

MINUTES OF MEETING--FEBRUARY 4, 1997

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On the 4th day of February 1997, the Commissioners' Court convened the Voting Session at 9:11 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor of the Travis County Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Julianne Rompel and Mary Ann Roel.

The Commissioners' Court retired to Executive Session at 11:35 AM and reconvened the Voting Session at 12:15 PM.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Voting Session at 12:18 PM and reconvened the Voting Session at 1:37 PM.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Voting Session at 5:10 PM pending the conclusion of the road district meeting and reconvened the Voting Session at 5:11 PM.

The Commissioners' Court retired to Executive Session at 5:11 PM and reconvened the Voting Session at 5:29 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 5:33 PM.

RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. APPROVE A TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ON SPICEWOOD SPRINGS ROAD, BETWEEN LOOP 360 AND OLD LAMPASAS TRAIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF TREE AND BRANCH REMOVAL ALONG RIGHT OF WAY; ROAD CLOSURE FOR ONE DAY; FEBRUARY 10, 1997, FROM 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM. (9:13 AM)

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe that the Public Hearing be opened.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

Members of the Court heard from Joe Gieselman, Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe that the Public Hearing be closed.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

Valarie Bristol, Commissioner Precinct Three spoke with regard to the One Million Dollar BCCP Grant which Travis County received. (9:14 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Jimmy Castro; Gus Peñ̄a, East Austin Concerned Hispanics; Bob Barstow, Windy Point Park. (9:18 AM)

CONSENT ITEMS

2. Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve the following Consent Items: 22, C.1 - C.17; excluding Consent Items 5, 9, and 10. (9:46 AM)

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

- C.1 RECEIVE BIDS FROM COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT.
- C.2 AWARD BIDS FOR FOOD ITEMS FOR TRAVIS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES.
- C.3 APPROVE COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES FOR VOTING SESSIONS OF JANUARY 7 AND 9, 1997.
- C.4 APPROVE ENCUMBRANCE AND PAYMENT OF \$125.00 FOR A TRAINING SEMINAR AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEE PAST DUE OVER 90 DAYS.
- C.5 APPOINT JOHN BARZIZZA TO TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 9 FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 1998. (9:11 AM)

Consent Item 5 pulled from the Agenda.

- C6. APPOINT LAURIE BURKETT TO THE CHILDREN'S PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD FOR A 3-YEAR TERM.
- C7. APPROVE WACKENHUT RECOMMENDATIONS OF KENNETH WILLIAMS FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT WARDEN AND LAWRENCE VAULTS FOR THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES COORDINATOR FOR THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER.
- C.8 CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE 1997 CONTRACT WITH CARITAS OF AUSTIN, INC., FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK (C.A.N.).

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:

- C.9** APPROVE STATE CATALOGUE PURCHASE OF HARDWARE MAINTENANCE FOR THE IBM AS/400 COMPUTER SYSTEM IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$52,000.19 FROM IBM CORPORATION. (9:12 AM)

Consent Item 9 postponed until February 11, 1997.

- C.10** APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL IN SUPPORT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, IFB NO. B970022-MB, TO THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDDER, CAMPBELL INDUSTRIES, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,385.00. (9:12 AM) (4:50 PM)

Consent Item 10 pulled from the Consent Items.

Members of the Court heard from Cyd Grimes, Purchasing Agent.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to award the contract as recommended by staff to Campbell Industries.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

- C.11** APPROVE RENEWAL OF SOLE SOURCE HARDWARE MAINTENANCE FOR THE KODAK MODEL 2110 VIAS AND KODAK COLOREDGE MODEL 1525E WITH FILM PROJECTOR; COPIERS FROM THE EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY.

- C.12** APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMERCIAL MOVING SERVICES, IFB NO. B970046-JP, TO THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDDER, ALAR MOVING SERVICES, IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$79,100.00.

- C.13** APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF TOOLS AND ACCESSORIES IFB #B970037-BA, TO THE OVERALL LOW QUALIFIED BIDDER, GRAINGER.

- C.14** APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF PORTABLE TOILETS, IN SUPPORT OF THE 0024-MB, CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, IFB NO. B970024-MB, TO THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDDER, BROWNING-FERRIS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,966.00.

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:

- C.15** APPROVE VACATION OF THE SECOND REPLAT OF BARTON CREEK AND APPROVAL OF PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT THREE: THE THIRD REPLAT OF BARTON CREEK CLUB - (SHORTFORM - NO FISCAL - 3 LOTS - 43.20 ACRES - SPECIAL WATER QUALITY PROTECTION ZONE - BARTON CREEK BOULEVARD).
- C.16** APPROVAL OF PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT TWO: COLLINWOOD WEST, SECTION ONE, BLOCK C AMENDED - (AMENDED PLAT - NO FISCAL - 4 LOTS - 4.232 ACRES - DESSAU ROAD).
- C.17** APPROVE A TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ON SPICEWOOD ROAD, BETWEEN LOOP 360 AND OLD LAMPASAS TRAIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF TREE AND BRANCH REMOVAL ALONG RIGHT OF WAY; ROAD CLOSURE FOR ONE DAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1997, FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- 3.** DISCUSS AND GIVE DIRECTION ON PROPOSED OPTIONS "A" OR "B" OF JUVENILE JUSTICE MASTER PLAN. (9:46 AM) (5:11 PM) (5:29 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Coordinator for Justice and Public Safety; District Judge Jeanne Meurer, Juvenile Court; Estella Medina, Chief Deputy, Juvenile Court; Assistant County Attorney, Gordon Bowman; and Clark Mente, Croslin and Associates.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to indicate approval of Option "B" with the important exception to note that the Court does not wish for the residential shelter to be destroyed; to continue to work on solutions to the parking issues; and to request that negotiations be commenced for purchase of a triangular-shaped section of the adjacent property known as the Spiller Tract.

Motion pending Executive Session discussion.

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 3 would be considered in Executive Session.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

[Clerk's note: Judge Aleshire commented on the California "Hoover Commission Report" with regard to Juvenile Crime--Making Prevention a Priority.] (9:58 AM)

4. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED CHILDREN AND FAMILY PLAN, JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVE.
(9:57 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Stephen Williams, Executive Manager of Health, Human Services, and Veterans' Services; Linda Welsh, Community Services Division; Anita Hardeman, Co-Chairperson, Austin Interfaith; Ruby Roel, Austin Interfaith; Steven Jacobson, Texas Interfaith; Shari Holland, Health and Human Services; and Martha Farrin, San Jose Church Mentor.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Bristol to approve the budget transfers as requested by Health and Human Services with an addition of approximately \$20,000.00 added to the Healthy Family Strategy, which will move the implementation date to April 1, 1997, and to approve the appropriate changes in the mathematics for the reserve.

Judge Aleshire requested a division of the vote as follows:

To approve the portion of the Motion which includes approving the Grant Coordinator position:

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	opposed
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	opposed

To approve the funding as requested by Health and Human Services for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Strategy including the April 1, 1997, start date for the Healthy Family Strategy--with an increase of approximately \$20,000.00 in this area.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

ITEM 4 CONTINUED:

**A. ADOPT COMMUNITY GOAL AND COUNTY COMMITMENT TO
PROMOTE FULL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN TRAVIS COUNTY.
(11:30 AM)**

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to approve the Resolution that Travis County proposes and adopts a community goal for schools for full school attendance for every child in Travis County; that the Travis County Commissioners' Court encourages all schools, and other public and private individuals and groups to join in contributing to accomplishing full school attendance for every child in Travis County; and that the Travis County Commissioners' Court adopts the following guidelines in furtherance of this community goal:

1. By September, 1998, no child in Travis County will be allowed to skip or drop out of school in violation of State law;
2. If a child is absent from school without permission, the child's parents shall be informed of such absence promptly;
3. If the parent(s) of an absent student need assistance in getting the child to attend school, we will do everything within our means, creatively and efficiently, to assist those parents;
4. If a parent allows a child to be absent from school in violation of State truancy laws, such laws shall be enforced against that parent and child; and
5. If a child is expelled from school, we will participate with others in the community to ensure that the child is placed in an appropriate alternative classroom and continues to receive an education.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

5. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND BUDGET TRANSFERS. (11:33 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Shari Holland, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the budget transfer for Subitem A-69 that hauling services from the County Clerk be transferred to Constable, Precinct Five, for overtime.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

Item 5 to be reposted for February 11, 1997.

6. APPROVE, AND/OR GIVE STAFF DIRECTION REGARDING COMMENCEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DESIGN TEAM OF NBBJ/PFLUGER WIGINTON FAWCETT, FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PHASE 1A IMPROVEMENTS AT TRAVIS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX AT DEL VALLE. (11:35 AM) (12:15 PM) (1:37 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Assistant County Attorney, David Escamilla.

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 6 would be considered in Executive Session.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to invite NBBJ/Pfluger Wiginton Fawcett and NDR/GSC (being the first and second ranked teams) to make presentations to the Commissioners' Court, beginning at 1:30 PM; that the actual ranking/scoring information be provided from the Committee to all members of the Commissioners' Court during the lunch recess today; to limit the two presentations to 15 minutes each, not including question and answer sessions; and to request that no vote will be taken today on a final decision for award.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

Members of the Court received presentations from the two top-scoring firms as follows:

The first presentation was given by NBBJ/Pfluger Wiginton Fawcett.

Members of the Court heard from Jim Pfluger, NBBJ/Pfluger Wiginton Fawcett; John Gire, NBBJ; Tom Hooker, Pfluger Wiginton Fawcett; Jim Wiginton, Pfluger Wiginton Fawcett; Kent Neelan, Pluger Wiginton Fawcett; Ruth Parshall, Parshall and Associates; and David Quintanilla, Quintanilla and Associates.

The second presentation was given by NDR/GSC (Graeber Simmons and Cowan).

Members of the Court heard from Tommy Cowan, Graeber Simmons and Cowan and Don Olsen, Graeber Simmons and Cowan.

Members of the Court heard from Cyd Grimes, Purchasing Agent; Marvin Brice, Purchasing; Travis County Sheriff Margo Frasier, and Major David Balagia, Travis County Correction Center--Del Valle.

Discussion only.

Item 6 to be reposted for February 11, 1997.

R E C E S S

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to recess the Voting Session until 1:30 PM. (12:18 PM)

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

7. DISCUSS AND DIRECT STAFF ON OPTIONS RELATING TO 1997 HUMAN SERVICES CONTRACT WITH HELPING OUR BROTHERS OUT (HOBO). (2:53 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Pandora Wood, Health and Human Services Department; Assistant County Attorney, Mary Etta Gerhardt; Steve Greenberg, Attorney for Helping Our Brothers Out (HOBO); Diane Harrison, Health and Human Services Department; and Hunter Morris, Executive Director, Helping Our Brothers Out (HOBO).

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Gómez that the Commissioners' Court reiterate their offer to extend the current contract, by an additional 90 days, with the same language stated in the current contract.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

8. AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY SERVICE RESTITUTION (CSR) PARTICIPANTS AND COUNTY EQUIPMENT FOR MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE AT BETHANY CEMETERY. (3:40 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Ron Davis, Chairman of East Austin Strategy Team; John Hille, Assistant County Attorney; and Joe Gieselman, Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources.

Discussion only.

Item 8 to be reposted for February 11, 1997.

9. APPOINT A CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A 1997 BOND PROGRAM, ESTABLISH ITS CHARTER AND DIRECT STAFF TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE. (4:25 PM)

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Bristol to approve the following Precinct One appointees: Rosalyn Craig; Danny Martin; Anjali H. Kaul; Dr. Charles Akins; and Al Johs.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

10. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN TRAVIS COUNTY'S 1997 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE FOR THE 75TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION. (2:57 PM) (4:10 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 10 would be taken after Item 7.

Members of the Court heard from Curtis Chubb, Ph.D., Blanco County Resident, Member of Trinity Group Aquifers Coalition.

Discussion only.

No action taken.

11. DISCUSS AND GIVE STAFF DIRECTION ON PROPOSALS TO AMEND CHAPTER 10, RELATING TO PROMOTION POLICIES. (4:25 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Dr. Mattye Maldin-Taylor, Director of Human Resources and Alicia Perez, Executive Manager of Administrative Operations.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to prepare, with the assistance of the County Attorney's Office, the verbiage of this proposal for adoption next week, so that the policy related to increases in salary due to promotions is amended to clarify that, if the promoted employee has unusually high qualifications, the evaluation criteria which apply to "new hires" for setting their salary above entry level--which is contained in Policy Manual Section 10.27--shall also be applied to promotions if the department director requests that there be additional salary consideration for a promoted employee; however, internal equity must be added to these criteria in the analysis for setting the final salary for a promoted employee.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

12. APPROVE PERSONNEL AMENDMENTS. (4:45 PM)

Motion by Commissioner Gómez and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve personnel amendments with the exception of the non-routine promotional item.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

13. DISCUSS UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE EAST RURAL COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT AND REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CHANGE ORDERS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT. (4:57 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Kevin Bailey, Facilities Manager and Louis Garcia, Facilities Management.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Judge Aleshire to approve the change orders; to authorize spending the contingency balance; to further direct that this budget be scrubbed and that any remaining balances be used to pay for the change orders; that County staff meet with the County Attorney's Office to fully understand the County's legal rights with regard to some of the additional costs which may be chargeable to other parties; and, immediately upon completion of the consultation and the evaluation of what the County Attorney's Office believes is due Travis County under the contract, to request that County staff communicate with the contractor to request settlement.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

R E C E S S

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to recess the Voting Session pending conclusion of the road district meeting. (5:10 PM)

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

- 14. APPROVE QUANTUM MERUIT CLAIM FOR \$9,000.00 CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK'S CUSTOMER SURVEY AND FOCUS GROUPS ACTIVITIES, JULI FELLOWS, Ph.D. (4:48 PM)**

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

- 15. APPROVE DECLARATION OF TWENTY-THREE (23) PALLETS OF OLD TENTS AS SALVAGE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO SECTION 253.151 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. (4:48 PM)**

Discussion only.

Item 15 postponed until February 11, 1997.

16. APPROVE STATE CATALOG PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS FOR INFORMATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (ITS). (4:50 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Cyd Grimes, Purchasing Agent.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to award Item Five (5) to AMS and to award Item Four (4) to Denson Consulting.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

17. A. APPROVE ORDER WAIVING SECTION THREE OF TRAVIS COUNTY ETHICS POLICY FOR CONTRACTS WITH TRAVIS COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE DEAF D/B/A CAPITAL INTERPRETING SERVICES AND HANWAVE TO PROVIDE INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR DEAF TRAVIS COUNTY RESIDENTS. (4:51 PM)

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

B. APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND TRAVIS COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE DEAF D/B/A CAPITAL INTERPRETING SERVICES TO PROVIDE INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR DEAF TRAVIS COUNTY RESIDENTS; EXEMPTION ORDER OF JULY 9, 1996. (4:51 PM)

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

- 18. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE, RFP #970012-OJ, TO THE QUALIFIED RESPONDENT, ALEXANDER AND ALEXANDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,392.00. (4:52 PM)**

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

- 19. APPROVE MODIFICATION OF PLAN DOCUMENT FOR DEFERRED COMPENSATION TO ESTABLISH CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT & LIFE INSURANCE TRANSFER AUTHORIZATION TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW. (4:52 PM) (5:30 PM)**

Item 19 postponed until February 11, 1997.

Members of the Court heard from Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

- 20.** APPROVE CONTRACT, CONTRACT MODIFICATION, AND MAKING OF CONTRACT TO THE SECOND LOW QUALIFIED BIDDER, ROSS CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR THE PROVISION OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR SPRING WILLOW DRAINAGE AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IFB NO. B960713, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$785,625.50, OF WHICH \$621,350.50 WILL BE PAID BY TRAVIS COUNTY, WITH PAYMENT OF THE REMAINING \$164,275.00, TO BE PAID BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN THROUGH AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.

Members of the Court heard from Cyd Grimes, Purchasing Agent.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Bristol to approve the award of contract to the second low qualified bidder, Ross Construction, Inc.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

- 21.** APPROVE CALL DOWN OF BANK ONE, TEXAS, N. A. LETTER OF CREDIT NO. 3552 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,300.00 POSTED IN CONNECTION WITH WYLDWOOD CUL DE SAC. (4:55 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Assistant County Attorney, Gordon Bowman.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to approve the call down of Bank One, Texas, North America, Letter of Credit No. 3552 in the amount of \$6,300.00 posted in connection with Wyldwood Cul de Sac or to authorize the County Judge to accept the substitute Letter of Credit.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

- 22.** APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST COUNTY FUNDS. (9:46 AM)

Item 22 added to Consent Items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

[Clerk's note: the Executive Session Items are footnoted as follows: Note 1⁽¹⁾: Gov't Code, Ann. Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney; Note 2⁽²⁾: Gov't Code, Ann. Section 551.072, Real Property; and Note 3⁽³⁾: Gov't Code, Ann. Section 551.074, Personnel Matters.]

23. APPROVE GRANT PROPOSALS, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AND PERMISSION TO CONTINUE: (5:11 PM) (5:29 PM)

A. APPROVE CAPCO GRANT CONTRACTS FOR ENFORCEMENT AND ANIMAL COMPOSTING, (FOR TNR). (GIESELMAN). ¹

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 23 (A and B) would be considered in Executive Session.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Item 23 (A and B).

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

B. APPROVE CAPCO GRANT CONTRACT FOR WASTE REDUCTION/ RECYCLING PROGRAM, (FOR TNR). (GIESELMAN). ¹

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 23 (A and B) would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Item 23 (A and B). Refer to Item 23 (A) for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

24. AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT, REJECT, OR COUNTER SETTLEMENT OFFER AND/OR RECEIVE BRIEFING, TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN CAUSE NO. 93-06143; KATHLEEN URIBE V. TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS (TNR; GIESELMAN; PERSONAL INJURY). ¹ (9:25 AM)

Item 24 to be reposted for February 11, 1997.

- 25.** APPOINT COMMISSIONERS' COURT REPRESENTATIVE FOR MEDIATION AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT, REJECT, OR COUNTER SETTLEMENT OFFER IN JAMES HYDE V. TRAVIS COUNTY. (GIESELMAN; EMPLOYMENT LAWSUIT). ¹ (9:25 AM)

Item 25 to be reposted for February 11, 1997.

- 26.** RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN CIBOLO MANUFACTURING, INC., ET AL., V. CROSS EQUIPMENT CO., INC., ET. AL. (GIESELMAN; PATENT LAWSUIT).¹ (9:25 AM)

Item 26 to be reposted for February 11, 1997.

- 27.** RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF COUNSELORS AT THE TRAVIS COUNTY COUNSELING CENTER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (9:25 AM)

Item 27 to be reposted for February 11, 1997.

- 28.** APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. PS970104-SG, WALKER, BRIGHT, AND WHITTENTON, P.C., LEGAL SERVICES IN CAUSE NO. 95-15823, HUDSON V. KEEL; CONTRACT APPROVED ON APRIL 13, 1996; MODIFICATION ALLOWS FOR SERVICES TO CONTINUE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1997. ¹ (4:55 PM)

Item 28 to be reposted for February 11, 1997.

- 29.** RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN CHRISTOPHER HUTSON V. CITY OF AUSTIN, ET AL., CAUSE NO. A96-CA-572-SS (KEEL; DENIAL OF MEDICAL CARE, SECTION 1983). ¹ (9:25 AM)

Item 29 to be reposted for February 11, 1997.

ADDENDA ITEM 1.

AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER TO DELETE SIXTEEN (16) PERIMETER LIGHT POLES ON THE TOP DECK OF THE SAN ANTONIO STREET PARKING GARAGE PROJECT. (9:13 AM) (4:55 PM)

Judge Aleshire noted that the Court has yet to receive the originals on this Item.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to give staff direction that the Commissioners' Court supports those who have the authority to authorize the change order to approve this Item.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

A D J O U R N M E N T

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to adjourn. (5:33 PM)

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Bill Aleshire, Travis County Judge