

## MINUTES – MARCH 16, 2001

### TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2001, the Commissioners' Court convened the Voting Session at 9:35 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the Travis County Administration Building, 314 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Melissa Velasquez.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 10:45 AM.

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**1. DISCUSS LEGISLATIVE ISSUES, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.**  
(9:35 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Tris Casteñeda, Legislative Consultant.

Senate Bill 622: Relating to authorizing a county to pay the costs of an owner-controlled insurance program with the proceeds of certain securities issued by the county. (9:37 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Tris Casteñeda, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

House Bill 2522: Relating to requiring the Texas Department of Transportation to establish and maintain a state airport in Central Texas. (9:37 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant; and Tris Casteñeda, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

**Clerk's Note:** The Court gave direction, without objections, to have Commissioners Davis and Baxter try to get a meeting with the sponsor of the bill to discuss it.

## ITEM 1 CONTINUED

Senate Bill 201 – Internet Convenience Fee: Relating to authorizing counties and municipalities to provide information and to enter into contracts for the payment of taxes, fees, or other charges through the Internet. (9:46 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant; and Tris Casteñeda, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

Senate Bill 1341: Relating to reimbursing counties for the cost of holding state parolees in county jails. (9:58 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant; and Tris Casteñeda, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

Land Use Management – House Bill 2975: Relating to infrastructure planning in certain counties. (10:05 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant; and Tris Casteñeda, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

911 Service – Senate Bill 578: Relating to the provision of emergency communication services. (9:59 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, Justice and Public Safety (JPS); Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant; and Teresa Reel, Manager, Emergency and Wireless Communications, JPS.

Discussion Only.

Senate Bill 5 – Federal Ozone Compliance: Relating to the Texas emissions reduction plan; providing a penalty. (10:15 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Tris Casteñeda, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

## ITEM 1 CONTINUED

Lateral Road and Bridge Fund: (10:16 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

County Revenue Certification Bill: (10:16 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant; and Tris Casteñeda, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

Urban Colonias: (10:17 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Tris Casteñeda, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

Title IV Funding: (10:18AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

House Bill 769: Relating to the fees imposed in certain child support cases. (10:18 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

**Motion by** Commissioner Baxter **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to put House Bill 769 on a Tier 1 priority list.

<b>Motion carried:</b>	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 1 CONTINUED

Juvenile Probation: Review current law funding formula in order to develop alternative formula that will enhance juvenile probation funding for counties. (10:20 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

County Court at Law #4: Expand jurisdiction to include the prosecution of felonies involving family violence. (10:20 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

General County Fee Authority Bill: (10:20 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

State Infrastructure Bank Bill – House Bill 1370: Relating to the authority of certain public entities to borrow from the state infrastructure bank. (10:20 AM) (10:21 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant; Tris Casteñeda, Legislative Consultant; and Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR.

Discussion Only.

County Court at Law Jurisdictional Limit - House Bill 3646: Relating to the jurisdiction of and procedure in a county court at law in Travis County. (10:21 AM)

**Members of the Court heard from:** Bob Kamm, Legislative Consultant.

Discussion Only.

## ITEM 1 CONTINUED

Senate Bill 897: Relating to the functions of a community justice council. (10:27 AM)

Senate Bill 898: Relating to the submission of community justice plans.

House Bill 2358: Relating to the formation of community justice councils and the preparation of community justice plans.

**Clerk's Note:** Senate Bill 897, Senate Bill 898, and House Bill 2358 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

**Members of the Court heard from:** Dinah Dinwiddie, Executive Manager, JPS; and Kati Broderick, Manager, Research and Planning, JPS.

**Motion by** Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to indicate the Court's support for Senate Bills 897 and 898.

<b>Motion carried:</b> 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

Senate Bill 936: Relating to floodplain management and flood insurance; providing a criminal penalty. (10:40 AM)

House Bill 2134: Relating to the regulation of motor vehicle emissions; providing penalties.

**Clerk's Note:** Senate Bill 936 and House Bill 2134 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

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

**Motion by** Commissioner Baxter **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to put Senate Bill 936 and House Bill 2134 on the Tier II list for monitoring.

<b>Motion carried:</b> 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 1 CONTINUED**

House Concurrent Resolution 193: Directing TxDOT to release land originally obtained for SH130 right-of-way to Williamson County and the City of Round Rock to use for transportation projects. (10:42 AM)

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

**Motion by** Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Baxter to pursue our own House Concurrent Resolution on the Mokan right-of-way.

<b>Motion carried:</b> 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 Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Baxter to adjourn the Voting Session. (10:45 AM)

<b>Motion carried:</b> 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**

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**Date of Approval**

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**Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge**