

MINUTES – DECEMBER 21, 1999

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Tuesday, the 21st day of December, 1999, the Commissioners' Court convened the regular Voting Session at 9:16 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 Velasquez.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Voting Session at 12:04 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 1:40 PM and adjourned at 1:41 PM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Travis County Housing Finance Corporation (TCHFC) called to order the Voting Session at 1:41 PM and adjourned the Voting Session at 2:09 PM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Travis County Research and Development Authority (TCR&DA) called to order the Voting Session at 2:09 PM and adjourned the Voting Session at 2:12 PM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Travis County Development Authority (TCDA) called to order the Voting Session at 2:12 PM and adjourned the Voting Session at 2:16 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 2:17 PM.

The Commissioners' Court retired to Executive Session at 3:33 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 4:45 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 4:54 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. PUBLIC HEARING TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN INSTRUMENT TO VACATE A 5' PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON EITHER SIDE OF THE COMMON LOT LINE BETWEEN LOTS 5 AND 6, RESUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF LOT 3 BLOCK C, LAKELAND HILLS SECTION NO. 1, IN PRECINCT THREE. (9:16 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 Item C12.

2. PUBLIC HEARING TO ABANDON A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF POST OAK BEND LOOP, IN PRECINCT TWO. (9:17 AM)

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis 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.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis 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 Item C13.

RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

3. APPROVE PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 1999 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2000 AS “KWANZAA WEEK”. (9:19 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dorothy Turner, Private Citizen; and Velma Roberts, Private Citizen.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve Item 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

- 4. APPROVE PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING CHIEF DEPUTY JOHN J. CANTU ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 23 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO TRAVIS COUNTY. (9:28 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: John J. Cantu, Chief Deputy, Constable Precinct 4; and Rocky Medrano, Constable Precinct 4.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve Item 4.

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

- 5. APPROVE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE SOUTH AUSTIN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY (SAAM). (9:34 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Kathleen Rodriguez, Travis County Health and Human Services (TCHHS); Mike Manor, Supervisor, Family Support Services, TCHHS; Pastor Charles Moore, Grace United Methodist Church; Pastor Lou Sneed, Faith Presbyterian Church; and Pastor Fred Krebs, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis that we the Travis County Commissioners’ Court of the State of Texas, hereby recognize and encourage the efforts of SAAM, the South Austin Assistance Ministry, and hereby set forth the intent of Travis County to support the efforts of that partnership by coordinating and cooperating with the South Austin Assistance Ministry in the provision of emergency assistance through the Travis County Health and Human Services and Veterans’ Services Department, and further that the Court not only support the resolution, but that the Court indicate their intention to do everything we can to give it full force and effect for the benefit of the residents of Travis County.

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. RECEIVE BRIEFING REGARDING OUTDOOR BURNING BAN IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TRAVIS COUNTY AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (9:45 AM)

Clerk's Note: Items 6 and 7 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from: Pete Baldwin, Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Services, Justice and Public Safety (JPS).

Discussion Only.

7. RECEIVE BRIEFING CONCERNING ORDER PROHIBITING SALE OR USE OF RESTRICTED FIREWORKS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TRAVIS COUNTY AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (9:45 AM)

Clerk's Note: Items 7 and 6 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Members of the Court heard from: Linda Moore Smith, Director, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD); Luane Shull, HRMD; Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; Margo Frasier, Travis County Sheriff; and Mary Aleshire, Private Citizen. (9:49 AM)

CONSENT ITEMS

8. Motion by Commissioner Gómez and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the following Consent Items: C1-C13, (excluding C6) and Items 11, 22, 23, 28.A, B, & C, and 31. (10:01 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 APPOINTMENT OF PAT VANDERFORD TO THE CAPCO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, TERM EFFECTIVE THROUGH DECEMBER 2000.

C4. APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF KEE CASTALDI TO THE CHILDREN’S PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD, TERM EFFECTIVE THROUGH DECEMBER 2002.

C5. REAPPOINT JAMES PAMPLIN TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #4, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001.

C6. REAPPOINT MARY BLACK TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; TERM EFFECTIVE UNTIL JANUARY 2002. (10:00 AM)

Item C6 pulled from the agenda.

C7. APPOINT JEAN STROUP TO COMMISSIONER OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 (LAGO VISTA); FILLING THE UNEXPIRED TERM LEFT BY VANITA THOMAS; EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000.

C8. APPOINT BILL WEBB TO COMMISSIONER OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #6 (HUDSON BEND); EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001.

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED

- C9.** APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT THREE: AMENDED PLAT OF LOTS 1 AND 2, CIELITO DE CABROS - (AMENDED PLAT - NO FISCAL - 2 LOTS - 22.762 ACRES - FLINTROCK ROAD - LAKEWAY ETJ - OSSF APPROVED BY TRAVIS COUNTY).
- C10.** APPROVE A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF JANUARY 11, 2000 FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED STREET NAME ASSIGNMENT FOR AN UNNAMED ROAD OFF OLD FERRY ROAD NEAR THE PEDERNALES RIVER TO BE KNOWN AS “LAKE TRAVIS RESORT ROAD” IN PRECINCT THREE.
- C11.** APPROVE A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF JANUARY 11, 2000 FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGES WITHIN BARTON CREEK SECTION J, PHASE 2 SUBDIVISION TO “ESCALA DRIVE”, “DADIVA COURT”, AND “MIRADOR DRIVE”, IN PRECINCT THREE.
- C12.** AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN INSTRUMENT TO VACATE A 5' PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON EITHER SIDE OF THE COMMON LOT LINE BETWEEN LOTS 5 AND 6, RESUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF LOT 3 BLOCK C, LAKELAND HILLS SECTION NO. 1, IN PRECINCT THREE.

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

- C13.** ABANDON A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF POST OAK BEND LOOP, IN PRECINCT TWO.

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

TRANSPORTATION & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT. ITEMS

- 9. APPROVE ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT. (10:04 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; and Tom Nuckols, Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the Work Plan.

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

- 10. APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND WELLS BRANCH MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DRAINAGE TUNNEL, A PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS, AND ASSOCIATED IMPROVEMENTS AT BRATTON LANE AS PART OF THE BRATTON LANE 1997 BOND ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT. (10:50 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; and Tom Nuckols, Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Baxter to approve the interlocal agreement with the added language making it clear about savings being generated by actions of the MUD.

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 A CASH SECURITY AGREEMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO RIVER HILLS ROAD IN REFERENCE TO LAKE RIDGE HEIGHTS, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT THREE. (10:01 AM)

Item 11 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 8 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS ITEMS

- 12. A. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE AUDITOR’S OFFICE ASSOCIATE AUDITOR POSITIONS, INCLUDING JOB TITLES, PAY GRADES AND FLSA STATUS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (10:00 AM)
- B. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE AUDITOR’S OFFICE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) POSITIONS, INCLUDING JOB TITLES, PAY GRADES, AND FLSA STATUS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.
- C. CONSIDER IMPLEMENTATION OF PAY GRADE CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRAVIS COUNTY POLICY, 10.087 - DETERMINING PAY, MATRIX LEVEL ASSIGNMENTS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

Items 12.A, B, and C postponed until December 28, 1999.

- 13. A. DISCUSS PREPARATION FOR RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR HEALTHCARE FOR TRAVIS COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (11:05 AM) (2:20 PM)
- B. DISCUSS PREPARATION FOR RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR DENTAL PLAN IN FEBRUARY 2000 FOR PLAN YEAR FY 2001.

Clerk’s Note: Items 13.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; Bill Norwood, Texas Associations of Counties; Dan Mansour, Risk Manager, HRMD; Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney; Cindy Purington, Benefit Contract Administrator, HRMD; and Linda Moore Smith, Director, HRMD.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve Item 13.B.

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. PROVIDE STAFF DIRECTION ON LONG-RANGE GROUP BENEFIT PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE: (2:38 PM)

- A. EXPLORE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OTHER AREA PUBLIC ENTITIES TO FORM A HEALTHCARE BUYING COALITION.**
- B. PARTNERING WITH MEDICAL PROVIDER GROUPS AND HEALTHCARE INSURERS TO ASSURE RELIABLE BENEFITS AND SERVICES.**

Clerk’s Note: Items 14.A and B are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve Items 14.A and B.

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

15. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL AND LIGHTING PRODUCTS TO THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDDER, GRAINGER, IFB #B000010-RG. (10:00 AM)

Item 15 postponed until December 28, 1999.

16. APPROVE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND THE NEW LIFE INSTITUTE FOR USE OF THE STOKES BUILDING GARAGE TO PROVIDE PARKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN EVENT TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND JANUARY 1, 2000. (2:39 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: John Carr, Division Manager, Maintenance and Repair, Facilities Management; and Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations.

Motion by Commissioner Gómez and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Item 16.

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

17. APPROVE PERSONNEL AMENDMENTS. (2:41 PM)

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 17.

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

18. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY AND LIABILITY CLAIM RECOMMENDATIONS: (2:41 PM)

- A. T.C.S.O. - SETTLE
- B. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT - SETTLE
- C. CATHY CONWAY BLACKSON - SETTLE
- D. BRACKENRIDGE HOSPITAL - SETTLE
- E. SOUTHWESTERN BELL - DENY
- F. NANCY HIGGS - DENY

Item 18.F postponed until December 28, 1999.

Clerk’s Note: Items 18.A, B, C, D, E, and F are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from: Dan Mansour, Risk Manager, HRMD; and Sherine Thomas, Assistant County Attorney.

A Division of the Vote was requested by Commissioner Gómez on Item 18.

First Division of the Vote:

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to approve Items 18.B, C, and E as recommended by the Risk Manager.

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

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Second Division of the Vote:

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Judge Biscoe to approve Item 18.A.

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	no

Third Division of the Vote:

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve Item 18.D.

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	no

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- 19. APPROVE ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT NO. PS980239LH FROM Q.I.V. SYSTEMS, INC. TO MCBA, INC. (2:57 PM)**

Members of the Court heard from: Gene Wayman, Assistant Purchasing Agent; Joe Harlow, Director, Information and Telecommunications Systems (ITS); and John Hille, Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the assignment of the contract.

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. APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO CONTRACT NO. PS960075LH, AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER FOR PROVISION OF FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS UNDER SUPERVISION OF TRAVIS COUNTY JUVENILE COURT. (3:07 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Gene Wayman, Assistant County Attorney; James McInnis, Juvenile Court; and Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, Justice and Public Safety (JPS).

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 20.

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	abstain
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

21. APPROVE A 12-MONTH EXTENSION (MODIFICATION NO.1) TO CONTRACT NO. 99T0068-LD, OFFICE DEPOT FOR COUNTYWIDE OFFICE SUPPLIES; CONTRACT APPROVED ON JANUARY 12, 1999. (3:13 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Frank Holder, Assistant Purchasing Agent.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the proposed amendment.

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 CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. 98T0106-LD WITH KOCH MATERIALS FOR EMULSIFIED ASPHALT; MODIFICATION WILL ADD TWO ADDITIONAL TYPES OF EMULSIFIED ASPHALT; CONTRACT APPROVED ON MARCH 10, 1998. (10:01 AM)

Item 22 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 8 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

- 23. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF GUARDRAIL AND BRIDGERAIL INSTALLATION, IFB #B000009-LD, TO THE SOLE BIDDER, H & H FENCE CO., AUSTIN, TEXAS. (10:01 AM)

Item 23 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 8 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY ITEMS

- 24. RECEIVE BRIEFING ON STATUS OF 9-1-1 RDMT REGIONAL COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM. (10:00 AM)

Item 24 postponed until December 28, 1999.

- 25. APPROVE THE EMS TRANSITION TEAM RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PLACEMENT OF NEW COUNTY EMS STATIONS 3, 4, AND 5. (3:23 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, JPS; and Chris Callsen, Director of Emergency Services, JPS.

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

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

26. APPROVE MODIFICATION NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. 98C0027-JP, WITH AMERICAN EUROCOPTER CORPORATION, EXTENDING THE COUNTY'S OPTION TO ACQUIRE A THIRD AIRCRAFT BY AN ADDITIONAL 12 MONTH PERIOD. (3:26 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, JPS; and Chris Callsen, Director of Emergency Services, JPS.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the contract modification.

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

PLANNING AND BUDGET DEPT. ITEMS

27. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS. (3:29 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Christian Smith, Executive Manager, Planning and Budget (PBO).

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Baxter to approve the Budget Amendments and Transfers as adjusted.

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

- 28. APPROVE GRANT PROPOSALS, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AND PERMISSION TO CONTINUE. (10:01 AM)
 - A. APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION WITH CAPITAL AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (CAPCO) FOR SOURCE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING GRANT FOR TNR DEPARTMENT.
 - B. APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION WITH CAPITAL AREA PLANNING COUNCIL (CAPCO) FOR SOLID WASTE ENFORCEMENT GRANT FOR TNR DEPARTMENT.
 - C. APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT FROM TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WITH UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS GRANT/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE (RSVP) RETIRED SENIORS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION.

Item 28.A, B, and C added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 8 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

OTHER ITEMS

- 29. **SCHEDULED AT 1:30 P.M.** DISCUSS STATUS, NECESSARY CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS AND RELATED ISSUES ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM (CJP) PROJECTS, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (2:17 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Gene Wayman, Assistant Purchasing Agent; and Dave Stauch, Herndon Stauch and Associates.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Item 29.

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	no
	Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

- 30.** DISCLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH KEY PERSON (SPOUSE) AND APPROVE ORDER WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF DISCRETIONARY CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 32.004(f) OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY ETHICS POLICY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS WITH (1) THE TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH MENTAL RETARDATION CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, CAN COORDINATOR SERVICES, AND C.A.R.E. UNIT SERVICES. - SAMUEL T. BISCOE AND (2) WITH COMMUNITY IN SCHOOLS-CENTRAL TEXAS, INC. FOR YOUTH SERVICES. - STEPHEN WILLIAMS. (3:31 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, Travis County Health, Human Services, and Veterans’ Services (TCHHS&VS); and Mary Etta Gerhardt, Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the order waiving the requirements.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	abstain
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 PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST COUNTY FUNDS. (10:01 AM)

Item 31 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 8 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

- A.1** APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PURCHASE OF COUNTYWIDE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT. (4:46 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Frank Holder, Assistant Purchasing Agent; and Joe Harlow, Director, ITS.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve Item A.1.

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.2 APPROVE TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR ITS PROJECT MANAGER RECRUIT.
(4:52 PM)**

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Harlow, Director, ITS; Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; and Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve Item A.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	no
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

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

**32. A. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE REGARDING CONTRACTS WITH FLUOR DANIEL, INC., M.W. BUILDERS, GRAEBER, SIMMONS & COWAN AND OTHER CONTRACTORS FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹
(3:33 PM)**

Item 32.A postponed until December 28, 1999.

B. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE REGARDING CLAIMS RECEIVED FROM CONTRACTORS FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (3:33 PM)

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 32.B would be considered in Executive Session.

No action taken on Item 32.B

33. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY V. MARK COHEN AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (3:33 PM) (4:45 PM)

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 33 would be considered in Executive Session.

No action taken on Item 33.

34. RECEIVE STAFF BRIEFING AND GIVE DIRECTION REGARDING POTENTIAL FY 2000 BALCONES CANYONLANDS PRESERVE (BCP) ACQUISITIONS INCLUDING: ² (3:33 PM) (4:45 PM)
- A. TOMEN PARKE SECTIONS 12 AND 13 - POTENTIAL GRANT ACQUISITION.
 - B. VISTA POINT (FORMER SHELLBERG TRACT) - POTENTIAL GRANT ACQUISITION.
 - C. GRANDVIEW HILLS - POTENTIAL INDIVIDUAL 10 (a) MITIGATION TRANSFER.
 - D. CANYON VISTA - INDIVIDUAL 10 (a) TRACT ALREADY UNDER PRIVATE MANAGEMENT.
 - E. STEINER RANCH - POTENTIAL MITIGATION THROUGH BCCP REGIONAL 10(a) PERMIT.
 - F. THERIOT TRACT - POTENTIAL INDIVIDUAL 10(a) MITIGATION TRACT.
 - G. MONTANDON TRACT - POTENTIAL LAND IN LIEU OF FEE MITIGATION THROUGH BCCP REGIONAL 10(a) PERMIT.

Clerk's Note: Items 34.A, B, C, D, E, F, and G are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Judge Biscoe announced that Items 34.A, B, C, D, E, F, and G would be considered in Executive Session.

No action required on Items 34.A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.

- 35.** RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND GIVE DIRECTION AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION AND/OR ACCEPT, REJECT, OR COUNTER A SETTLEMENT OFFER IN STATE OF TEXAS V. A.A.R.A.L. CORPORATION, CAUSE NO. 2327, STATE HIGHWAY 45 SOUTH, PROJECT #97B06-21-3CA, PARCEL NO. 9; A.A.R.A.L. CORPORATION, AND TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS (CONDEMNATION CASE). ¹ (3:33 PM) (4:45 PM)

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 35 would be considered in Executive Session.

No action required on Item 35.

Item 35 to be reposted on December 28, 1999.

- 36.** CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON REQUEST FOR COUNTY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT CERTAIN DIVISIONS OF PROPERTY ARE EXEMPT FROM COUNTY PLAT APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 232.015, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. ¹ (3:33 PM) (4:45 PM)

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 36 would be considered in Executive Session.

No action required on Item 36.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to adjourn the Voting Session. (4:54 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