

MINUTES -- JANUARY 20, 1998

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Tuesday, the 20th day of January 1998, the Commissioners' Court convened the Voting Session at 9:26 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 Anna M. Valdez.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Voting Session at 11:59 AM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Corporations' Board of Directors, convened the Corporations' Voting Session at 1:45 PM and adjourned at 1:54 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 1:54 PM.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Voting Session at 3:35 PM and reconvened the Voting Session at 4:13 PM.

The Commissioners' Court retired to Executive Session at 5:08 PM and reconvened the Voting Session at 5:50 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 5:54 PM.

RESOLUTIONS & HEARINGS

1. APPROVE RESOLUTION HONORING JIM SMITH, DIRECTOR, TRAVIS COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICE, FOR HIS SERVICE TO TRAVIS COUNTY. (9:28 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Jim Smith, Director, Travis County Agricultural Extension Office; Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, Austin-Travis County Health and Human Services Department and Veterans Affairs Services; and Dr. Ed Heiler, Acting Director, Texas Agriculture Extension Services.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and **seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 1.

Motion carried:

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	absent
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 2. APPROVE AN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN INSTRUMENT TO VACATE A 5' PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON LOT 819 AND A 5' PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON LOT 820 APACHE SHORES SECTION 2, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT THREE. (9:38 AM)

Motion by Commissioner Moore and **seconded by** Commissioner Gómez that the Public Hearing be opened.

Motion carried:

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR).

Motion by Commissioner Moore and **seconded by** Commissioner Gómez that the Public Hearing be closed.

Motion carried:

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

Clerk's Note: Item 2 is Consent Item C14. Please refer to Agenda Item 3 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

Members of the Court heard from: Gus Peña, President, East Austin Concerned Hispanics.

Precinct Three Commissioner Margaret Moore introduced her new Executive Assistant, Mike Agnew, to the Court and County employees. (9:39 AM)

CONSENT ITEMS

3. Motion by Commissioner Gómez and **seconded by** Commissioner Moore to approve the following Consent Items: 17, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 35, 36 and C1 - C14, excluding C4 and C10. (9:45 AM)

Motion carried:	County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	absent
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

Clerk's Note: Precinct One Commissioner Darwin McKee and Precinct Three Commissioner Margaret Moore requested that the record reflect that they abstained on Item C3. A formal Division of the Vote was not requested.

C1. RECEIVE BIDS FROM COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT.

C2. AWARD BIDS FOR FOOD ITEMS FOR TRAVIS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES.

C3. APPROVE COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES FOR VOTING SESSIONS OF SEPTEMBER 16, 1997; SEPTEMBER 30, 1997; RECONVENED MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 1997; AND DECEMBER 2, 1997.

C4. REAPPOINT S.J. FOWLER AND LERAY STANDARD TO THE BOARD OF TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #12 FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS TO EXPIRE ON 12/31/99. (9:45 AM)

Item C4 pulled from the agenda.

C5. APPROVE ORDER TO DIRECT DEPOSITING SALARY FUND MONIES INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF TRAVIS COUNTY.

C6. APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. 97K0708-MB, MW BUILDERS, INC., CJC RELEASE 2/3, FOUNDATIONS, STRUCTURAL, PRECAST PACKAGE; MODIFICATION ALLOWS FOR THE DELETION OF ALL PRECAST MEDALLIONS FROM PRECAST PANELS AT A COST REDUCTION OF (\$15,512.00).

C7. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF PHARMACEUTICALS AND PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLIES, IFB #B980015-OJ, TO THE LOW, QUALIFIED BIDDER, BERGEN BRUNSWIG DRUG.

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED

- C8.** APPROVE STATE TERM CONTRACT PURCHASE OF READER PRINTERS (2) @ \$7,900 FOR TAX OFFICE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$15,800.
- C9.** APPROVE STATE TERM CONTRACT PURCHASE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT (1-CRAWLER-LOADER \$120,700 AND 1 ROLLER, SELF-PROPELLED \$39,675.46) FOR TNR IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$160,405.46.
- C10.** APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT THREE: RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 300 & 301, TRAVIS SETTLEMENT SECTION FIVE - (SHORTFORM - NO FISCAL REQUIRED - 1 LOT - 12.06 ACRES). (9:28 AM)

Item C10 pulled from the agenda.

- C11.** APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT TWO: SOPHIE'S CHOICE SUBDIVISION - (SHORTFORM - NO FISCAL REQUIRED - 2 LOTS - 4.597 ACRES - FM 620).
- C12.** APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATION OF STREET AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES IN WILLOW RUN SECTIONS 1, 2, 6, 8, & 10A, SUBDIVISIONS IN PRECINCT TWO.
- C13.** APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATION OF STREET AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES IN BRATTON LANE 60 ACRES AND SHORELINE DRIVE TO FM 1325, IN PRECINCT TWO.
- C14.** APPROVE AN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN INSTRUMENT TO VACATE A 5' PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON LOT 819 AND A 5' PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON LOT 820 APACHE SHORES SECTION 2, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT THREE.

COUNTY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- 4. AMEND CHAPTER 64 OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (ISSUING PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION IN THE FLOODPLAIN) TO AUTHORIZE A PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS ON CERTIFIED FLOATING STRUCTURES IN THE LAKE AREA ONLY. (5:08 PM) (5:50 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 4 would be considered in Executive Session.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and **seconded by** Commissioner McKee to amend the chapter again, in addition to the amendment, which the Court adopted last week. In Section 64.035, Paragraph B, add a Sub-paragraph Three (3) that reads: "The owner shall be prohibited from making any repairs or improvements to the preexisting, non-residential, commercial structure, including but not limited to maintenance of any kind, and shall only be allowed to remove such structure from the property." In addition, the Court amends Section 64.035, Paragraph A, (4) ii: add the word "repairs" so it reads "The Dry Dock Barge is being constructed in lieu of making repairs or improvement to such structure."

Motion carried:

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- 5. DISCUSS AND GIVE STAFF DIRECTION ON THE TECHNICALLY PREFERRED ALIGNMENT FOR STATE HIGHWAY 130 IN THE VICINITY OF NORTHEAST METRO PARK AND RECOMMEND COUNTY PREFERENCES TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. (9:26 AM) (10:04 AM)

Discussion Only.

Item 5 to be reposted on January 27, 1998.

- 6. RECEIVE BRIEFING AND STATUS REPORT ON "WEED AND SEED INITIATIVE" SITE REGISTRATION APPLICATION PROCESS. (9:47 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Ronald Earle, Travis County District Attorney; Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, Austin-Travis County Health and Human Services Department and Veterans Affairs Services; Chris Wetherington, Planner, District Attorney's Office; Darla Gay, Director, Community Justice Programs, District Attorney's Office; and LaRu Woody, Director, Family Justice Division, District Attorney's Office.

Discussion Only.

- 7. APPROVE THE USE OF STARFLIGHT HELICOPTERS FOR A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF AIRBORNE LAW ENFORCEMENT IN TRAVIS COUNTY. (10:39 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Terry Pickering, Major, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO); Chris Callsen, Director of Emergency Services, Criminal Justice Planning (CJP).

Motion by Judge Aleshire and **seconded by** Commissioner Moore to authorize EMS and the Sheriff's Office to work together on this feasibility study, restricted to the use of the 206LIII (for as long as the County has it) and to come back to the Court with a report in late Spring or early Summer.

Motion carried:

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

8. CANVASS ELECTION RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD JANUARY 17, 1998. (9:26 AM) (10:59 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dana DeBeauvoir, Travis County Clerk; Will Richardson, Representative, Westbank Library Board; and Harold Bell, Representative, Westbank Library Board.

Motion by Commissioner Moore and **seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the canvass of the election results as reported by the Travis County Clerk.

Motion carried:	County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

9. A. APPROVE 1998 PRIMARY ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND TRAVIS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY. (11:04 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dana DeBeauvoir, Travis County Clerk; and Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, Planning and Budget Office (PBO).

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 9.A and B.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and **seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the contracts posted under Items 9.A and B.

Motion carried:	County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

ITEM 9 CONTINUED

B. APPROVE 1998 PRIMARY ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND TRAVIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY. (9:14 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dana DeBeauvoir, Travis County Clerk; and Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 9.A and B. Please refer to Item 9.A for a summary of the Court's action on this motion.

10. APPROVE ORDER DESIGNATING THE REGULAR MEETING DAY OF COMMISSIONERS COURT OF TRAVIS COUNTY, AND DISCUSS COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA DEADLINES. (1:54 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: John Hille, Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and **seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the official Order setting the meeting day of the Commissioners' Court on Tuesdays but that the agenda deadline be changed, effective for the meeting on February 10, 1998, with the agenda deadline moved to the previous week's Monday at 5:00 PM. The Court wants to see the substance of the originals by the agenda deadline but if the originals themselves are not turned in by 5:00 PM on the day before the meeting, the Court will anticipate that item will be postponed until the following week. The Court recognizes there will be some exceptions and they will be addressed as needed.

Court Approved by Consensus: When names are listed on the agenda request as having been notified, those people should have already been notified at the time the request is submitted (by the deadline). When there is a Monday holiday, the agenda deadline will be rolled until the next day.

Motion carried:	County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

11. A. APPROVE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE. (11:22 AM) (11:50 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dana DeBeauvoir, Travis County Clerk.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and **seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the Resolution under Item 11.A, establishing the Salary Grievance Committee, and take note of the selection that the Court conducted and announced earlier in the day under Item 11.B.

Motion carried:	County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

B. SELECT PUBLIC MEMBERS OF SALARY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE AND ALTERNATES. (11:22 AM) (11:50 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dana DeBeauvoir, Travis County Clerk.

Action Taken: Nine Committee Members and six Alternates were chosen.

Committee Members

Commissioner McKee selected: Eleanor Rodgers, Jim Keahey, and Shirley Debner Bottoms. Commissioner Sonleitner selected: Mary Louise Collins, Cornell Merriweather, and Ernest Walston. Judge Aleshire selected: Nettie Hage, Lucy Ditmore, and Rosie V. Gonzales.

Alternates

Commissioner Moore selected: Monica Ross, Maria F. Rocha, and Charles E. Nemir. Commissioner Gómez selected: Mary Alice Andrada, Will Hargis, Jr., and Marcia Lind.

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C. APPOINT ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
(11:50 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dana DeBeauvoir, Travis County Clerk; and Alicia Perez, Executive Manager.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and **seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to appoint, as carry over members from and chosen by the last Committee, Eric Sandberg, Sharon Heironimus and Sandra Sanderson; and as carry over alternates, Phil Cochran, Ralph Wayne, Mike Maroney and Phil Landrum. These carry over members and alternates are appointed in addition to the nine members and their alternates announced earlier under Item 11.B to serve as the Elected Officials Salary Advisory Committee.

Motion carried:	County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

12. DISCUSS, APPROVE, AND/OR GIVE STAFF DIRECTION REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER TO THE CITY OF AUSTIN CONTRACT FOR THE SOUTH CONGRESS AVE. - OLTORF TO BEN WHITE BLVD. WATER AND WASTEWATER RELOCATION PROJECT TO SERVICE THE GARDNER-BETTS DEVELOPMENT AND/OR APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.
(9:26 AM) (11:53 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Belinda Poppa, Planner, Facilities Management; and Gordon Bowman, Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner McKee and **seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the agreement in the form submitted with authorization for Judge Aleshire to approve amendments that the County Attorney's Office determines are not substantive.

Motion carried:	County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 13. DISCUSS, APPROVE, AND/OR GIVE STAFF DIRECTION REGARDING THE 100% DESIGN DEVELOPMENT SUBMITTAL FROM CROSLIN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR DESIGN OF THE JUVENILE COURT EXPANSION AT GARDNER-BETTS. (11:26 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Belinda Poppa, Planner, Facilities Management; Chuck Croslin, Owner, Croslin and Associates; and John Hille, Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and **seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 13 as stated.

Motion carried:

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 14. DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN G.O.P. INVESTMENTS AND TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION SERVICES. (9:26 AM)

Item 14 postponed until January 27, 1998.

- 15. RECEIVE STATUS UPDATE ON COMPUTER-AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) OPTIONS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (9:26 AM) (2:54 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, CJP; Margo Frasier, Travis County Sheriff; and Frank Curcio, Director, Information and Telecommunications Systems (ITS).

Motion by Commissioner Gómez and **seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner that the Court indicates they do not intend to exercise the option in the Integrated Justice System (IJS) contract. The Court does want the development of the IJS Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) to continue.

Motion carried:

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

16. A. APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE CITIZENS BOND PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE AND ADOPT CHARTER FOR THE COMMITTEE. (2:10 PM)

Item 16.A postponed until January 27, 1998.

- B. DETERMINE ORGANIZATION, LOCATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND BUDGET FOR COUNTY STAFF AND TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION OF THE CITIZENS BOND PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE. (2:10 PM)

Item 16.B postponed until January 27, 1998.

17. APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (9:45 AM)

Item 17 added to Consent. Please refer to Agenda Item 3 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

Clerk's Note: Precinct One Appointments - Link Summers and Maurice Owens;
Precinct Four Appointments - Reynaldo Cedillos, P.E.; and
City of Austin Appointments - David Van Huesen and Lauren Ross.

Item 17 to be reposted on January 27, 1998.

- 18. APPROVE VARIANCE AND PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT TWO: ANGEL PASS SUBDIVISION - (SHORTFORM - NO FISCAL REQUIRED - 11 LOTS - 14.73 ACRES - CUESTA TRAIL). (10:07 AM) (5:08 PM) (5:50 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; Steve Manilla, Director of Engineering and Planning, TNR; Fred Purcell, Applicant; Gordon Bowman, Assistant County Attorney; and Fran Warner, Vice President, Parke 22 Homeowners' Association.

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 18 would be considered in Executive Session.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and **seconded by** Commissioner McKee to ask the County Attorney's Office to work with TNR and the applicant to bring back to the Court some potential contractual language when Item 18 is reposted for next week.

Motion carried:

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

Item 18 to be reposted on January 27, 1998.

- 19. APPROVE QUANTUM MERUIT CLAIM FOR \$6,000.00 FOR GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE (GUI) SOFTWARE MODULE TO HTE, INCORPORATED. (9:26 AM)

Item 19 pulled from the agenda.

Clerk's Note: Will be re-submitted later in a different form.

20. RECEIVE BRIEFING ON A CENTRAL RECEIVING CONCEPT FROM THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT. (2:11 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; Eddie DeBord, Fixed Assets Manager, Purchasing; and Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor.

Discussion Only.

21. APPROVE INTERLOCAL CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING WITH THE HOUSTON/GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (H-GAG). (3:20 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; Terry Pickering, Major, TCSO; John Hille, Assistant County Attorney; and Jim Connolly, Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and **seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to send H-GAG a modified contract and as soon as it is approved, and that Travis County should process a purchase order for the vehicles.

Motion carried:	County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

22. APPROVE ORDER EXEMPTING IN-HOUSE TRAINING FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND APPROVE \$16,000 EXPENDITURE FROM THE NATIONAL LAW CENTER, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION TRAINING. (4:15 PM) (4:26 PM)

Motion by Judge Aleshire and **seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Item 22.

Motion carried:

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

Motion by Commissioner McKee and **seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to reconsider the Motion and Vote, taken earlier today, approving Item 22.

Motion carried:

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

Members of the Court heard from: John Hille, Assistant County Attorney; Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; and Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations.

Court Approved by Consensus: The County Attorney's Office should review the back up material on Item 22 and repost for reconsideration on January 27, 1998.

Item 22 to be reposted on January 27, 1998.

- 23. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR CIVIL COURTS JUSTICE SYSTEM (CCJS) NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND OPERATIONS MASTER PLAN, CGA CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., NOT-TO-EXCEED \$89,950. (4:16 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; Ron Ledford, Director of Court Management, Civil Courts; John Hille, Assistant County Attorney and Dave Gerber, Planner, Civil Courts.

Discussion Only.

Item 23 to be reposted on January 27, 1998.

- 24. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES TO JOSE I. GUERRA, INC., FOR THE MOORE'S CROSSING BRIDGE HISTORICAL RESTORATION PROJECT, NOT-TO-EXCEED \$45,622.00. (9:26 AM) (4:37 PM)

Motion by Commissioner Gómez and **seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Item 24 as stated.

Motion carried:

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 25. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES TO MAXIMIZE STATE/FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENTS, RFS S970079-OJ, TO THE TOP RANKED, QUALIFIED PROPOSER, DAVID M. GRIFFITH & ASSOCIATES. (9:26 AM) (4:38 PM) (4:49 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; and Jim Connolly, Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and **seconded by** Commissioner McKee to approve Item 25.

Withdrawal of the previous Motion was made by Commissioner Sonleitner and **seconded by** Commissioner McKee.

Item 25 to be reposted on January 27, 1998.

26. APPROVE MODIFICATION NO. 3 TO CONTRACT NO. PS970061SG, RUST ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE, INC., (DBA RUST LICHLITER/JAMESON), PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES; CONTRACT APPROVED ON DECEMBER 6, 1994; MODIFICATION ALLOWS FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PARMER LANE EAST AT A COST OF \$17,810 AND A SCHEDULE EXTENSION OF FORTY-FIVE DAYS. (9:45 AM)

Item 26 added to Consent. Please refer to Agenda Item 3 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

27. APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS FOR GEOTECHNICAL/CONSTRUCTION TESTING SERVICES POOL CONTRACTORS; ENVIRONMENTAL DRILLING SERVICES, MAXIM TECHNOLOGIES, HBC ENGINEERING, FUGRO-MCCLELLAN, RABA-KISTNER-BRYTEST, MLA AND PSI; MODIFICATIONS WILL EXPAND THE EXISTING SERVICES UNDER EACH CONTRACT TO INCLUDE PAVEMENT DESIGN, FOUNDATION DESIGN, AND ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION WORK. (4:50 PM)

Item 27 postponed until January 27, 1998.

28. APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 1 TO CONTRACT NO. 97K0710K, KANETZKY ELECTRIC, INC., CJC RELEASE 4, ELECTRICAL PACKAGE; MODIFICATION ALLOWS FOR THE INCORPORATION OF NEW PREVAILING WAGE SCALE, AT NO COST, AND FOR VALUE ENGINEERING/COST SAVINGS MEASURES WHICH CONSTITUTE A (\$159,500.00) REDUCTION IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT. (9:45 AM)

Item 28 added to Consent. Please refer to Agenda Item 3 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 29.** APPROVE MODIFICATION NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. PS970226SG, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, CFX, INC.; MODIFICATION ALLOWS FOR A CHANGE IN SCOPE FROM THE DESIGN FOR REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 111 ON OLD MANOR ROAD TO DEMOLITION AND INFILL OF THE BRIDGE AT A REDUCTION IN CONTRACT PRICE OF \$2,798. THE CONTRACT SCHEDULE WILL INCREASE BY 30 DAYS; CONTRACT APPROVED ON JUNE 10, 1997. (9:45 AM)

Item 29 added to Consent. Please refer to Agenda Item 3 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 30.** CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON 1998 COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK (C.A.N.) CONTRACT FOR HUMAN SERVICES WITH AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR LEARNING. (9:45 AM)

Item 30 added to Consent. Please refer to Agenda Item 3 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 31.** CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR WEATHERIZATION FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN. (9:45 AM)

Item 31 added to Consent. Please refer to Agenda Item 3 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 32.** RECEIVE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 1997. (9:45 AM)

Item 32 added to Consent. Please refer to Agenda Item 3 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

33. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS. (4:52 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Budget Analyst, PBO; Jessica Rio, Budget Analyst, PBO; and Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations.

Motion by Commissioner McKee and **seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the budget amendments and transfers with the exception of A.31.

Motion carried:	County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

34. APPROVE GRANT PROPOSALS, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AND PERMISSION TO CONTINUE. (9:26 AM) (4:50 PM)

A. APPROVE RESOLUTION AND GRANT APPLICATION TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT FOR LAND AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AT SOUTHEAST METRO PARK. (9:26 AM) (4:50 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez and **seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Item 34.A.

Motion carried:	County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

35. APPROVE PERSONNEL AMENDMENTS. (9:45 AM)

Item 35 added to Consent. Please refer to Agenda Item 3 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

36. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST COUNTY FUNDS. (9:45 AM)

Item 36 added to Consent. Please refer to Agenda Item 3 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

37. CONSIDER ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$4,000,000 OF TRAVIS COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1987 (SOUTH CENTER OAKS AND TOWNHOUSE APARTMENTS PROJECT) BY THE TRAVIS COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (1:53 PM)

Item 37 pulled from the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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

38. A. APPROVE CASH SECURITY AGREEMENT FOR CIRCLE C RANCH PHASE C, SECTION 8, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT THREE. ¹ (9:26 AM) (3:35 PM) (4:13 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR.

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 38.A would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 38.A and B.

Motion by Commissioner Moore and **seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Items 38.A and B. The Court's Vote to approve these Items is with the understanding that Travis County is taking no position as to whether the annexation of these areas, by the City of Austin, was valid or invalid. The Court only wants to meet their responsibility, whatever it is eventually determined to be, with the outcome of litigation.

Motion carried:	County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
	Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
	Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

B. APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT THREE: CIRCLE C RANCH, PHASE C SECTION EIGHT - (LONGFORM - FISCAL POSTED WITH THE COUNTY - 145 LOTS - 33.4275 ACRES). ¹ (9:26 AM) (3:35 PM) (4:13 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR.

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 38.B would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 38.A and B. Please refer to Item 38.A for a summary of the Court's action on this Motion.

- 39. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND GIVE DIRECTION AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RIGHT-OF-WAY RELATING TO TRAVIS OAKS DRIVE; AND ACCEPT, REJECT, OR COUNTER OFFER, AND/OR AUTHORIZE CONDEMNATION. ¹ (5:08 PM) (5:50 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 39 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 39, 40, 41, 44 and 46.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and **seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the following Items as summarized below:

- 39. Reject their offer and authorize condemnation.
- 40. Accept their offer that is equal to 75% of the face value of the bond forfeitures outstanding; or 5% per month calculated from the date of forfeiture to the date of arrest. The 75% would be for those that are still absconded and the other 5% per month would be for those that have been re-arrested.
- 41. Item 41 to be reposted on January 27, 1998. Item 41 will be reposted for Consultation with Attorney as well as Real Property.
- 44. Reject their offer and counter in the amount of \$25,000.00 as an Offer of Judgment.
- 46. Reject their offer and counter in the amount authorizing the County Attorney to offer up to \$30,000.00.

Motion carried:

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 40. RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY RE: ACCEPT OR REJECT SETTLEMENT OFFER ON ALLEGHENY MUTUAL BOND FORFEITURES AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (5:08 PM) (5:50 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 40 would be considered in Executive Session

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 39, 40, 41, 44 and 46. Please refer to Item 39 for a summary of the Court's action on this Motion.

41. DISCUSS THE EXERCISE OF OPTION AGREEMENTS FOR LAND ACQUISITION FOR PROPOSED NORTHEAST DISTRICT PARK IN PRECINCT TWO, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ² (5:08 PM) (5:50 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 41 would be considered in Executive Session

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 39, 40, 41, 44 and 46. Please refer to Item 39 for a summary of the Court's action on this Motion.

42. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT, REJECT, COUNTER OFFER OR SETTLEMENT OFFER AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN: CURTIS S. CANTWELL AND TAMMY CANTWELL V. TRAVIS COUNTY AND TRAVIS COUNTY; (TEXAS TORT CLAIMS ACT; PERSONAL INJURY). ¹ (9:27 AM)

Item 42 postponed until January 27, 1998.

43. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT OR REJECT SETTLEMENT OFFER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN CUMMINS, TWC# 97-048648. ¹ (9:27 AM)

Item 43 postponed until January 27, 1998.

44. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND GIVE DIRECTION AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AND/OR ACCEPT, REJECT, OR COUNTER SETTLEMENT DEMAND IN (REGINALD SWISHER V. KEEL, ET AL; CAUSE NO. A-97-CA-462-SS). ¹ (5:08 PM) (5:50 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 44 would be considered in Executive Session

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 39, 40, 41, 44 and 46. Please refer to Item 39 for a summary of the Court's action on this Motion.

- 45. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN RICHARD CONNER V. TRAVIS COUNTY, ET AL, (CONNER; KEEL; CIVIL RIGHTS). ¹ (9:27 AM)

Item 45 postponed until January 27, 1998.

- 46. **ADDED ITEM** - RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY; ACCEPT, REJECT OR COUNTER SETTLEMENT OFFER; AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN: BRENDA FAUST V. TRAVIS COUNTY, TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND JO ANNE CARSON, (KEEL; TEXAS TORT CLAIMS ACT, PREMISES, AND PERSONAL INJURY). ¹ (5:08 PM) (5:50 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 46 would be considered in Executive Session

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 39, 40, 41, 44 and 46. Please refer to Item 39 for a summary of the Court's action on this Motion.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN ADDENDUM:

- A.1 APPROVE MODIFICATION NO.1 TO CONTRACT NO. PS970183LH, EWBANK & BYROM, P.C. FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN CAUSE NO. 379,836, BARSTOW V. TRAVIS COUNTY, AND CAUSE NO. 422,554, TRAVIS COUNTY V. BARSTOW; APPROVED BY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON APRIL 15, 1997; MODIFICATION INCREASES THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT FROM \$10,000 TO \$30,000. (5:04 PM)

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and **seconded by** Commissioner Moore to approve Item A.1 as stated.

Motion carried:

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner McKee and **seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to adjourn the Voting Session. (5:54 PM)

Motion carried:

County Judge Bill Aleshire	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Darwin McKee	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Margaret Moore	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Bill Aleshire, Travis County Judge