

MINUTES – AUGUST 17,1999

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Tuesday, the 17th day of August, 1999, the Commissioners' Court convened the regular Voting Session at 9:09 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 Melissa Nuñez.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Voting Session at 12:01 PM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Northwest Travis County Road District No. 3 (Golden Triangle) Board of Directors, (NWTCRD), convened the NWTCRD #3 Voting Session at 1:37 PM and adjourned at 1:38 PM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Travis County Health Facilities Development Corporation (TCHFDC) called to order the Voting Session at 1:38 PM and adjourned the Voting Session at 1:38 PM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Travis County Housing Finance Corporation (TCHFC) called to order the Voting Session at 1:39 PM and adjourned the Voting Session at 1:40 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 1:40 PM.

The Commissioners' Court retired to Executive Session at 4:31 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 6:58 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 7:04 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE AN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN INSTRUMENT TO VACATE A PORTION OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON LOT 6, BLOCK 16, AUSTIN LAKE ESTATES SECTION ONE, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT THREE. (9:12 AM)

Motion by Commissioner Baxter **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to open the Public Hearing.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe - yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis - yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner - yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter - 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 Baxter **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe - yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis - yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner - yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter - yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez - yes

Clerk's Note: The Action Item for Item 1 is Agenda Item C12.

2. PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE PROPOSED STREET NAME FROM NEW SWEDEN GIN ROAD TO "BRITA OLSON ROAD" IN PRECINCT ONE. (9:13 AM)

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to open the Public Hearing.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; and Marilyn Samuelson, Private Citizen.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

Clerk's Note: The Action Item for Item 2 is Agenda Item C13.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Members of the Court heard from: Gus Peña, President East Austin Concerned Hispanics; Pat Ford, TNR; Fred Dupuy, Private Citizen; Eric Anderson, Private Citizen; Jennifer Gale, Candidate for Mayor of the City of Austin; and Mary Aleshire, Private Citizen. (9:18 AM)

CONSENT ITEMS

- 3. Motion by** Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the following Consent Items: C1-C13, (excluding C12) and Items 6.A, B, D, E, F, 8, 9, 11, 22, 24, with the correct spelling of “Brita” under C13 having one “t”. (9:40 AM)

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 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 JULY 6, 1999 AND AUGUST 3, 1999; ALSO EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MEETINGS OF JULY 22 AND 29, 1999.
- C4.** APPOINT JIM JOHNSON TO THE LAGO VISTA, JONESTOWN, AND TRAVIS COUNTY JOINT AIRPORT ZONING BOARD.
- C5.** APPOINT DAVID MCFARLIN TO THE LAGO VISTA, JONESTOWN, AND TRAVIS COUNTY JOINT AIRPORT ZONING BOARD.
- C6.** APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT THREE: MADRONE RANCH SUBDIVISION (39 LOTS - 188.56 ACRES - FM 3238 - ONSITE SEPTIC SYSTEM).
- C7.** APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT THREE: JACARANDAS AT THE CREEK (SHORTFORM - 1 LOT - 6.776 ACRES - CUERNAVACA ROAD - ONSITE SEPTIC SYSTEM).
- C8.** APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT TWO: RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 8, NORTH RIM SUBDIVISION, SECTION TWO - (SHORTFORM - NO FISCAL REQUIRED - 3 LOTS - 4.984 ACRES - TRAILS END ROAD - CEDAR PARK ETJ - ONSITE WASTEWATER).

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED

- C9.** **A.** APPROVE CASH SECURITY AGREEMENT FOR J.B. MERRILLTOWN SECTION, TWO, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT TWO.
- B.** APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT TWO: J.B. MERRILLTOWN SECTION TWO - (SHORTFORM PLAT - FISCAL POSTED WITH TRAVIS COUNTY - 1 LOT - 6.21 ACRES - MERRILLTOWN DRIVE - SEWAGE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN).
- C10.** APPROVE A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF SEPTEMBER 7, 1999 TO APPROVE AN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN INSTRUMENT TO VACATE A PORTION OF A DRAINAGE AND PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON LOT 23, WESTVIEW ON LAKE AUSTIN PHASE A, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT THREE.
- C11.** APPROVE A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF AUGUST 31, 1999 TO CONSIDER APPROVING REVISIONS TO CHAPTER 82, STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STREETS AND DRAINAGE IN SUBDIVISIONS MANUAL AND CONSIDER APPROVING FEES FOR SUBDIVISION REVIEWS AND INSPECTIONS.
- C12.** APPROVE AN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN INSTRUMENT TO VACATE A PORTION OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON LOT 6, BLOCK 16, AUSTIN LAKE ESTATES SECTION ONE, A SUBDIVISION I PRECINCT THREE.

Clerk's Note: Item C12 is the Action Item for Agenda Item 1.

Item C12 pulled from the agenda.

- C13.** APPROVE PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGE FROM NEW SWEDEN GIN ROAD TO "BRITA OLSON ROAD" IN PRECINCT ONE.

Clerk's Note: Item C13 is the Action Item for Agenda Item 2.

PLANNING AND BUDGET DEPT. ITEMS

4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE PROPOSED FY 2000 FINE AND FEE CHANGES.
(9:43 AM) (4:30 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, Planning and Budget Office (PBO); Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; Steve Manilla, Director of Engineering and Planning, TNR; and Jessica Rio, Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO.

Discussion Only.

5. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS. (10:10 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; Karen Shafer Castro, Senior Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; Leigh Williams, Manager Operations and Technology, Information and Telecommunications Systems (ITS); and Joe Harlow, Director, ITS.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Baxter to approve A.1, T.1, and T.2.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 6. APPROVE GRANT PROPOSALS, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AND PERMISSION TO CONTINUE. (9:40 AM)
 - A. APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT FOR SHERIFF'S COMBINED AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
 - B. APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT FOR STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE-BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
 - C. APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT FOR UNDERAGE DRINKING PREVENTION PROGRAM WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. (10:21 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Jessica Rio, Planning and Budget Analyst, PBO; and Gloria Souhami, Travis County Attorney's Office.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Baxter to approve Item 6.C.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- D. APPROVE PERMISSION TO CONTINUE THE RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP) SENIORS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION PROJECT (SVCI).
- E. APPROVE PERMISSION TO CONTINUE THE MISDEMEANOR WARRANT UNIT GRANT FROM CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE.
- F. **ADDED ITEM:** APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION FOR RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM FOR HUMAN SERVICES.

Clerk's Note: Items 6.A, B, D, E, F are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Items 6.A, B, D, E, F added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 3 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- 7. APPROVE MODIFICATION NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NUMBER PS980239LH, QIV SYSTEMS, INC. FOR PROVISION OF COMPUTER PROGRAMMING SERVICES FOR THE INTEGRATED JUSTICE SYSTEM PROJECT; MODIFICATION INCREASES THE NOT-TO-EXCEED CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING SERVICES; ORIGINAL CONTRACT APPROVED ON 7/14/98). (10:21 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; Don Warren, Manager of Business Systems Solutions, ITS; and Joe Harlow, Director, ITS.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve Item 7.

Maker accept the Friendly Amendment by Commissioner Davis to have a drop line date on the contract that says completion must occur by December 31,1999.

Acceptance of the Friendly Amendment was made by Commissioner Gómez.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 8. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SERVICES, IFB B990095-DM, TO THE LOW, QUALIFIED BIDDERS, HEARTLAND AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES, INC. D/B/A JIFFY LUBE AND HORNTECH L.L.C. D/B/A THE LUBE COMPANY. (9:40 AM)

Item 8 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 3 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

- 9. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD OF PHOTOCOPIER MAINTENANCE AND PARTS, IFB#B990097-TF, TO THE LOW, QUALIFIED BIDDER, AUTOMATION PLUS SYSTEMS, INC. ("APS") (RMCR). (9:40 AM)

Item 9 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 3 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

- 10. APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. 98K0735-JJ, C.C. CARLTON CONSTRUCTION OF AUSTIN, INC., MANSFIELD DAM PARK BOAT RAMP IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; CONTRACT APPROVED ON 2/2/99; MODIFICATION ADDS FIELD CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE CONTRACT. (10:34 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; and Steve Manilla, Director of Engineering and Planning, TNR.

Motion by Commissioner Baxter **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the contract modification number 2 with the direction that TNR attempt to get the LCRA CIP funds to pay for it.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 11. APPROVE MODIFICATION NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NUMBER PS980124LH, CAMELOT CARE CENTERS, INC. FOR PROVISION OF IN-HOME SOCIAL SERVICES FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS UNDER SUPERVISION OF TRAVIS COUNTY JUVENILE COURT; CONTRACT APPROVED ON 6/30/98. (9:40 AM)

Item 11 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 3 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

TRANSPORTATION & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT ITEMS

- 12. AMEND CHAPTER 111 TRAVIS COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY CODE REGARDING THE SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF PERMANENT FILL DISPOSAL SITES AND TEMPORARY STORAGE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND SOLID WASTE, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (9:09 AM) (10:48 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; and John Kuhl, Program Manager, Natural Resources, TNR; Kate Kelley, Assistant County Attorney, Director of Environmental Division.

Discussion Only.

- 13. DISCUSS AND APPROVE PARK REGULATION REQUIRING ALL HORSES AND OTHER EQUINE ENTERING TRAVIS COUNTY OWNED AND MANAGED PARKS TO HAVE WRITTEN PROOF THAT THEY HAVE TESTED NEGATIVE FOR COGGINS DISEASE (EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA) IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION STATE REGULATION. (10:40 AM)**

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; Rebecca Pounds, Texas Animal Health Commission; and John Emmons, Travis County Exposition Center.

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

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 14. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH GARFIELD WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION FOR WATER SERVICE TO SOUTHEAST METRO PARK. (10:47 AM)**

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

Discussion Only.

Item 14 postponed until August 24, 1999.

JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY ITEMS

- 15. APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND HELICOPTER SERVICES WITH CITY OF LAGO VISTA. (9:09 AM)**

Item 15 postponed until August 24, 1999.

16. REVIEW AND DISCUSS STATUS OF PLAN FOR CENTRAL BOOKING AND MAGISTRATION AND OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO THE NEW CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (1:58 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, Justice and Public Safety (JPS).

Discussion Only.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ITEMS

17. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 3 OF THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FOR THE FOLLOWING: (9:09 AM) (2:00 PM)
- A. ADD \$19,859 CITY FUNDING, REDUCE COUNTY FUNDING BY \$7,010 AND TERMINATE THE COUNTY CONTRACT WITH AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY MHMR - LABOR CONNECTION (DAY LABOR) AS OF AUGUST 9, 1999.
 - B. REDUCE CITY FUNDING BY \$22,381, AND INCREASE COUNTY FUNDING BY \$7,010 FOR THE COUNTY CONTRACT WITH AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY MHMR - RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS.

Clerk's Note: Items 17.A and B are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from: Mary Etta Gerhardt, Assistant County Attorney, Transactions Division; and Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, Austin-Travis County Health and Human Services Department (A-TCHHSD) and Veterans' Services.

Discussion Only.

Items 17.A and B to be reposted on August 24, 1999.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS ITEMS

18. DISCUSS, AND APPROVE FY 2000 INVESTMENT ISSUES INCLUDING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE, POLICY REVISIONS, COMPENSATION ISSUES SURVEY RESULTS, AND JOB RESTRUCTURING AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.
(2:18 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Linda Moore Smith, Director, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD); Margo Frasier, Travis County Sheriff; Carlotta Valdez, Compensation and Benefits Manager, HRMD; Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney, Transactions Division; Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO; Diana Warner, Assistant County Auditor; Eric Shepperd, Assistant County Attorney, Director of Litigation Division; Lynn Andrus, Private Citizen; Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, JPS; Dana DeBeauvoir, Travis County Clerk; Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; and Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the recommendation by HRMD on the FY '00 Holiday Schedule, along with the recommended advice to the criminal district judges and any judges.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve the change in Longevity Policy which would make us consistent with all other policies related to part time employees as recommended by HRMD, effective October 1, 1999.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

ITEM 18 CONTINUED

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the classification change of the TCSO Dispatch Shift Coordinators to Dispatch Supervisor pay grade 14, effective October 1, 1999.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe - yes
 Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis - yes
 Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner - yes
 Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter - yes
 Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez - yes

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve HRMD's recommendation of approval of total compensation market survey on the Medical Examiner/Deputy compensation issue.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe - yes
 Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis - yes
 Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner - yes
 Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter - yes
 Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez - yes

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve HRMD's recommendation to move forward with the Restructuring of the TCSO Building Maintenance Family in '00.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe - yes
 Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis - yes
 Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner - yes
 Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter - yes
 Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez - yes

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve HRMD's recommendation for the Restructuring of the TNR Management Analysis/Planner Family in '00.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe - yes
 Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis - yes
 Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner - yes
 Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter - yes
 Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez - yes

Item 18 to be reposted on August 24, 1999.

- 19. A. DISCUSS OPTIONAL BENEFITS INCLUDING SHORT TERM DISABILITY, LONG TERM CARE AND UNIVERSAL LIFE AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (4:21 PM)
- B. AUTHORIZE STAFF TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE TOP THREE PROPOSERS FOR SHORT TERM DISABILITY, LONG TERM CARE AND UNIVERSAL LIFE AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

Clerk’s Note: Items 19.A and B are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Dan Mansour, Risk Manager, HRMD; Cindy Purington, Contract Benefits Coordinator, HRMD; Linda Moore Smith, Director, HRMD; and Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney, Transactions Division.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve Staff’s recommendation to negotiate with the top four proposers and report back to the Court with the best deal and why.

A Clarification was made of the previous Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner that the four proposers should be asked to present options related to elimination periods.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 20. A. AWARD OR GIVE STAFF DIRECTION ON TWO-PHASE CONTRACT (PS990198-KW) TO ALLIED COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIES FOR REPAIRS TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY FORENSIC CENTER PHASE ONE - AWARDED AT A LUMP SUM COST FOR REPAIRS TO THE FACILITY HVAC SYSTEM; PHASE TWO - AWARDED ON A UNIT PRICE BASIS FOR DAMAGE REPAIRS. (9:09 AM)
- B. APPROVE OR GIVE DIRECTION ON FUNDING STRATEGY FOR REPAIRS.

Clerk’s Note: Items 20.A and B are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Items 20.A and B postponed until August 24, 1999.

- 21.** APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION Nos. 7 AND 8 TO RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF JUVENILE COURT AT GARDNER-BETTS PROJECT, CONTRACT NO. 99K0701-JG, TO SILVERTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. (1:41 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent; Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Kevin Bailey, Director of Facilities Management.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve Item 21.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 22.** APPROVE PERSONNEL AMENDMENTS. (9:40 AM)

Item 22 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 3 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

OTHER ITEMS

- 23. A. RECEIVE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.**
(11:06 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Chris Shields, Legislative Consultant, Shields, Kamm, and Casteñeda; Tris Casteñeda, Legislative Consultant, Shields, Kamm, and Casteñeda; Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant, Shields, Kamm, and Casteñeda; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and Christian Smith, Executive Manager, PBO.

Discussion Only.

- B. RECEIVE BRIEFING ON S.B. 486 (A LANDFILL SITING BILL) AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.** (11:51AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; and John Kuhl, Program Manager, Natural Resources, TNR.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Baxter to allow TNR and the County Attorney's Office to evaluate the ordinance procedure, as well as the content that needs to be drafted, and to file the notice of intent.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	absent

- 24. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST COUNTY FUNDS.** (9:40 AM)

Item 24 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 3 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 25. A. RECEIVE UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION AT THE BLACKWELL-THURMAN CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER, INCLUDING BUDGET AND SCHEDULE. (1:48 PM)**
- B. DISCUSS AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS AS NECESSARY FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER.**

Clerk's Note: Items 25.A and B are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from: Mike Barrow, Construction Project Manager, Fluor Daniel; Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Kevin Bailey, Director of Facilities Management; and Cyd Grimes, Travis County Purchasing Agent.

Discussion Only.

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
- Note 4 - Gov't Code Ann 551.076, Security
- Note 5 - Gov't Code Ann 551.075, Conference with Employees

26. RECEIVE STATUS UPDATE ON STARFLIGHT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SETON AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ & ⁵ (4:26 PM) (6:59 PM)

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 26 would be considered in Executive Session.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to authorize the County Judge to touch base with the Mayor of Austin and or the City Manager, suggest that the two try to arrange a meeting with the top officials of Seton, and discuss a proposal along the same lines set out in Ms. Dinwiddie’s draft letter received last week. As to the helicopter, that the Court propose one and or two options: one would be the joint purchase of a third helicopter, the second would be the purchase of a third helicopter by Travis County to be used among medical providers in this community. The purpose of this meeting would be to get some feedback from Seton and to report back to the Commissioners’ Court as soon as possible what their responses are.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

- 27. A. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ON STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (4:26 PM) (7:01 PM)**
- B. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY REGARDING CLAIMS RECEIVED FROM CONTRACTORS FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹**

Clerk's Note: Items 27.A and B are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Judge Biscoe announced that Items 27.A and B would be considered in Executive Session.

Items 27.A and B postponed until August 24, 1999.

- 28. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT, REJECT, COUNTER OFFER OR SETTLEMENT AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN WICKENHEISER, ET AL V. CITY OF AUSTIN ET AL. (WICKENHEISER; GIESELMAN; TEXAS TORT CLAIMS ACT AND PERSONAL INJURY SUIT). ¹ (4:26 PM)**

Item 28 to be postponed until August 24, 1999.

- 29. AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO HIRE EXPERT(S) AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN WILLIAM J. VENABLE V. TRAVIS COUNTY, ET AL (VENABLE; DINWIDDIE) ¹ (4:26 PM) (7:01 PM)**

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 29 would be considered in Executive Session.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to authorize the County Attorney to arrange to hire appropriate experts in this case, and that the Court authorize the County Attorney to make a settlement offer in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Maker accept the Friendly Amendment by Commissioner Sonleitner that there would be no expense related to the hiring of those experts unless the County Attorney's Office felt that that was an appropriate step to move forward with.

Acceptance of the Friendly Amendment was made by Judge Biscoe.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

30. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND CONSIDER APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE FROM COMMISSIONERS' COURT WITH FULL SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY TO ATTEND MEDIATED SETTLEMENT PROCEEDINGS, AND/OR AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ATTEND COURT ORDERED MEDIATION PROCEEDINGS, AND/OR TAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION IN BILLIE BLALACK HARDIE ET AL V. TRAVIS COUNTY ET AL, CAUSE NO. A-98-CA-779JN (FRASIER; WRONGFUL DEATH/CIVIL RIGHTS). ¹ (4:26 PM) (7:02 PM)

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 30 would be considered in Executive Session.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to accept the County Judge's offer to represent the Commissioners' Court.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

31. APPROVE OR REJECT PROPOSED FARMERS MARKET LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING EXISTING TENANTS: (A) HILL COUNTRY LANDSCAPE, INC.; (B) BISCHOFF ENTERPRISES, INC., D/B/A BBQ WORLD HEADQUARTERS; (C) JOYCE KONCAK AND CHARLES VACLAVIK, SWEET ENCOUNTERS, INC. D/B/A, SWEETIE PIES. ² (4:26 PM) (7:03 PM)

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 31 would be considered in Executive Session.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Baxter to approve the lease with Hill County Landscape; to approve the Bischoff Enterprises lease contingent upon the receipt of a \$197.00 check that would clear up a tax question; and to reject the lease related to Sweet Encounters related to insurmountable tax problems.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	-	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	-	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter	-	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	-	yes

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE ADDENDA:

- A.1** DISCUSS COMMISSIONERS COURT’S EVALUATION OF EXECUTIVE MANAGERS AND PERFORMANCE PAY, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. EXECUTIVE SESSION ALSO, PURSUANT TO TX. GOV’T CODE ANN. 551.074. (4:26 PM) (6:59 PM)

Judge Biscoe announced that Item A.1 would be considered in Executive Session.

Item A.1 to be reposted on August 24, 1999.

- A.2** CONSIDER FY 2000 ELECTED OFFICIALS’ SALARIES, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (4:26 PM) (6:58 PM)

- A.** CONSIDER REQUEST BY JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR NOTIFICATION OF SALARY REVIEW PROCESS, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

Clerk’s Note: Items A.2 and A.2.A are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Judge Biscoe announced that Items A.2 and A.2.A would be considered in Executive Session.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to write a letter on behalf of the Commissioners’ Court to the Justices of the Peace stating that on a certain date the Commissioners’ Court will set the salaries pursuant to law, and convene the Statutory Grievance Committee for them to use in the event that they believe it necessary.

- Motion carried:**
- County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe - yes
 - Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis - yes
 - Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner - yes
 - Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter - yes
 - Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez - yes

A.3 CONSIDER REQUEST TO WRITE LETTER TO CONGRESS IN SUPPORT OF PRESERVING \$585 MILLION FUNDING FOR STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (4:29 PM)

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Item A.3.

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe - yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis - yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner - yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter - yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez - yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Baxter to adjourn the Voting Session. (7:04 PM)

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe - yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis - yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner - yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Todd Baxter - yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez - yes

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge