

MINUTES – JANUARY 5, 2000

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Wednesday, the 5th day of January, 2000, the Commissioners' Court convened the regular Voting Session at 9:11 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor of the Travis County Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Robert Resnick.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 9:58 AM.

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 9:59 AM and adjourned at 9:59 AM.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Members of the Court heard from: Gus Peña, President, East Austin Concerned Hispanics. (9:12 AM)

CONSENT ITEMS

- 1. Motion by Commissioner Gómez and seconded by Commissioner Davis** to approve the following Consent Items: C1-C3, and Items 4, 6.A & B, 8, 10, 11, and A.1. (9:15 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, Planning and Budget Office (PBO).

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.**

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED

- C2. AWARD BIDS FOR FOOD ITEMS FOR TRAVIS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES.
- C3. APPROVE COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES FOR THE VOTING SESSION OF DECEMBER 7, 1999 AND EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECEMBER 6, 1999.
- 2. RECEIVE BRIEFING REGARDING OUTDOOR BURNING BAN IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TRAVIS COUNTY AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (9:18 AM)

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

Discussion only.

- 3. RECEIVE BRIEFING CONCERNING ORDER PROHIBITING SALE OR USE OF RESTRICTED FIREWORKS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TRAVIS COUNTY AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (9:12 AM)

Item 3 to be reposted on January 11, 2000.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT ITEMS

- 4. APPROVE A 12-MONTH EXTENSION (MODIFICATION NO. 1) TO CONTRACT MA990062 WITH AFFILIATED TELEPHONE OF AUSTIN FOR PBX TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK MAINTENANCE AND CONTRACT PRICING FOR TIME AND MATERIALS; CONTRACT APPROVED ON DECEMBER 22, 1998. (9:15 AM)

Item 4 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

PLANNING AND BUDGET DEPT. ITEMS

5. APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS. (9:21 AM) (9:56 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve Item A.2 of Item 5.

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 Davis to approve Item B of Item 5.

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. (9:15 AM)

A. APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT FROM FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO CONTINUE PROVIDING UTILITY ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.

B. APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT TO RENEW FUNDING FOR RSVP PROGRAM FROM THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Clerk’s Note: Items 6.A and B are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Items 6.A & B added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS ITEMS

- 7. APPROVE ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT EXPOSITION CENTER: (9:21 AM)
 - A. CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS NECESSARY AT TRAVIS COUNTY EXPOSITION CENTER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.
 - B. APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.
 - C. APPROVE ORDER EXEMPTING CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR LIFE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT TRAVIS COUNTY EXPOSITION CENTER.
 - D. APPROVE CONTRACT WITH CASABELLA ARCHITECTS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

Clerk’s Note: Items 7.A, B, C, and D are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from: Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations; Jaime Beaman, President, CasaBella Architects; Lt. Ray Loflin, Fire Marshall’s Office; Capt. Smith, Fire Marshall’s Office; Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO; and James Gonzalez, Travis County Purchasing Dept.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Items 7.A-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	yes

- 8. APPROVE PERSONNEL AMENDMENTS. (9:15 AM)

Item 8 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

OTHER ITEMS

- 9.** DISCUSS STATUS, NECESSARY CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS AND RELATED ISSUES ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM (CJP) PROJECTS, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (9:58 AM)

No Action needed.

Item 9 to be reposted on January 11, 2000.

- 10.** APPROVE BOND FOR GISELA D. TRIANA, JUDGE, COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 5. (9:15 AM)

Item 10 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 11.** APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST COUNTY FUNDS. (9:15 AM)

Item 11 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court's Motion and Vote.

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

- 12. 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 (9:58 AM)**
- B. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REGARDING CLAIMS RECEIVED FROM CONTRACTORS FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹**

Clerk's Note: Items 12.A and B are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

No Action needed.

Items 12.A & B to be reposted on January 11, 2000.

- 13. 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 (9:58 AM)**

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 13 would be considered in Executive Session.

Item 13 postponed until January 11, 2000.

A.1 APPROVE BOND FOR HERBERT E. EVANS, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 5. (9:15 AM)

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 13 would be considered in Executive Session.

Item A.1 added to Consent Items. Please refer to Agenda Item 1 (CONSENT ITEMS) for the Court’s Motion and Vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to adjourn the Voting Session. (9:58 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

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS’ COURT

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge