, Environmental Program Manager, TNR  
Bonnie Floyd, Assistant Purchasing Agent, Purchasing  
John Hille, Assistant County Attorney  
Shaun Auckland, Environmental Specialist, TNR

**MOTION:** Approve Item 8.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Sarah Eckhardt, Gerald Daugherty  
**ABSENT:** Ron Davis, Margaret J. Gómez

9. Approve letter of agreement with Texas Facilities Commission for provision of recycling services for Travis County facilities in downtown Austin.

**RESULT:** **ADDED TO CONSENT**

10. Approve twelve-month extension (Modification No. 13) to Contract No. 4400000001 (HTE Contract No. 01T0069-OJ), FORTE, Inc., for medical audit services.

**RESULT:** **ADDED TO CONSENT**

11. Consider and take appropriate action on an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Travis County and the City of Lakeway for improvements to Flint Rock Road, a 2011 County bond project.

**RESULT:** **ADDED TO CONSENT**

12. Approve twelve-month extension (Modification No. 2) to the following contracts for water damage remediation, mold damage remediation and decontamination services, as follow:

- a. Contract No. 440000117 (HTE Contract No. 11K00092JE, Blackmon Mooring of Texas, Inc. – primary contractor); and
- b. Contract No. 4400001237 (HTE Contract No. 11K00144JE, Belfor USA Group, Inc. – secondary contractor).

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

**Transportation and Natural Resources Dept. Items**

13. Consider and take appropriate action on the acceptance of dedication of street and drainage facilities for the Lakes at Northtown, Section Five in Precinct One. (Commissioner Davis)

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

14. Consider and take appropriate action on the satisfactory completion of construction of the private streets within Windy Walk Estates, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Daugherty)

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

15. Consider and take appropriate action on a plat for recording in Precinct Four: Del Valle Parkade Section One (short form final plat two commercial lots -18.464 acres -Ross Road). (Commissioner Gómez)

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

**Planning and Budget Dept. Items**

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

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

17. Review and approve requests regarding grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:

- a. Annual application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the Travis County Veterans Court;
- b. Application to the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for veterans' assistance to provide additional substance abuse treatment services to the Travis County Veterans Court within the criminal courts;
- c. Annual application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the Adult Probation DWI Court with Community Supervision and Corrections Department;
- d. Application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the Eagle Soars Program in Juvenile Probation Department to provide education and career development opportunities;
- e. Application to The Office Of The Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for an enhancing services for Victims of Crime Grant in Juvenile Probation Department;
- f. Annual application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for the Drug Court Grant with Juvenile Probation Department;



24. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Teri Flack to the Travis County Historical Commission effective immediately until January 31, 2015. (Commissioner Daugherty)

**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*

25. Consider and take appropriate action for economic development incentive agreement with Project Foxtrot. <sup>5</sup>

**RESULT:           POSTPONED**

26. Receive briefing from County Attorney and take appropriate action in Scott Steward claim. <sup>1</sup>

**RESULT:           POSTPONED**

### **Consent Items**

Members of the Court heard from:

Steve Manilla, County Executive, TNR

Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

Pam Baggett, National Alliance of Mental Illness Austin

**MOTION:**           Approve the following Consent Items: C1–C3 and Agenda Items 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12.a–b, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.a–h, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 and A1.

**RESULT:**           **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:**           Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner

**SECONDER:**       Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner

**AYES:**           Samuel T. Biscoe, Sarah Eckhardt, Gerald Daugherty

**ABSENT:**         Ron Davis, 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 minutes for Voting Sessions of January 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2013.

### **Added Items**

- A1. Consider and take appropriate action on memorandum of understanding with Texas A&M Forest Services to provide Travis County with National Environmental Satellite Data Information Service identification numbers and Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite channel

assignments to transmit weather data gathered by remote automated weather stations through the GOES satellite system.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

**Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval

\_\_\_\_\_  
Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge





# Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court Tuesday, February 26, 2013 Voting Session

Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk  
512-854-4722 • www.co.travis.tx.us • PO Box 149325, Austin, TX 78714-9325

## Call to Order

Meeting called to order on February 26, 2013, in the Travis County Administration Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca Street, 1st Floor, 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
Gerald Daugherty	Precinct 3, Commissioner	Present
Margaret J. Gómez	Precinct 4, Commissioner	Present

## Public Hearings

1. Receive public comments regarding a Plat Vacation: Las Terrazas – Final Plat (Las Terrazas – subdivision final plat – 11 lots – Bob Wire Road) – no ETJ in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Daugherty) (Action Item # 16)

**MOTION:** Open the Public Hearing.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Gerald Daugherty, Margaret J. Gómez  
**ABSENT:** Sarah Eckhardt

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Program Manager, Planning and Engineering, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

**MOTION:** Close the Public Hearing.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Gerald Daugherty, Margaret J. Gómez  
**ABSENT:** Sarah Eckhardt

2. Receive public comments regarding a request from National Instruments for financial incentives and an economic development agreement.

**MOTION:** Open the Public Hearing.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Ron Davis, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Gerald Daugherty, Margaret J. Gómez  
**ABSENT:** Sarah Eckhardt

Members of the Court heard from:

Leslie Browder, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)  
John Roiko, Vice President, Finance, National Instruments  
Mark Finger, Vice president, Human Resources, National Instruments  
Stacy Schmidt, Public Relations, National Instruments  
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident  
Gus Peña, Travis County Resident  
Kirk Cordera Mitchell, Leader, Austin Interfaith  
Aaron Chappell, Austin Interfaith

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

### **Citizens Communication**

Members of the Court heard from:

Steve Manilla, County Executive, TNR  
Carol Joseph, Assistant Director TNR  
Rose Farmer, Natural Resources Program Manager, TNR  
Stacey Scheffel, Program Manager, On-site Sewage Facilities, TNR  
Anna Bowlin, Program Manager, Planning and Engineering, TNR  
Gus Peña, Travis County Resident  
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

### **Special Item**

3. 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

**MOTION:** Approve an order to prohibit outdoor burning in unincorporated areas of Travis County.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

### **Resolutions and Proclamations**

4. Approve Resolution addressing the need for immigration reform. (Commissioner Gómez)

**RESULT:** **DISCUSSED** **Reset for: 3/5/2013**

5. Approve Proclamation declaring March 2013 as "Purchasing Month" in Travis County.

Members of the Court heard from:

Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent  
Marvin Brice, Assistant Purchasing Agent, Purchasing  
Bonnie Floyd, Assistant Purchasing Agent, Purchasing

**MOTION:** Approve the Resolution in Item 5.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

6. Consider and take appropriate action to modify language of recently approved resolution to expand Medicaid.

Members of the Court heard from:

Oralia Garza de Cortez, Austin Interfaith  
Sherri Fleming, County Executive, Travis County Health, Human Services, and Veterans' Services (TCHHS&VS)  
Trish Young Brown, President and Chief Executive Officer, Central Health  
Minerva Camarena-Skeith, Leader, Austin Interfaith  
Jacob Cortez, Lead Organizer, Austin Interfaith  
Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental Relations (IGR)  
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

**MOTION:** Accept the amended language in the Resolution for Item 6.  
**MOVER:** Gerald Daugherty, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**RESULT:** **WITHDRAWN**

**MOTION:** Approve the revised Resolution and substitute for the language approved Tuesday, February 19, 2013.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

7. Approve Proclamation honoring law enforcement and corrections officers who died or were injured in the line of duty.

Members of the Court heard from:

Maria Lee, representing Executive Producer of the film "Heroes Behind the Badge"  
Raul Vargas, Major, Capitol Detail Security, Texas Highway Patrol  
Greg Hamilton, Travis County Sheriff

**MOTION:** Approve the Resolution in Item 7.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

## Justice and Public Safety Items

8. Consider and take appropriate action to terminate the 1994 Mutual Aid Interlocal Agreement between Travis County and the Lower Colorado River Authority.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

9. Consider and take appropriate action on resource requests from various departments for Techshare Court Project.

Members of the Court heard from:

Roger Jefferies, County Executive, Justice and Public Safety (JPS)  
Charles Grey, Tech Share Program Manager, Conference of Urban Counties (CUC)  
Mark Erwin, Project Manager I, Criminal Courts  
Michelle Brinkman, Chief Deputy, District Clerk's Office  
Katie Peterson-Gipson, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO  
Debra Hale, Court Coordinator, Criminal Courts

**MOTION:**           Approve the five new full time employees (FTE's) in Item 9.

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED [3 TO 1]**

**MOVER:**           Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner

**SECONDER:**       Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**AYES:**             Samuel T. Biscoe, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez

**NAYS:**             Gerald Daugherty

**ABSTAIN:**         Ron Davis

10. Consider and take appropriate action on Travis County's Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) Grant and introduce representatives from the Center for Effective Public Policy and the Urban Institute.

Members of the Court heard from:

Roger Jefferies, County Executive, JPS  
Cathy McClagherty, Senior Planner, Criminal Justice Planning (CJP)  
Becki Ney, Principal, Center for Effective Public Policy  
Jocelyn Fontaine, Researcher, Urban Institute  
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

**RESULT:**           **DISCUSSED**

## Purchasing Office Items

11. Approve Contract No. 4400001243, Communication By Hand, for interpreter services.

**RESULT:**           **ADDED TO CONSENT**

12. Approve twelve-month extension (Modification No. 24) to Contract No. 4400000009 (HTE Contract No. 02T00215OJ), Milliman USA, Inc., for actuarial services for the Travis County self-funded plan.

**RESULT:**           **ADDED TO CONSENT**

13. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to approve a contract with Meals on Wheels and More, Inc. funded with Community Development Block Grant funds available through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

14. Approve contract award for IBM maintenance, software subscription, new equipment and upgrades, support line services and on-site consulting services, Contract No. 4400001359, to the sole bidder, Mark III Systems, Inc.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

15. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify Interlocal Agreement No. 4400001362, Austin Travis County Integral Care, child therapist services.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

#### **Transportation and Natural Resources Dept. Items**

16. Consider and take appropriate action on a Plat Vacation: Las Terrazas – Final Plat (Las Terrazas – subdivision final plat – 11 lots – Bob Wire Road) – no ETJ in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Daugherty)

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

17. Consider and take appropriate action on the following requests:

- a. To authorize fees at the new facilities located at Northeast Metro Park;

Members of the Court heard from:

Steve Manilla, County Executive, TNR

Charles Bergh, Division Director, Parks and Natural Resources, TNR

**MOTION:** Approve Item 17.a.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

- b. To make a change to the policy regarding refunds of facility rentals; and

Members of the Court heard from:

Steve Manilla, County Executive, TNR

Charles Bergh, Division Director, Parks and Natural Resources, TNR

**MOTION:** Approve Item 17.b.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

- c. To allow youth baseball organizations to charge a spectator fee of up to \$5 per spectator at Travis County's Metro Park baseball complexes during 2013 tournament weekends.

Members of the Court heard from:

Steve Manilla, County Executive, TNR

Charles Bergh, Division Director, Parks and Natural Resources, TNR  
Nels Tobias, Organizer, Sam Bass Youth Baseball Organization  
Darrell Fletcher, Organizer, Sam Bass Youth Baseball Organization

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

18. Consider and take appropriate action on a License Agreement with TXI for a haul road crossing across Dunlap Road pursuant to the agreement between Travis County and TXI for the acquisition of open space parkland in lieu of condemnation.

Members of the Court heard from:  
Steve Manilla, County Executive, TNR

**MOTION:** Approve Item 18.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [4 TO 0]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Sarah Eckhardt, Gerald Daugherty, Margaret J. Gómez  
**ABSTAIN:** Ron Davis

#### Planning and Budget Dept. Items

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

Members of the Court heard from:  
Jessica Rio, Budget Director, PBO

**MOTION:** Approve New Budget Item N1 and Budget Amendment Items A1-A8 from Item 19.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

**MOTION:** Approve Discussion Item D1 from Item 19.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [3 TO 1]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez  
**NAYS:** Gerald Daugherty  
**ABSTAIN:** Ron Davis

*Clerk's Note: Please note that for this Item, references to A1-A8, D1 and N1 are references to numbered items in the supporting budget document.*

20. Consider and take appropriate action on recommendations on the use of existing certificates of obligation balances.

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

21. Consider and take appropriate action on Fiscal Year 2014 budget issues, including the Fiscal Year 2014 budget guidelines.

Members of the Court heard from:  
Leslie Browder, County Executive, PBO  
Leroy Nellis, Transition Budget Director, PBO

Travis Gatlin, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO  
Jessica Rio, Budget Director, PBO

**MOTION:** Approve the budget guideline in Item 21.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [4 TO 1]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Ron Davis, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez  
**NAYS:** Gerald Daugherty

22. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request from National Instruments for financial incentives and an economic development agreement.

Members of the Court heard from:  
Mary Etta Gerhardt, Assistant County Attorney

**MOTION:** Prepare the relevant paperwork to be brought back to the Commissioners Court for action Tuesday, March 5, 2013.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Ron Davis, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

23. Review and approve requests regarding grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:
- a. Annual application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the Family Drug Treatment Court Program in the civil courts;
  - b. Annual application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the Family Violence Accelerated Prosecution Program in the County Attorney's Office;
  - c. Annual application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division for the Trauma Informed Assessment And Response Program in Juvenile Probation;
  - d. Application to the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services/ Administration for children and families for the Parenting In Recovery Program in Health and Human Services Department to carryover unexpended FY 2012 grant funds to the current contract;
  - e. Contract amendment with the Texas Department of Public Safety to close out the 2010 UASI - Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Explosive Strike Team Coordinator Program in the Emergency Services Department;
  - f. Grant contract with the Laura and John Arnold Foundation for the Justice Reinvestment Initiative in Criminal Justice Planning to provide permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless, mentally ill individuals and frequent offenders; and
  - g. Annual contract with the Capital Area Trauma Advisory Council to receive Texas Department of State Health Services resources for safety equipment and training for the STARFlight Program.

**RESULT:** **ADDED TO CONSENT**

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 \$592,192.07 for the period of February 8 to February 14, 2013.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

25. Consider and take appropriate action on the following items from the Human Resources Management Department

- a. Proposed routine personnel amendments; and
- b. Non-routine request from Pretrial Services for a variance from Travis County Code Chapter 10.03009, Voluntary Job Change.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

26. Consider and take appropriate action on request from Sails In Concert, Inc., for modifications to the standard license agreement associated with an extended rental of the Luedecke Arena and the Skyline Club from April 15 to April 24, 2013.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

**Other Items**

27. **At 11:00 a.m.** Consider and take appropriate action on legislative matters, including:

- a. Update on legislative activities;

Members of the Court heard from:

Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR  
Greg Knaupe, Legislative Consultant, Knaupe GR

**RESULT:           DISCUSSED**

- b. Request from Travis County Sheriff to expand authority to enforce commercial motor vehicle laws;

Members of the Court heard from:

Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR  
Phyllis Clair, Major, Law Enforcement, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO)  
Jessie Tippie, Deputy, TCSO

**MOTION:** Support the Sheriff's request.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**SECONDER:** Ron Davis, Commissioner

**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

- c. House Bill 958, relating to the annual interest rate of the Texas County and District Retirement System;

Members of the Court heard from:

Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR  
Amy Bishop, Deputy Director, Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS)  
Tom Harrison, General Counsel and Director, Governmental Relations, TCERS



**MOTION:** Oppose House Bill 958 and execute the prepared Resolution.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

- d. State participation in the expansion of the Medicaid program; and
- e. Additions to the priorities, policy positions and the positions on other proposals sections of the Travis County legislative agenda.

Members of the Court heard from:  
Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR

**MOTION:** Approve an addition to the policy position of the legislative agenda "Support legislation and budgeting decisions to include Texas in the Medicaid Expansion Program".  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

- 28. Consider and take appropriate action on opposing proposed federal legislation, the Safe and Efficient Transportation Act (H.R. 612), increasing the size and/or weight limits for trucks operating on federal, state and county roads.

Members of the Court heard from:  
Steve Manilla, County Executive, TNR  
Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR  
Emily Treforis, Coalition Against Bigger Trucks, LLC (CABT)

**MOTION:** Oppose HR 612 and execute the prepared Resolution.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

- 29. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors.

Members of the Court heard from:  
Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR

**MOTION:** Appoint Ed Wendler, Jr.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

**MOTION:** Appoint Magdalena P. Blanco.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

*Clerk's Note: The Court discussed the terms lengths of the two appointments.*

**MOTION:** That the term of Ed Wendler, Jr., will conclude on December 31, 2015 and that the term of Magdalena P. Blanco will conclude on December 31, 2016.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

30. Consider and take appropriate action related to the civil courthouse project:

- a. Placement of the civil courthouse project, whether P3 or design build, on the ballot for voter approval;

**MOTION:** Indicate to the public that the Court will place this issue on the ballot at the appropriate time.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

**SECONDER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

- b. When to have the election on voter approval of the civil courthouse project; and

**RESULT:** **DISCUSSED**

- c. Approve limiting spending on the civil courthouse project until after the bond election for the civil courthouse project. (Commissioner Gómez)

**MOTION:** Indicate that the Court will be very careful on what is spent going forward.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

**SECONDER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

31. Consider and take appropriate action on request from Travis County Sheriff's Office to renew agreement with Texas Department of Public Safety for participation in the Texas 1033 Surplus Property Program.

**RESULT:** **ADDED TO CONSENT**

32. Consider and take appropriate action on request for County to provide certificate of deposit or cash backed loans as part of a tax credit application filed with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for multifamily projects.

**MOTION:** That the Commissioners Court support the Travis County Housing Finance Corporation in any way necessary and required by the State of Texas.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**SECONDER:** Ron Davis, Commissioner

**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

33. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Warren Hassinger to the Emergency Services District #5 Board of Directors effective immediately until December 31, 2014. (Commissioner Daugherty)

**RESULT:** **ADDED TO CONSENT**



*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 legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding possible litigation involving Mortgage Electronic Registration System (MERS) and others. <sup>1</sup>

**RESULT: POSTPONED** **Reset for: 3/5/2013**

41. Consider and take appropriate action concerning the settlement offer regarding payment for STAR Flight services rendered to Ryder Pettit. <sup>1</sup>

**RESULT: POSTPONED** **Reset for: 3/5/2013**

42. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the potential purchase of real estate in central Austin. <sup>1 and 2</sup>

*Judge Biscoe announced that Item 42 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.*

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

43. Consider and take appropriate action regarding accepting donation of Wachovia official check for \$5,065.77 from Save the Firehall. <sup>1</sup>

**RESULT: POSTPONED** **Reset for: 3/5/2013**

44. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding lease issues at 700 Lavaca with Mitchell and Colmenero, LLP. <sup>1 and 2</sup>

**RESULT: POSTPONED** **Reset for: 3/5/2013**

45. Interview candidate for the County Executive, Technology Services position and take appropriate action. <sup>3</sup>

*Judge Biscoe announced that Item 45 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:** Indicate that the Court will select Gary S. Buonacorsi, as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) of Information Technology Services (ITS), that we authorize Leslie Browder, County Executive, PBO, to negotiate specifics with Mr. Buonacorsi, for a report back to the Court Tuesday, March 5, 2013.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Gerald Daugherty, Margaret J. Gómez

**ABSENT:** Sarah Eckhardt

46. Consider and take appropriate action concerning the extension of administrative leave with pay for Juvenile Probation employee, Slot 30005259. <sup>1 and 3</sup>

*Judge Biscoe announced that Item 46 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:** Authorize an additional eight days.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Gerald Daugherty, Margaret J. Gómez  
**ABSENT:** Sarah Eckhardt

### Consent Items

Members of the Court heard from:  
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident  
Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent

**MOTION:** Approve the following Consent Items: C1–C5 and Agenda Items 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 23.a–g, 24, 25.a–b, 26, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36 and A2.  
**RESULT:** **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Ron Davis, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

- C1. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent.
- C2. Approve payment of claims and authorize County Treasurer to invest County funds.
- C3. Receive revenue and expenditure reports for the month of December, 2012.
- C4. Receive state required Racial Profiling Report for Calendar Year 2012 from the Travis County Sheriff's Office.
- C5. Receive state required Racial Profiling Report for Calendar Year 2012 from Constable, Precinct Two

### Added Items

- A1. Consider and take appropriate action regarding joint Travis County-City of Austin appointments to the Central Health Board of Managers, including:
  - a. Designating a member of the Court and two County staffers to participate in the screening committee process; and
  - b. Setting a time for the full Court to interview candidates selected by the screening committee.

Members of the Court heard from:  
Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR

**MOTION:** Appoint Commissioner Gómez, Sherri Fleming, County Executive, TCHHS&VS and Danny Hobby, County Executive, Emergency Services to the Screening Committee.

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**           Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:**       Ron Davis, Commissioner  
**AYES:**             Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Daugherty, Gómez

- A2. Approve Resolution honoring Quality Seafood Market on its 75 years of seafood service to the community and its current owner Carol Huntsberger.

**RESULT:**           **ADDED TO CONSENT**

### **Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval

\_\_\_\_\_  
Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge



# Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court Tuesday, March 5, 2013 Voting Session

Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk  
512-854-4722 • www.co.travis.tx.us • PO Box 149325, Austin, TX 78714-9325

## Call to Order

Meeting called to order on March 5, 2013, in the Travis County Administration Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca Street, 1st Floor, 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
Gerald Daugherty	Precinct 3, Commissioner	Absent
Margaret J. Gómez	Precinct 4, Commissioner	Present

## Citizens Communication

Members of the Court heard from:

Stacey Scheffel, Program Manager, On-site Sewage Facilities, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

Anna Bowlin, Program Manager, Planning and Engineering, TNR

Gus Peña, Travis County Resident

Jessica Rio, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

Victoria Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO

Morris Priest, Travis County Resident

Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

## Special Item

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**

**Reset for: 3/12/2013**

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

## Resolutions and Proclamations

2. Approve Proclamation recognizing the importance of public and private partnerships to the democratic voting process and commend the commitment of retailers Randalls, Fiesta and HEB as vital to elections in Travis County, Texas.

Members of the Court heard from:

Dana DeBeauvoir, Travis County Clerk  
Thomas Sainz, Store Manager, Randalls  
Tim Walthall, Store Manager, Fiesta  
Heather Lefebvre, Assistant Store Manager, HEB  
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

**MOTION:** Approve the Proclamation in Item 2.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez  
**ABSENT:** Gerald Daugherty

3. Approve Resolution addressing the need for immigration reform. (Commissioner Gómez)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

4. Approve Proclamation declaring March 23, 2013 as "Austin Contractors and Engineers Association Day" in Travis County. (Judge Biscoe)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

5. Approve Proclamation recognizing the month of March 2013 as "Professional Social Work Month" in Travis County.

Members of the Court heard from:

Victoria Rogers, Intern, Travis County Health, Human Services, and Veterans' Services (TCHHS&VS)  
Sherri Fleming, County Executive, TCHHS&VS  
Jacqueline Gonsalvez, Social Worker, Family Support Services, TCHHS&VS  
Irene Sonnen, Social Worker, Family Support Services, TCHHS&VS  
Jane Prince-Maclean, Social Worker, TCHHS&VS  
Isabel Nelson, Intern, Family Support Services, TCHHS&VS

**MOTION:** Approve the Proclamation in Item 5.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez  
**ABSENT:** Gerald Daugherty

### **Purchasing Office Items**

6. Approve Modification No. 8 to renew FY2013 Contract No. 4400000683 (HTE Contract No. PS080113RE) with Encompass Medical Management, Inc. for evaluation services.

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**



## Transportation and Natural Resources Dept. Items

7. Consider and take appropriate action on The Preserve at Thomas Springs Road Preliminary Plan (consisting of 34 lots on 38.46 acres: 32 single-family lots, 2 water quality/drainage lots) in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Daugherty)

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

8. Consider and take appropriate action on a plat for recording: The Reserve at Lake Travis Lot 41A Block A and Cliffside at the Reserve at Lake Travis lots 43A and 44A Block A Revised Plat (Revised Final Plat –two lots -Ruffian Heights Lane -no ETJ) in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Daugherty)

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

9. Consider and take appropriate action on a request for a variance to Section 82.202(D)(5) for the Hidden Mesa subdivision resubdivision of Lot 42 (variance only -three lots -Mesa Oaks -City of Leander ETJ) in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Daugherty)

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

10. Consider and take appropriate action on the Transportation and Natural Resources Road Maintenance FY 2013 Workplan.

Members of the Court heard from:

Don Ward, Assistant Director, Public Works, TNR

Jessica Rio, Budget Director, PBO

Steve Manilla, County Executive, TNR

**MOTION:**           Approve Item 10

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:**           Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**SECONDER:**       Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

**AYES:**           Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez

**ABSENT:**          Gerald Daugherty

11. Consider and take appropriate action on the following requests:
  - a. Termination of 2011 Advance Funding Agreement for voluntary local government contributions to transportation improvement projects with no required match on-system for improvements at intersection of SH71 and US290W; and
  - b. Approval of new Advance Funding Agreement for voluntary local government contributions to transportation improvement projects with no required match on-system for improvements at intersection of SH71 and US290W in Precinct 3. (Commissioner Daugherty)

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

## Health and Human Services Dept. Items

12. Receive report from the monitoring visit on the Travis County school lands, Throckmorton County property, and take appropriate action.

Members of the Court heard from:

Dolores Sandmann, Travis County Extension Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service  
Sherri Fleming, County Executive, TCHHS&VS  
Chris Gilmore, Assistant County Attorney  
Jessica Rio, Budget Director, PBO

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

**Planning and Budget Dept. Items**

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

**RESULT: POSTPONED** **Reset for: 3/12/2013**

14. Review and approve a grant application to the United States Department of Justice for the IMPACT: Investing in Minds to Prepare for a Career in Technology Program in Juvenile Probation.

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

15. 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 \$1,429,268.44 for the period of February 15, 2013 to February 21, 2013.

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

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

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

17. Consider and take appropriate action on debt issuance schedule and funding for Fiscal Year 2013 capital projects, including revisions to Transportation and Natural Resources proposed cash flow for 2011 authorized projects.

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Assistant Budget Director, PBO  
Jessica Rio, Budget Director, PBO

**MOTION:** Approve Item 17.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez  
**ABSENT:** Gerald Daugherty

18. Consider and take appropriate action on total loss motorcycles and Del Valle fire:

- a. TCSO Unit 3382 – settle;  
b. TCSO Unit 3049 – settle; and  
c. TCSO fire – settle.

**MOTION:** Approve Item 18.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Ron Davis, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez  
**ABSENT:** Gerald Daugherty

19. Consider and take appropriate action on placement of newspaper boxes along the Plaza North planter wall at the 700 Lavaca Building. (Commissioner Davis)

Members of the Court heard from:  
Roger El Khoury, Director, Facilities Management

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

20. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request from National Instruments for financial incentives and an economic development agreement.

*Judge Biscoe announced that Item 20 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations.*

Members of the Court heard from:  
Daniel Bradford, Assistant County Attorney  
Leslie Browder, County Executive, PBO

**RESULT: DISCUSSED** **Reset for: 3/12/2013**

#### Other Items

21. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Tres Childress to the Emergency Services District No. 10 Board of Directors effective immediately until December 31, 2014. (Commissioner Daugherty)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

22. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Todd Crickmer to the Emergency Services District No. 10 Board of Directors effective immediately until December 31, 2014. (Commissioner Daugherty)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

23. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of John Jackson to the Emergency Services District No. 10 Board of Directors effective immediately until December 31, 2014. (Commissioner Daugherty)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

24. **At 11:00 a.m.** Consider and take appropriate action on legislative matters, including:
- a. Update on legislative activities;
  - b. "Transparency" legislation;
  - c. Legislation relating to caps on state appropriations and their impact on counties;

Members of the Court heard from:

Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental Relations (IGR)

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

- d. Legislation relating to appraisal caps and revenue caps, including HJR 58, HB 428, HJR 84, HB 1338, SJR 15, SB 154, SJR 9, SB 95, SJR 14 , SB 155, SB 102, and SB 144; and

Members of the Court heard from:

Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR

**MOTION:** Approve the Resolution in opposition.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**SECONDER:** Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner

**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez

**ABSENT:** Gerald Daugherty

- e. Additions to the priorities, policy positions and the positions on other proposals sections of the Travis County legislative agenda.

Members of the Court heard from:

Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

25. Consider and take appropriate action on management representation letter to be provided to Atchley & Associates, LLP regarding the Fiscal Year 2012 County-wide annual financial audit.

Members of the Court heard from:

Nicki Riley, Travis County Auditor

**MOTION:** Approve Item 25.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED [3 TO 0]**

**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**SECONDER:** Ron Davis, Commissioner

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

**ABSTAIN:** Margaret J. Gómez

**ABSENT:** Gerald Daugherty

26. Consider and take appropriate action on the creation of a task force to identify ways in which Travis County's economic development and procurement policies can improve working conditions and wages for the construction work force. (Commissioner Eckhardt)

Members of the Court heard from:

Greg Casar, Workers Defense Project

David Cortez, Sierra Club, Lone Star Chapter

Cyd Grimes Travis County Purchasing Agent

Leroy Nellis, Transition Budget Director, PBO

Aaron Chappell, Laborers International Union of North America (LUNA)

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

**Reset for: 3/12/2013**



**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez  
**ABSENT:** Gerald Daugherty

32. Legal consultation regarding methods to select construction contractor for County building at 416 W. 11th Street (PTA property).<sup>1</sup>

*Judge Biscoe announced that Item 32 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.*

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

33. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding possible litigation involving Mortgage Electronic Registration System (MERS) and others.<sup>1</sup>

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

**MOTION:** Authorize the County Attorney's Office to file suit against MERS, Inc., and other appropriate parties for causes of action arising from the use of the MERS system in Travis County and that the Court further direct the County Attorney's Office and the County Clerk's Office to advise the County on additional positions in their respective offices and look into budget to fund the new positions.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner

**SECONDER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez

**ABSENT:** Gerald Daugherty

34. Consider and take appropriate action concerning the settlement offer regarding payment for STAR Flight services rendered to Ryder Pettit.<sup>1</sup>

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

**MOTION:** Reject the offer.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**SECONDER:** Ron Davis, Commissioner

**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez

**ABSENT:** Gerald Daugherty

35. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the potential purchase of real estate in central Austin.<sup>1 and 2</sup>

**RESULT: POSTPONED**

**Reset for: 3/12/2013**

36. Consider and take appropriate action regarding accepting donation of Wachovia official check for \$5,065.77 from Save the Firehall.<sup>1</sup>

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

**MOTION:** Accept the donation.

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez  
**ABSENT:** Gerald Daugherty

37. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding lease issues at 700 Lavaca with Mitchell and Colmenero, LLP. <sup>1 and 2</sup>

*Judge Biscoe announced that Item 37 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 negotiation of a lease renewal with this tenant and report to the Court when an agreement has been reached.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez

**ABSENT:** Gerald Daugherty

38. Consider and take appropriate action regarding employment of candidate for the County Executive, Technology Services position and take appropriate action. <sup>3</sup>

*Judge Biscoe announced that Item 38 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.*

**RESULT:** **DISCUSSED**

**Reset for: 3/12/2013**

#### Consent Items

Members of the Court heard from:

Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

**MOTION:** Approve the following Consent Items: C1–C4 and Agenda Items 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11.a–b, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 and 27.

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**SECONDER:** Ron Davis, Commissioner

**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez

**ABSENT:** Gerald Daugherty

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, March 26, 2013 to receive comments regarding a plat for recording: Limon-Hidrogo addition resubdivision of Lot 1 (resubdivision Final Plat -two lots -Hollow Hook -City of Austin ETJ) in Precinct One. (Commissioner Davis)

C4. Receive state required racial profiling report for Calendar Year 2012 from Constable, Precinct Three.

**Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court**

---

Date of Approval

---

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge