



# Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court Tuesday, January 4, 2011 Voting Session

Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk  
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## Roll Call

Meeting called to order on January 4, 2011 in the Ned Granger Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 1st Floor, 314 W. 11th St., Austin, TX. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Gillian Porter.

Samuel T. Biscoe	County Judge	Present
Ron Davis	Precinct 1, Commissioner	Present
Sarah Eckhardt	Precinct 2, Commissioner	Present
Karen L. Huber	Precinct 3, Commissioner	Present
Margaret J. Gómez	Precinct 4, Commissioner	Absent

## Citizens Communication

Members of the Court heard from:  
Gus Peña, Travis County Resident  
Steven Turner, Travis County Resident  
Morris Priest, Travis County Resident  
Dr. John K. Kim, Travis County Resident  
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

## Special Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action on lifting an order prohibiting outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County.

Members of the Court heard from:  
Hershel Lee, Travis County Fire Marshal

*Clerk's Note: The County Judge announced that by taking no action the prohibition against outdoor burning stays in place.*

## Administrative Operations Items

2. 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 \$1,156,991.32 for the period of December 17 to December 23, 2010.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

3. Consider and take appropriate action on proposed routine personnel amendments.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

## Transportations and Natural Resources Dept. Items

4. Consider and take appropriate action on an exception from Section 82.213, Travis County Code, relating to water availability for subdivisions using water from the Trinity Aquifer, for the Revised Plat of lots 24, 25A, 25B, and 26, Big Bee Creek Subdivision in Precinct 3. (Commissioner Huber)

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Program Manager, Planning and Engineering, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)  
Morris Priest, Travis County Resident

**MOTION:** Approve Item 4.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Karen L. Huber, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber  
**ABSENT:** Margaret J. Gómez

5. Consider and take appropriate action on a Cash Security Agreement with Highland Homes, Austin for Sidewalk Fiscal for Commons at Rowe Lane IIA Lot 27 Block O in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Huber)

**RESULT:** **ADDED TO CONSENT**

6. Consider and take appropriate action on request from CAMPO for payment of annual contribution.

*Clerk's Note: The Court discussed using performance-based agreement for contractual accountability.*

Members of the Court heard from:

Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR  
Morris Priest, Travis County Resident

**MOTION:** Approve Item 6. Funding will come from Allocated Reserve.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Karen L. Huber, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber  
**ABSENT:** Margaret J. Gómez

7. Consider and take appropriate action on the following requests: a. Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR) to initiate and manage the preparation of
  - a. 2011 Bond Referendum;
  - b. TNR to prepare a draft prioritized list of potential bond projects for consideration by a Citizens Bond Advisory Committee and the Court; and
  - c. Authorize TNR to pursue commitments from public and/or private entities for partnering on projects utilizing "2011 guidelines for Public/Private Partnerships for Transportation Projects."

Members of the Court heard from:  
Steve Manilla, Director, Public Works, TNR  
Joe Gieselman, Executive Manager, TNR  
Morris Priest, Travis County Resident  
Tom Nuckols, Assistant County Attorney

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

**Reset for: 1/11/2011**

### **Planning and Budget Dept. Items**

8. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers and discussion items.

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

9. Review and approve requests regarding grant programs, applications, contracts and permissions to continue:
- a. Application to the Texas Department of Transportation to continue the Underage Drinking Prevention Program in the County Attorney's Office for a three year term; and

Members of the Court heard from:

Gloria Souhami, Program Director, Travis County Underage Drinking Prevention Program

**MOTION:** Approve Item 9.a.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Karen L. Huber, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber  
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- b. New contract with the United States Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services, to provide funding for the expansion of the Travis County Sheriff's Office firing range.

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

### **Other Items**

10. Receive revenue and expenditure reports for the month of November, 2010.

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

11. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Gina Starr Hill to the Board of Commissioners for the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 3, effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012. (Commissioner Huber)

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

12. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of William Brandon Tanous to the Board of Commissioners for the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 14, effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012.

**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

13. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Tom Stevenson to the Board of Commissioners for the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 14, effective from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

14. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of John Linton to the Board of Commissioners for the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 5, effective from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

15. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Warren Hassinger to Board of Commissioners for the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 5, effective from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

16. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Lainey Melnick to the Board of Commissioners for the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 10, effective immediately to December 31, 2011.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

17. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Jarrel Larson, Marilyn Samuelson and David Erikson, Jr. to serve on the Board of Commissioners for Travis County Emergency Services District No. 13, effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012. (Commissioner Davis)

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

18. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Gary Johnson and Cliff Kessler to serve on the Board of Commissioners for Travis County Emergency Services District No. 13, effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. (Commissioner Davis)

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

### **Executive Session Items**

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.

*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 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations*

19. Consider and take appropriate action regarding offer to sell to the County approximately 33.4 acres of land in northwest Travis County in connection with the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. <sup>2</sup>

*Judge Biscoe announced that Item 19 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.*

**MOTION:** Since it has been the County's custom, based on experience of purchasing BCP land, to begin negotiations for these parcels on appraised value which recognizes the endangered species that may exist on proposed property, the Court sees no need to change this policy and therefore we instruct Staff to offer an amount for this tract utilizing this customary method.

**A Clarification of the Motion** was made by Judge Biscoe that we reject the offer in Item 19.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Karen L. Huber, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber  
**ABSENT:** Margaret J. Gómez

20. Consider and take appropriate action regarding purchase of open space land in Precinct One. (Commissioner Davis)<sup>1 and 2</sup>

*Judge Biscoe announced that Item 20 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.*

**RESULT:** **DISCUSSED**

#### Consent Items

**MOTION:** Approve the following Consent Items: C1-C3 and Agenda Items 2, 3, 5, 8, 9.b, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18.  
**RESULT:** **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Ron Davis, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Karen L. Huber, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber  
**ABSENT:** Margaret J. Gómez

- C1. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent.  
C2. Approve payment of claims and authorize County Treasurer to invest County funds.  
C3. Approve the Commissioners Court Minutes for the Voting Session of December 21, 2010.

#### Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court

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Date of Approval

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Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge



# Minutes for the Northwest Travis County Road District No. 3 (Golden Triangle) Tuesday, January 4, 2011 Voting Session

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1. Approve payment of claims and authorize County Treasurer to invest Road District funds.

**MOTION:** Claims be paid and investments be made.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Ron Davis, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber  
**ABSENT:** Margaret J. Gómez

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# Minutes for the Travis County Bee Cave Road District No. 1 (Galleria) Tuesday, January 4, 2011 Voting Session

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1. Approve payment of claims and authorize County Treasurer to invest Road District funds.

**MOTION:** Claims be paid and investments be made.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [3 TO 0]**  
**MOVER:** Karen L. Huber, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber  
**ABSTAIN:** Ron Davis  
**ABSENT:** Margaret J. Gómez

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