

MINUTES OF MEETING – DECEMBER 9, 2003

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Tuesday, the 9th day of December, 2003, the Commissioners' Court convened the regular Voting Session at 9:16 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor of the Ned Granger Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Robert Resnick.

The Commissioners' Court record notes that Precinct Two Commissioner Karen Sonleitner was not present during this Voting Session.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Voting Session at 12:14 PM.

The Commissioners' Court, meeting as the Northwest Travis County Road District #3 (Golden Triangle) convened the Voting Session at 1:40 PM and adjourned at 1:41 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the regular Voting Session at 1:41 PM.

The Commissioners' Court retired to Executive Session at 1:57 PM.

The Commissioners' Court reconvened the Voting Session at 2:56 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 3:02 PM.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Members of the Court heard from: Ken Kasner, Blackland Prairie Concerned Citizens Association (BPCCA); Chuck Garner, BPCCA; Herb Purtle, BPCCA; John Carlson, BPCCA; Ronnie Earle, Travis County District Attorney; Claire Dawson Brown, Travis County District Attorney's Office; Eric McDonald, Assistant District Attorney, Travis County District Attorney's Office; Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge; and Ron Davis, Travis County Commissioner, Precinct One. (9:16 AM)

Clerk's Note: Judge Biscoe announced that the deadline for making contributions to combine charities has been extended to tomorrow, December 10, 2003.

Clerk's Note: Commissioner Davis announced that on December 10, 2003, at 5:00 pm, there would be a vigil March for justice from the south Capitol steps to the Federal Courthouse.

PURCHASING OFFICE ITEMS

2. APPROVE MODIFICATION NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. MA020208LC, BINDVIEW CORPORATION, FOR SECURITY PRODUCTS, SERVICE AND SUPPORT. (ITS) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:50 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 2 added to Consent Items. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for the Court's Motion and Vote.

3. APPROVE ISSUANCE OF JOB ORDER NO. 7 FOR HVAC SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AT THE GARDNER BETTS SHELTER BUILDING, CONTRACT NO. JC020108DM, BARECKY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, MINOR CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION SERVICES. (FM) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:50 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 3 added to Consent Items. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for the Court's Motion and Vote.

TRANSPORTATION & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT. ITEMS

4. DISCUSS AND APPROVE A PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT THREE: STEINER RANCH PHASE ONE, SECTION 6F (LONG FORM PLAT – 90 LOTS – 77.44 ACRES – COUNTRY TRAILS LANE – TRUST DEED WITH TRAVIS COUNTY – SEWAGE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED BY TRAVIS COUNTY WCID NO. 17 – CITY OF AUSTIN ETJ). (COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY) (9:50 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 4 added to Consent Items. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for the Court's Motion and Vote.

5. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- A. PROPOSAL FOR CHAPTER 30, TRAVIS COUNTY CODE, JOINT TRAVIS COUNTY/CITY OF AUSTIN SUBDIVISION CODE FOR EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; (10:41 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR); Tom Nuckols, Assistant County Attorney; Lisa Gordon, Assistant City Manager, City of Austin; Mike English, City of Austin Attorney's Office; Rick Reed, Real Estate Stakeholder; Reynaldo Cantu, Assistant Director, Water and Wastewater, City of Austin; Kevin Baum, Fire Marshall, Assistant Fire Chief, City of Austin; Hank Smith, Stakeholder; and Harry Savio, Executive Vice President, Homebuilders Association of Austin.

Discussion only. No action taken.

Item 5.A to be reposted on December 16, 2003.

5. B. CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR A MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE SINGLE OFFICE FOR TRAVIS COUNTY/AUSTIN SUBDIVISION REVIEW WITH DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP. (11:38 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; Lisa Gordon, Assistant City Manager, City of Austin; Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor; and Tom Nuckols, Assistant County Attorney.

Discussion only. No action taken.

Item 5.B to be reposted on December 16, 2003.

PLANNING AND BUDGET DEPT. ITEMS

6. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND TRANSFERS. (1:41 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, Travis County Health, Human Services, and Veterans’ Services (TCHHS&VS); Valerie Spinelli, Budget Analyst, Planning and Budget Office (PBO); and Diana Ramirez, Budget Analyst, PBO.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to authorize the use of \$35,593.00 to cover green circled employees from the Health and Human Services Department (budget transfers T1-T25).

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	absent
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve Budget Amendment A1.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	absent
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

7. REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUESTS REGARDING GRANT PROPOSALS, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS AND PERMISSIONS TO CONTINUE:
(9:50 AM)
 - A. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE FY 04 COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THE GRANT CONTINUES THE EXISTING PROGRAM FOR FY 04; AND
 - B. GRANT CONTRACT WITH WORKSOURCE-GREATER AUSTIN AREA WORKFORCE BOARD FOR THE CHILD CARE LOCAL MATCH AGREEMENT. CONTINUATION OF AN EXISTING AGREEMENT FOR FY 04 THAT ALLOWS THE COUNTY TO BE REIMBURSED FOR CHILD CARE COSTS.

Clerk's Note: Items 7.A and B added to Consent Items. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for the Court's Motion and Vote.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT. ITEMS

- 8. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS FROM THE TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND VETERANS SERVICES (HHS): (10:07 AM)
 - A. AUTHORIZE REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAINING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASEWORKERS WORKING WITH ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN IN TRAVIS COUNTY; AND
 - B. GRANT HHS AUTHORITY TO FUND TRAINING FOR NON-COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICES TO TRAVIS COUNTY YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN WRAPAROUND INITIATIVES AND COUNTY CHILD WELFARE AND SYSTEM OF CARE PROGRAMS.

Clerk’s Note: Items 8.A and B are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from: Laura Atkins, Director, Office of Children’s Services, Travis County Health and Human Services (TCHHS); Susan Spataro, Travis County Auditor; José Palacios, Travis County Auditor’s Office; Aida Douglas, Chairperson, Child Protective Services Board; W. Jeanne Meurer, Judge, 98th District Court; and Mary Margaret Sauls, Community Volunteer, Chairperson, Children’s Partnership Board of Austin/Travis County.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 8.A, and to postpone Item 8.B until we have specific language to review. The second part of the Motion is that Staff draft that language, get with Judge Meurer, other judges who work with the Child Welfare Board, then the Child Welfare Board, and José Palacios of the Travis County Auditor’s Office, so that when it comes back to the Court there is general agreement on language that basically, sets forth criteria, under which we really ought to go ahead and provide and pay for training for State workers who provide critical services for Travis County youth and families.

A Clarification of the previous Motion was made by Judge Biscoe that the first part of the Motion is that we go ahead and approve reimbursement for the costs incurred by the five caseworkers who went to Dallas for the training.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Item 8.B postponed until further notice.

9. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND VETERANS SERVICES REQUEST TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT RENEWALS WITH SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES THAT NOW MEET AUDIT REQUIREMENTS. (10:38 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, TCHHS&VS.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to authorize Stephen Williams, Executive Manager, to negotiate with the top three social services agencies, because they have met audit requirements, and to give him authorization to start working with the other five, as soon as they have met audit requirements, consistent with the directions the Court gave before. Around the first of the year, 2004, we need to know whether there are any of these who don't seem to be making satisfactory progress.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS ITEMS

10. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENT TO UNITED HEALTH CARE FOR CLAIMS PAID FOR TRAVIS COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS COVERED BY THE HOSPITAL AND INSURANCE FUND FOR PAYMENT OF \$448,271.03 FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 21 THROUGH NOVEMBER 27, 2003. (9:50 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 10 added to Consent Items. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for the Court's Motion and Vote.

11. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON PROPOSED PERSONNEL AMENDMENTS. (9:50 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 11 added to Consent Items. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for the Court's Motion and Vote.

12. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING INTERNET CONTRACT WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION INQUIRY TO ENFORCE TRAVIS COUNTY PARKING POLICY. (9:16 AM)

Item 12 pulled from the Agenda.

13. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. PROPOSED TRAVIS COUNTY WELLNESS PROGRAM; (1:53 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Dan Mansour, Risk Manager, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD); Cindy Purinton, Benefit Contract Administrator, HRMD; and Alicia Perez, Executive Manager, Administrative Operations.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to encourage all managers who work for the Court, and elected officials, to encourage sick employees to go home and get well, and not spread the sickness to other employees.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	absent
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Item 13.A to be reposted on December 23, 2003.

13. B. LETTER TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES FROM THE COMMISSIONERS COURT ON WELLNESS PROGRAM. (1:52 PM)

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve the letter in Item 13.B

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	absent
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

14. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS COVERING A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5501 AIRPORT BLVD. (9:50 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 14 added to Consent Items. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for the Court's Motion and Vote.

15. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CLAIM RECEIVED FROM CAPITAL HOCKEY VENTURES, LTD. (12:01 PM) (1:57 PM) (2:56 PM)

Members of the Court heard from: Jeff Buch, President, Capital Hockey Ventures; and John Hille, Assistant County Attorney.

Clerk's Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item 15 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to deny the claim made by Capital Hockey Ventures, Ltd., for the amount of \$12,000.00 that was to be reimbursed to them for the purchase of chairs.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	absent
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

OTHER ITEMS

16. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST COUNTY FUNDS. (9:50 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 16 added to Consent Items. Please refer to 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

The Commissioners Court will consider the following items in Executive Session. The Commissioners Court may also consider any other matter posted on the agenda if there are issues that require consideration in Executive Session and the Commissioners Court announces that the item will be considered during Executive Session.

- 17. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE LEASE BETWEEN TEXAS RURAL LEGAL AID, INC. AND TRAVIS COUNTY FOR OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT 2201 POST ROAD. ² (1:57 PM) (2:56 PM)

Clerk's Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item 17 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to indicate to Texas Rural Legal Aid, Inc., that we do not believe that this is an appropriate time to reduce the amount of lease payment, chiefly because we have budgeted the amount in place right now for the entire year, but we ought to indicate our willingness to provide a provision that provides for early termination by them with a little advance notice, as well as, maybe, renewing the current contract through the end of the fiscal year, September 30, 2004. That would give us an opportunity to review their request, and at the same time, get a better idea of the comprehensive services provided Travis County residents, to which we have made reference from time to time.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	absent
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

18. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR ZONING CHANGE ON THE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO 4011 MCKINNEY FALLS PARKWAY (PRECINCT FOUR OFFICE BUILDING). ¹ (1:57 PM) (3:00 PM)

Clerk’s Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item 18 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov’t. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to direct Staff to file an appropriate notice to the developer and the City of Austin Zoning Commission by 6:00 today, Tuesday, December 9, 2003, if the item is still on the agenda; and if the item is postponed, that we give ourselves a little bit more time to prepare the two notices. But, the intention is for a notice to go to the developer, and the other notice to go to the Zoning Commission, and each to be given a copy of the letter to the other. And, basically, the notice is supposed to indicate to them how we are now using the Precinct Four office building, specifically, that the Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD) has thousands of probationers going there daily. They have various backgrounds – misdemeanors, felony cases, some sex offenders, mental health clients, etc, and so it is necessary that they be put on notice of how we are using that property.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	absent
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

19. DISCUSS ACQUISITION OF 319.709 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY CHARLES RIBELIN, MARTHA RIBELIN, THOMAS FRANCIS, LUCIA FRANCIS AND RIBELIN RANCH PARTNERSHIP, LTD. IN CONNECTION WITH THE BALCONES CANYONLANDS CONSERVATION PLAN, AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ² (1:57 PM) (2:59 PM)

Clerk’s Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item 19 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov’t. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.

Clerk’s Note: Judge Biscoe announced that no action was required on Item 19, except to authorize Staff to proceed in the direction that they seem to be heading.

Item 19 to be reposted on December 16, 2003.

20. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY V. SARAH A. MCELHENNEY (BARRY SKILES RESALE DEED), AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (1:57 PM) (2:58 PM)

Clerk’s Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item 20 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov’t. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to authorize the County Judge to sign, on behalf of the Commissioners’ Court, the tax resale deed to Barry Skiles, who has paid Travis County \$4,174.02 in cash.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	absent
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

21. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY V. VIDA HACKER (RICK [RICARDO] ORDONEZ RESALE DEED), AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (1:57 PM) (2:58 PM)

Clerk’s Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item 21 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov’t. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to authorize the County Judge to execute the prepared tax resale deed to Rick (Ricardo) Ordonez, who has paid to Travis County \$2,200.00 in cash.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	absent
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

22. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY V. ROLAND AND GRACE GUSHMAN (JENNIFER PARKER RESALE DEED), AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (1:57 PM) (2:58 PM)

Clerk’s Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item 22 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov’t. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to authorize the County Judge to execute the prepared tax resale deed to Jennifer Parker, who has paid to Travis County \$4,300.00 for this property.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	absent
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

23. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY V. DAVID AND LISA ANN TAYLOR (JIMMY JOSEPH RESALE DEED), AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (1:57 PM) (2:59 PM)

Clerk’s Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item 23 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov’t. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to reject this deed, and ask the Round Rock Independent School District to work with us on doing a bit more due diligence, to see if we can get a better price for this tract of land.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	absent
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

24. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY V. THOMAS G. WASHINGTON (BRENDA SMITH RESALE DEED), AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. (1:57 PM) (2:59 PM)

Clerk’s Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item 24 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov’t. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to authorize the County Judge to execute a tax resale deed in this matter to Brenda Smith, who has paid to Travis County \$3,333.00 in cash.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	absent
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

ADDED ITEMS

TAKE UP AT 9:30 A.M. (BOTH A1 AND A2)

- A1. RECEIVE BRIEFING AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE PROHIBITION OF THE SALE OR USE OF RESTRICTED FIREWORKS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TRAVIS COUNTY. (10:00 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Pete Baldwin, Emergency Management Coordinator, Department of Emergency Services; and Brad Beauchamp, Assistant Travis County Fire Marshal.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve Item A1. That is, to prohibit the sale or use of restricted fireworks, generally categorized as skyrockets with sticks, and missiles with fins.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Clerk’s Note: The Commissioners’ Court thanked the industry for their cooperation in the past, and requested their cooperation this year.

Item A1 to be reposted on December 16, 2003.

- A2.** RECEIVE BRIEFING AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TRAVIS COUNTY. (9:52 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Pete Baldwin, Emergency Management Coordinator, Department of Emergency Services.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve Item A2, which is the prohibition of outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

Item A2 to be reposted on December 16, 2003.

- A3.** APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR INTERCOM MODIFICATION FOR BUILDINGS 140 AND 160-160A, AT THE TRAVIS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL COUNTY FACILITY, IFB B040019-SI, TO THE LOW BIDDER, DSSI CORPORATION. (TCSO) (10:06 AM)

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Gómez to approve the contract in Item A3.

Motion carried:

County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	absent
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez	yes

