

MINUTES OF MEETING – JANUARY 31, 2006

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On Tuesday, the 31st day of January, 2006, the Commissioners' Court convened the regular Voting Session at 9:12 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 Deborah Mendez and Deputy Robert Resnick.

The Commissioners Court recessed the Voting Session at 11:58 AM.

The Commissioners Court, meeting as the Northwest Travis County Road District #3 (Golden Triangle) convened at 1:36 PM and adjourned at 1:36 PM.

The Commissioners Court reconvened the regular Voting Session at 1:37 PM.

The Commissioners Court retired to Executive Session at 2:42 PM.

The Commissioners Court reconvened the Voting Session at 3:17 PM.

The Commissioners Court retired to Executive Session at 3:21 PM.

The Commissioners Court reconvened the Voting Session at 4:56 PM.

The Commissioners Court adjourned the Voting Session at 4:57 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. RECEIVE COMMENTS REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRAVIS COUNTY INDIGENT BURIAL SERVICES PROGRAM. (ACTION ITEM #26) (9:13 AM)

Clerk’s Note: This Item is a public hearing to receive comments. Please refer to Agenda Item 26 for a summary of the action item.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **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 Gerald Daugherty yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez yes

Members of the Court heard from: Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, Travis County Health, Human Services, and Veterans’ Services, (TCHHS&VS); Christy Moffett, Social Services Manager, Travis County’s Palm Square Community Center; and Mary Etta Gerhardt, Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner Davis **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 Gerald Daugherty yes
Precinct 4, Commissioner Margaret J. Gómez yes

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Clerk’s Note: No speakers addressed the Court at this time. (9:20 AM)

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion by Commissioner Gómez **and seconded by** Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the following Consent Items: C1-C2, and Items 5, 6, 7, 8.A, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23.A&B, 24, 29, 30.A, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, A1, and A2. (9:20 AM)

Motion carried: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe	yes
Precinct 1, Commissioner Ron Davis	yes
Precinct 2, Commissioner Karen Sonleitner	yes
Precinct 3, Commissioner Gerald Daugherty	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 SERVICES.

RESOLUTIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

2. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM THE AUSTIN CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL TO ENCOURAGE THE CAPITAL METRO BOARD TO RESOLVE LABOR CONTRACT DISPUTE. (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ AND COMMISSIONER SONLEITNER) (9:24 AM)

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the Resolution in Item 2.

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

SPECIAL ITEMS

- 3. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE PROHIBITION OF OUTDOOR BURNING IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF TRAVIS COUNTY. (9:27 AM)

Clerk’s Note: Items 3 and 4 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Clerk’s Note: The Court discussed submitting a request for public assistance for fire related expenses to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Members of the Court heard from: Pete Baldwin, Emergency Management Coordinator, Travis County Emergency Services; and Jim Connolly, Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the proposed outdoor burn ban and the request for assistance.

Motion carried:

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

- 4. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ORDER DECLARING LOCAL DISASTER TO ADDRESS THE POTENTIAL THREAT OF WILDFIRES DUE TO DROUGHT AND ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND BANNING THE USE OF COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS, INCLUDING FIREWORKS, IN OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 418.108 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE. (9:27 AM)

Clerk’s Note: Items 3 and 4 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion. Please refer to Item 3 for a summary of the action taken by the Court.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS ITEMS

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENT TO UNITED HEALTH CARE FOR CLAIMS PAID FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE TRAVIS COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE FUND FOR PAYMENT OF \$371,044.62, FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 13, 2006 TO JANUARY 19, 2006. (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 5 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

6. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON PROPOSED ROUTINE PERSONNEL AMENDMENTS. (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 6 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

7. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE GRANGER BUILDING LAW LIBRARY CHANGE FUND TO OPERATE NEW COPIER VENDING EQUIPMENT. (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 7 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

Clerk's Note: Judge Biscoe noted the recommended increase is up to \$176.00.

8. A. APPROVE PAYROLL STUFFER TO RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVICE ON THE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PANEL POOL FROM 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008. (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 8.A approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

- B. RECOGNIZE OUTGOING MEMBERS OF THE GRIEVANCE PANEL POOL WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. (9:35 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Linda Moore Smith, Director, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD); and Neomia Bailey, Division Manager, Misdemeanor Records Division Travis County Clerk's Office.

Discussion Only. No formal action taken.

9. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REGARDING THE TRAVIS COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE: (3:23 PM)
 - A. REPORT FROM HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT ON MARKET STUDY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEDICAL EXAMINER AND DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND TITLES.
 - B. REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS FTE POSITION AND BEGIN RECRUITMENT IMMEDIATELY.
 - C. BRIEFING FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY ON OUT OF COUNTY CONTRACTS WITH MEDICAL EXAMINER AND DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS. (THIS ITEM MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER GOV'T CODE ANN. 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY)

Item 9.A, B, and C postponed until February 7, 2006.

PURCHASING OFFICE ITEMS

10. APPROVE NINETY-DAY EXTENSION (MODIFICATION NO. 2) TO CONTRACT NO. MA040071LC, CSU-LLC, FOR XEROX MAINTENANCE SERVICES. (ITS) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 10 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

11. APPROVE TWELVE-MONTH EXTENSION (MODIFICATION NO. 1) TO CONTRACT NO. 05T00150RG, BEETLES PEST CONTROL, FOR PEST CONTROL SERVICES. (FACILITIES MANAGEMENT) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 11 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

12. APPROVE TWELVE-MONTH EXTENSION (MODIFICATION NO. 2) TO CONTRACT NO. 04T00171DR, AUSTIN CUSTOM SCREENS, FOR SOLAR AND ALUMINUM SCREENS. (HHS) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 12 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

13. APPROVE TWELVE-MONTH EXTENSION (MODIFICATION NO. 1) TO CONTRACT NO. 05T00206DR, 5F MECHANICAL COMPANY INC., FOR RESIDENTIAL PLUMBING SERVICES. (HHS) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 13 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

14. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, GATTIS SCHOOL ROAD, RFQ NO. Q050082-SI, TO THE HIGHEST QUALIFIED RESPONDENT, HALFF ASSOCIATES. (TNR) (COMMISSIONER SONLEITNER) (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 14 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 15. A. REVISED: APPROVE MODIFICATION TO 10 CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS CONTRACTORS FOR INDIGENT BURIAL SERVICES. (SEE ATTACHMENT A FOR LISTING OF CONTRACTORS POSTED WITH THIS AGENDA). (9:40 AM)
- B. AUTHORIZE COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO SIGN ALL CONTRACTS ON ATTACHED LIST ON THE COURT'S BEHALF. (9:40 AM)

Items 15.A&B to be reposted on February 7, 2006.

- C. OFFER AREA FUNERAL HOMES AN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE INDIGENT BURIAL SERVICES PROGRAM. (HHS &VS) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:41 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, TCHHS&VS; and Mary Etta Gerhardt, Assistant County Attorney.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve Item 15.C.

Motion carried:

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

- 16. APPROVE MODIFICATION NO. 6 TO CONTRACT NO. PS960359JW, RX MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS, FOR PHARMACY SERVICES. (SHERIFF'S OFFICE) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 16 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 17. DECLARE I-BEAMS AS SURPLUS AND SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 263.151 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. (FIXED ASSETS) (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 17 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

18. APPROVE PURCHASE OF MCAFEE PRODUCTS AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FROM TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR) THROUGH FUTURE COM, LTD. (ITS) (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 18 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

19. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PURCHASE OF DETENTION EQUIPMENT AND SECURITY ELECTRONICS SYSTEMS MATERIALS FROM ISI DETENTION CONTRACTING GROUP, INC AND SUBSIDIARY, METROPLEX CONTROL SYSTEMS. (FM/GARDNER BETTS) (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 19 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

TRANSPORTATION & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT. ITEMS

20. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:
(9:57 AM) (1:37 PM) (2:42 PM) (3:17 PM)
- A. A PHASING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY AND THE DEVELOPER, FOREST CITY SWEETWATER, L.P.;
 - B. SWEETWATER RANCH SECTION 1, PRELIMINARY PLAN IN PRECINCT 3 (561 TOTAL LOTS, 544 RESIDENTIAL, 16 MUD AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION LOTS AND 1 COMMERCIAL LOT - 311.4 ACRES – STATE HIGHWAY 71 WEST – NO FISCAL REQUIRED FOR THIS PRELIMINARY PLAN – SEWAGE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED BY LAZY NINE MUD, (NO ETJ).
 - C. SWEETWATER RANCH SECTION 2, PRELIMINARY PLAN IN PRECINCT 3 (1296 TOTAL LOTS, 1258 RESIDENTIAL, 38 MUD AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION LOTS - 735.5 ACRES – STATE HIGHWAY 71 WEST – NO FISCAL REQUIRED FOR THIS PRELIMINARY PLAN – SEWAGE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED BY LAZY NINE MUD, NO ETJ). (COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY)

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

ITEM 20 CONTINUED

Members of the Court heard from: Anna Bowlin, Program Manager, Planning and Engineering, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR); Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR; David Greear, Traffic Manager, TNR; Teresa Calkins, Engineer, TNR; Tom Nuckols, Assistant County Attorney; Bill Gunn, Sweetwater, Ltd. Partnership, Developer, Sweet Water Subdivision; and Vera Messaro, Forest City Land Group.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to recess Items 20.A, B, and C until 1:30 PM.

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

Clerk’s Note: The Commissioners Court revisited Items 20.A, B, and C at 1:37 PM.

Members of the Court heard from: Christy Muse, Hill Country Alliance; Chris Hartman, Travis County Resident; Nell Penridge, Travis County Resident; Pepper Morris, Travis County Resident; Laura Groke, Travis County Resident; Amy Jones, Travis County Resident; Cindy Phillips, Travis County Resident; and Bill Bunch, Save Our Springs Alliance.

Clerk’s Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item 20.A, B, and C 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 Daugherty to repost Items 20.A, B, and C until February 7, 2006.

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

Items 20.A, B, and C to be reposted on February 7, 2006.

21. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO USE ALTERNATIVE FISCAL FOR STONEY RIDGE PHASE B SECTION TWO, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT 4. (COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ) (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 21 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

22. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE FISCAL FOR ELM CREEK SECTION 5, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT 1. (COMMISSIONER DAVIS) (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 22 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

23. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS REGARDING TRES VISTA SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT 3: (9:20 AM)

A. ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATION OF STREET AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES; AND

B. LICENSE AGREEMENT. (COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY)

Clerk's Note: Items 23.A&B approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

24. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A REQUEST TO USE ALTERNATIVE FISCAL FOR AVALON PHASE 2, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT 2. (COMMISSIONER SONLEITNER) (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 24 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

- 25. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT THREE: DINNEEN SPICEWOOD ADDITION (SHORTFORM PLAT – 1 LOT – 1.010 ACRES – SH 71 – NO FISCAL REQUIRED – SEWAGE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED BY ON-SITE SEPTIC – NO MUNICIPAL ETJ). (COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY) (THIS ITEM MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER GOV'T CODE ANN. 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY) (9:54 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Anna Bowlin, Program Manager, Planning and Engineering, TNR; James Bellevue, Attorney, Representing Polson Investments; Tom Nuckols, Assistant County Attorney; and Al Dinneen, Property Owner.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Daugherty to authorize Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR) to issue the development permit to Mr. Dinneen, conditioned on “No Occupancy” of the building until his lot is platted, either by his own plat or by the Hazy Hills Office Park plat.

Motion carried:

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

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPT. ITEMS

- 26. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TRAVIS COUNTY INDIGENT BURIAL SERVICES PROGRAM. (9:43 AM)

Item 26 to be reposted on February 7, 2006.

- 27. RECEIVE REPORT FROM AGING SERVICES COUNCIL ON THE NEEDS OF OLDER ADULTS IN TRAVIS COUNTY. (9:43 AM)

Members of the Court heard from: Genie Nyer, St. David’s Community Health Foundation; Genie Tiel, West Austin Caregivers; Ron Wild, Council Coordinator, Aging Services Council of Travis County; and Lisa Kerber, St. David’s Community Health Foundation.

Discussion Only. No formal action taken.

- 28. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: (11:35 AM)
 - A. FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF ALLOCATION BY TRAVIS COUNTY;
 - B. DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT(S) AND/OR PERSON(S) TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDS;
 - C. STRATEGY FOR PREPARATION OF CONSOLIDATION PLAN AND CITIZENS PARTICIPATION PLAN; AND
 - D. OTHER RELATED ISSUES.

Clerk’s Note: Items 28.A-D are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Motion by Judge Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve Item 28.A.

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

Members of the Court heard from: Dan Smith, Executive Assistant, Travis County Judge’s Office; Luz Solis Day, Field Office Director, San Antonio Field Office, Region VI, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; John Maldonado, Director, Community Planning and Development Division, San Antonio Field Office, Region VI, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, TCHHS; Harvey Davis, Manager of Travis County Corporations; and Larry Wilkenson, Project Manager for Travis County and City of Austin, Community Development Specialist.

ITEM 28 CONTINUED

Clerk’s Note: The Court discussed Staff’s recommendation to designate Health and Human Services (HHS) as the department to receive and expend grant funds.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve Staff’s recommendation in Item 28.B.

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

Clerk’s Note: Judge Biscoe recommended that a CDBG Program Coordinating Committee, comprised of a representative from the County Judge’s Office, HHS&VS, TNR, PBO, the County’s Corporations, County Auditor, and County Attorney be established.

Motion by Judge Biscoe **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve Item 28.C, County Committee to work with HHS.

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

Clerk’s Note: Item 28.A was further discussed at 11:57 AM with a request by Commissioner Sonleitner that the Commissioners’ Court record reflect a Corrected Vote on Item 28.A. Judge Biscoe instructed that the record show Commissioner Sonleitner voting in favor of the Motion on Item 28.A. The Commissioners’ Court record does reflect the Corrected Vote.

Corrected Vote:

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

ITEM 28 CONTINUED

Clerk’s Note: The Court discussed HHS salary savings as the funding source for the request for two FTE’s, reimbursable after October, 2006 for preparation of the consolidated plan.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner **and seconded by** Commissioner Davis to approve the source of funding for Item 28.D.

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

- 29. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES FOR DEAF INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AT VARIOUS COMMUNITY TAX CENTER LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT TRAVIS COUNTY. (9:20 AM)

Clerk’s Note: Item 29 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court’s Motion and Vote.

PLANNING AND BUDGET DEPT. ITEMS

30. REVIEW AND APPROVE REQUESTS REGARDING GRANT PROPOSALS, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS AND PERMISSIONS TO CONTINUE:
- A. APPROVE GRANT CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH THE U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE THROUGH TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT (TPWD) FOR GRANT FUNDS TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR THE BALCONES CANYONLANDS PRESERVE IN THE TRANSPORTATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT. THE GRANT AMENDMENT PROVIDES FOR \$6.9 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS AND HAS A MAXIMUM \$2.3 MILLION DOLLAR MATCH REQUIREMENT THAT IS ANTICIPATED TO BE MET BY THE BCP FUND 038 WHEN THE FUNDS ARE NEEDED. (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 30.A approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

31. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON BUDGET AMENDMENTS, TRANSFERS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS. (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 31 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

OTHER ITEMS

32. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST COUNTY FUNDS. (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 32 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

33. APPROVE BOND FOR JADE MEEKER TO SERVE AS VISITING TRAVIS COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 33 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

34. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE AN ORDER DESIGNATING MAIN EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE, TEMPORARY BRANCH EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES AND MOBILE EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES FOR THE FEBRUARY 14, 2006 DISTRICT 48 SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF. (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 34 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

35. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE AN ORDER FOR ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE FEBRUARY 14, 2006 DISTRICT 48 SPECIAL ELECTION RUNOFF. (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item 35 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of 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.

36. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IN TRAVIS, ET AL V. CURTIS M. & PATRICIA A. SIMON (KRISTY BENNET RESALE DEED) AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (3:21 PM)

Item 36 postponed until February 7, 2006.

37. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON OFFERS FROM TIA VAN BEG FOR TAX RESALE DEEDS IN THE FOLLOWING TAX FORECLOSURE SALE PROPERTIES: ¹ (3:21 PM)

A. TRAVIS COUNTY, ET AL V. STANLEY C. & BETTY JO STEMEN; AND

B. TRAVIS COUNTY, ET AL V. MERRY F. JENNINGS.

Item 37 postponed until February 7, 2006.

38. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY, ET AL V. CLYDE DOYAL, TRUSTEE (ADVANCED INVESTMENTS RESALE DEED) AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (3:21 PM)

Item 38 postponed until February 7, 2006.

39. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY, ET AL V. ALONZO WHITE (VICTOR MANUEL GRIMALDO RESALE DEED) AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (3:21 PM)

Item 39 postponed until February 7, 2006.

40. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY, ET AL V. CONRAD A. & IRENE BEHRENS (REIJI Z. CASS RESALE DEED) AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (3:21 PM)

Item 40 postponed until February 7, 2006.

41. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9207 JOHNNY MORRIS ROAD. ^{1 AND 2} (3:21 PM)

Item 41 postponed until February 7, 2006.

42. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON SETTLEMENT OFFER IN SARAH CARPENTER-PINEDA V. MARGO FRASIER, ET. AL. (CIVIL RIGHTS CASE). ¹ (1:37 PM)

Item 42 postponed until February 7, 2006.

43. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF AN OFFICE BUILDING LOCATED AT 5555 AIRPORT BLVD., AUSTIN, TEXAS. ² (3:32 PM)

Item 43 postponed until February 7, 2006.

44. CONSIDER THE PROPOSED SALE OF APPROXIMATELY 0.274 ACRES OF UNUSED, EXCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM OLD BASTROP HIGHWAY LOCATED IN PRECINCT 4, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER GÓMEZ AS COMMISSIONER OF SALE, AND TAKE OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION. ² (3:21 PM)

Item 44 postponed until February 7, 2006.

45. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING TNR EMPLOYEE, SLOT NO. 528 PURSUANT TO TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. 551.071 (1)(A) & (B) AND 551.074. ^{1 AND 3} (3:21 PM)

Item 45 postponed until February 7, 2006.

46. CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WITH CANDIDATES FOR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR THE TRAVIS COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE. ³ (3:21 PM)

Clerk's Note: Judge Biscoe announced that Item 46 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

Item 46 to be reposted on February 7, 2006.

ADDENDA ITEMS

- A1. APPROVE PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2006 AS AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH. (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item A.1 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

- A2. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AN ORDER OF APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES AND ALTERNATE ELECTION JUDGES FOR CONSOLIDATED COUNTY ELECTION PRECINCTS FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2006 SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 48. (9:20 AM)

Clerk's Note: Item A.2 approved as part of the Consent Motion. Please refer to CONSENT ITEMS for a summary of the Court's Motion and Vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Davis **seconded by** Commissioner Daugherty to adjourn the Voting Session. (4:57 PM)

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

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge