



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court Tuesday, February 8, 2011 Voting Session

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Roll Call

Meeting called to order on February 8, 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	Present

Citizens Communication

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

Special Items

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

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

MOTION: Approve an order prohibiting outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County. This order will be in place for 30 days.
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

Planning and Budget Dept. Items

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

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

3. Consider and take appropriate on appointment or reappointment of County member to the Waller Creek Tax Increment Financing Board.

Clerk's Note: The Court noted that Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, Planning and Budget Office (PBO) will continue to serve as the appointee, with Leroy Nellis, Budget Manager, PBO as the alternate.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Administrative Operations Items

4. 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 \$564,906.99 for the period of January 21 to January 27, 2011.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Justice and Public Safety Items

6. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a proposed reallocation of funding and restructuring of the Commitment to Change Program administered by the Counseling and Education Services Department.

RESULT: PULLED

Purchasing Office Items

7. Approve Modification No. 3 to Contract No. CM100144GM, Tempset Controls, Inc., for upgrades to the HVAC Controls Systems.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Approve Contract Award for relief pharmacist services to Linda Tusluk, R. Ph.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Consider and take appropriate action on recommended list of three finalists responding to Request for Services for consulting services related to redistricting, S110035-EC, and request to authorize the Travis County Purchasing Agent to conduct interviews and begin negotiations.

Members of the Court heard from:

Cyd Grimes, Purchasing Agent

Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer

MOTION: The Court will interview the top three candidates.

A Clarification of the Previous Motion was made by Judge Biscoe that the top three candidates are:

- o Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP
- o Training and Assessment Professionals
- o Rolando L. Rios & Associates PLLC

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Ron Davis, Commissioner
SECONDER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

10. Approve Contract Award for automotive storage batteries, IFB No. B110071-LD, to the qualified low bidder, Interstate All Battery Center.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Approve Modification No. 8 to Interlocal Agreement IL070171RE, Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, d/b/a Austin Travis County Integral Care, for mental health services.

MOTION: Approve Item 11.
RESULT: APPROVED [3 TO 0]
MOVER: Ron Davis, Commissioner
SECONDER: Karen L. Huber, Commissioner
AYES: Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber
ABSTAIN: Samuel T. Biscoe
ABSENT: Margaret J. Gómez

Transportations and Natural Resources Dept. Items

12. Consider and take appropriate action on a License Agreement with Team Hotel San Jose, LLC for a bike race at Pace Bend Park in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Huber)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Consider and take appropriate action on the following:
- a. Amendment to Chapter 82 to require notification regarding Travis County's limited land use authority on the cover sheet of plats; and
 - b. Amendment to Title 30 to add Section 30-2-87 to require notification regarding Travis County's limited land use authority on the cover sheet of plats. (Commissioner Davis)

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Program Manager, Planning and Engineering, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
Steve Manilla, Executive Manager, TNR
Morris Priest, Travis County Resident
Tom Nuckols, Assistant County Attorney

RESULT: DISCUSSED **Reset for: 2/15/2011**

14. Consider and take appropriate action to affirm the extension of the application deadline for the 2011 Citizens Bond Advisory Committee to Tuesday, February 8, 2011 and consider the need for any additional extension.

Members of the Court heard from:

Steve Manilla, Executive Manager, TNR

MOTION: Extend the deadline until 5:00 PM, Tuesday, February 15, 2011.
RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
SECONDER: Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner

AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen L. Huber
ABSENT: Margaret J. Gómez

Health and Human Services Dept. Items

15. Consider and take appropriate action on the following matters related to the Travis County Healthcare District Board of Managers:
- a. Short list for interviews to fill current County-appointed vacancy;
 - b. Proposed questions for interviews with candidates; and
 - c. Interview schedule, and other related issues.

Members of the Court heard from:

Sherri Fleming, Executive Manager, Travis County Health, Human Services, and Veterans' Services (TCHHS&VS)

RESULT: DISCUSSED **Reset for: 2/15/2011**

16. Consider and take appropriate action on request to spend \$1,800 in Community Development Block Grant Funds to train local permanent supportive housing providers on affirmatively supporting fair housing in Travis County in February, 2011.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other Items

17. Consider and take appropriate action on legislative matters, including:
- a. Update on legislative activities;
 - b. Additions to the priorities, policy positions, and the positions on other proposals sections of the Travis County legislative agenda; and
 - c. Resolution in support of House Joint Resolution 64, proposing a constitutional amendment limiting the uses of revenue from motor vehicle registration fees, taxes on motor fuels and lubricants, and certain revenue received from the Federal Government.

Members of the Court heard from:

Deece Eckstein, Intergovernmental Relations Officer
Morris Priest, Travis County Resident

MOTION: Support the House Joint Resolution 64.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner
SECONDER: Karen L. Huber, Commissioner
AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

18. Consider and take appropriate action regarding invitation to certain Chinese officials to visit Travis County.

Members of the Court heard from:

John Hille, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Authorize the County Judge to add extra information to the letter and circulate to the Court members for signatures. If a Court member wishes to change the content of the letter, the item will be posted to the next Agenda for discussion.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Karen L. Huber, Commissioner

SECONDER: Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner

AYES: Biscoe, Davis, Eckhardt, Huber, Gómez

19. Consider and take appropriate action on the proposal to amend the County's Economic Development Program Policy to include an initiative by the County to utilize incentives to solicit and attract businesses that would provide job opportunities for low-income individuals who are currently unemployed or underemployed. (Commissioners Davis and Eckhardt)

Members of the Court heard from:

John Hille, Assistant County Attorney

Mary Etta Gerhardt, Assistant County Attorney

Rodney Rhoades, Executive Manager, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

Clerk's Note: The Court noted that there will be a work session regarding this topic on March 3, 2011.

RESULT: **DISCUSSED**

20. Consider and take appropriate action on request to reappoint Margie Stewart Alford to serve on Travis County Historical Commission, effective immediately through January 31, 2013. (Commissioner Eckhardt)

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

21. Consider and take appropriate action on request to reappoint May Schmidt to serve on Travis County Historical Commission, effective immediately through January 31, 2013. (Commissioner Eckhardt)

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

22. Consider and take appropriate action on request to reappoint Rosemary Morrow to serve on Travis County Historical Commission, effective immediately through January 31, 2013. (Commissioner Eckhardt)

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

23. Consider and take appropriate action on request to reappoint Nora Jackson to serve on Travis County Historical Commission, effective immediately through January 31, 2013. (Commissioner Eckhardt)

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

24. Consider and take appropriate action on request to appoint Laraine Lasdon to serve on Travis County Historical Commission, effective immediately through January 31, 2013. (Commissioner Eckhardt)

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 551.076, Security

Note 5: Gov't Code Ann 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations

25. Consider and take appropriate action regarding potential acquisition of open space land located in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Huber) ^{1 and 2}

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 25 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

Reset for: 2/15/2011

26. Consider and take appropriate action regarding proposal for downtown office building by D2000, a turn key development company. ^{1 and 2}

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 26 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: POSTPONED

27. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding the following lease agreements at 700 Lavaca:

- a. West Corporation d/b/a Intrado, Inc.; and
- b. James L. Arth, Catherine A. Mauzy, Catherine Benouis, Friday, Friday & Kazen LLP. ^{1 and 2}

Judge Biscoe announced that Items 27.a-b 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: POSTPONED

Reset for: 2/15/2011

28. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action on settlement offer regarding appeal from Travis County Grievance Panel decision in Sergio Flores v. Constable Richard McCain, Precinct Three, pursuant to Travis County Code Section 9.257(k). ^{1 and 3}

Judge Biscoe announced that Item 28 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

Members of the Court heard from:
John Hille, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Accept the offer by Mr. Flores' attorney and move forward with negotiations through the County Attorneys Office for a final settlement and release, and authorize the County Judge to sign the settlement on behalf of the Commissioners Court.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner

SECONDER: Ron Davis, Commissioner

AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez

ABSENT: Karen L. Huber

Consent Items

Members of the Court heard from:
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

MOTION: Approve the following Consent Items: C1–C3 and Agenda Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24.

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 setting a Public Hearing date for February 22, 2011 to receive comments regarding a request to temporarily close Boyce Lane in Precinct One for bridge maintenance beginning March 14, 2011 and continuing through April 15, 2011 or until construction is completed. (Commissioner Davis)

Minutes approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge



Minutes for the Northwest Travis County Road District No. 3 (Golden Triangle) Tuesday, February 8, 2010 Voting Session

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

MOTION: Approve Item 1.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER: Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT: Karen L. Huber

2. Approve the Northwest Travis County Road District No. 3 Minutes for the Voting Session of December 21, 2010.

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER: Ron Davis, Commissioner
AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT: Karen L. Huber

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MOTION: Approve Item 1.
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MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER: Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge
AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSTAIN: Ron Davis
ABSENT: Karen L. Huber

2. Approve the Travis County Bee Cave Road District No. 1 Minutes for the Voting Sessions of December 21 and 28, 2010.

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner
SECONDER: Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner
AYES: Samuel T. Biscoe, Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Margaret J. Gómez
ABSENT: Karen L. Huber

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