



# Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court Tuesday, October 18, 2011 Voting Session

Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk  
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## Call to Order

Meeting called to order on October 18, 2011, in the Ned Granger Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 1st Floor, 314 W. 11th St., Austin, TX. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Kimberlie Slade.

Samuel T. Biscoe	County Judge	Present
Ron Davis	Precinct 1, Commissioner	Absent
Sarah Eckhardt	Precinct 2, Commissioner	Absent
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  
Dr. John Kim, 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:  
Tony Calloway, Travis County Fire Marshall's Office

**MOTION:** Impose a burn ban which is to remain in effect through November 16, 2011.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Karen L. Huber, Margaret J. Gómez  
**ABSENT:** Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt

2. Consider and take appropriate action regarding appropriate follow-up to address damage caused by recent wildfires and injuries suffered by County residents, including remaining fire issues, clean up in Travis County, collaboration with FEMA and other relief agencies, and related issues. (This item may be taken into Executive Session pursuant to Gov't Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney)

Members of the Court heard from:  
Pete Baldwin, Emergency Management Coordinator, Travis County Emergency Services  
Steve Manilla, County Executive, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)  
Jon White, Natural Resources Environmental Quality Division Manager, TNR  
Stacey Scheffel, Onsite Sewage Facilities Program Manager, TNR  
Don Ward, Road Maintenance Bridge Fleet Division Director, TNR

Tom Nuckols, Assistant County Attorney

**MOTION:** Approve the Resolution authorizing the waiver of County permit fees for residents who do not have insurance coverage and whose homes were damaged or destroyed by these fires.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge  
**SECONDER:** Karen L. Huber, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Karen L. Huber, Margaret J. Gómez  
**ABSENT:** Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt

### Proclamations and Resolutions

3. Approve Proclamation naming October 22, 2011, as Volente Volunteer Fire Department Day in Travis County on the occasion of their 50th anniversary as a fire department. (Commissioner Huber)

Members of the Court heard from:

Walter Groman, Fire Chief, Volente Volunteer Fire Department  
Tom Stevensen, President, Travis County ESD #14  
Al Blunt, Commissioner, Travis County ESD #14

**MOTION:** Approve Proclamation in Item 3.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Karen L. Huber, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:** Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**AYES:** Samuel T. Biscoe, Karen L. Huber, Margaret J. Gómez  
**ABSENT:** Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt

4. Approve Proclamation declaring Friday, October 21, 2011, as "Travis County History Day."

Members of the Court heard from:

Steven Broberg, Director, Records Management and Communication Resources (RMCR)  
Christy Moilanen, Archivist, RMCR  
Ronnie Gjemre, Travis County Resident

**MOTION:** Approve Proclamation in Item 4.

### Planning and Budget Dept. Items

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

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

6. Review and approve requests regarding grant programs, applications, contracts and permissions to continue:
  - a. Annual application to the Task Force on Indigent Defense to continue the Formula Grant – Indigent Defense Grant Program in the Criminal Courts;
  - b. Amendment to the Agreement with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to increase the award for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program for Health and Human Services and Veterans Service to provide household heating and

cooling energy assistance to help low income families or individuals become energy self-sufficient;

- c. Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Austin for the Austin/Travis County Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Task Force Joint Investigative Project to continue to provide resources to reimburse program related overtime within the Sheriff's Office; and

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

- d. Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2011 agreement with the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, to report generated program income in the final budget for the Criminal Courts' Drug Diversion Court Program.

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

**MOTION:**           Approve Item 6.d.  
**RESULT:**           **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**           Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner  
**SECONDER:**       Karen L. Huber, Commissioner  
**AYES:**            Samuel T. Biscoe, Karen L. Huber, Margaret J. Gómez  
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**Administrative Operations Items**

- 7. Review and approve the immediate release of payment to United Health Care for claims paid for participants in the Travis County Employee Health Care Fund for payment of \$633,677.95 for the period of September 30 to October 6, 2011.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

- 8. Consider and take appropriate action on proposed routine personnel amendments.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

- 9. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve orthotic services and devices being offered as part of an employee discount program at no cost to Travis County.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

- 10. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve a program for all County employees, retirees and dependents to purchase digital hearing aids and services at discount prices at no additional cost to Travis County.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

**Purchasing Office Items**

- 11. Approve Modification No. 1 to Job Order No. 11, Contract No. 10K00268RV, Fore Construction, for minor construction services-Fire Door Upgrades Project.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

## Transportation, Natural Resources and Facilities Dept. Items

12. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the donation of body-worn video cameras to the Park Ranger Program. (Commissioner Eckhardt)

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

13. Consider and take appropriate action on the following requests from the developer of Angelwylde Subdivision in Precinct Three:

- a. Rescind action taken September 28, 2010, for the Angelwylde Section Three, Block A, Lot 9 Preliminary Plan;
- b. Rescind action taken September 28, 2010, for the resubdivision of Angelwylde Section Three, Block A, Lot 9;
- c. Partial vacation of Angelwylde Section Three, Block A, Lot 9; and
- d. Resubdivision of Angelwylde Section Three, Block A, Lot 9 (8-single family lots – 40.333 acres – Angelwylde Drive – appropriate fiscal has been posted – sewage service to be on site waste water – water to be provided by Lower Colorado River Authority – land status granted by the City of Austin).

**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*

14. Consider and take appropriate action concerning a settlement offer regarding payment for Star Flight services rendered to Makayla Atkins.<sup>1</sup>

*Judge Biscoe announced that Item 14 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.*

**MOTION:**           Agree to settle this matter for 75% of the amount owed, in the total amount of \$11,058.37.

**RESULT:**           **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:**           Samuel T. Biscoe, Judge

**SECONDER:**       Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

**AYES:**           Samuel T. Biscoe, Karen L. Huber, Margaret J. Gómez

**ABSENT:**          Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt

15. Consider and take appropriate action regarding claims from and settlement agreement with Tecolote Farms, Inc.<sup>1</sup>

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

### **Consent Items**

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

**MOTION:**           Approve the following Consent Items: C1–C4 and Agenda Items 5, 6.a–c, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.a–d, 15, A1 and A2.

**RESULT:**           **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:**           Margaret J. Gómez, Commissioner

**SECONDER:**       Karen L. Huber, Commissioner

**AYES:**            Samuel T. Biscoe, Karen L. Huber, Margaret J. Gómez

**ABSENT:**          Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt

- 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 September 20, 2011.
- C4. Approve setting of a Public Hearing on November 1, 2011, to receive comments regarding a request to temporarily close Old Lockhart Highway between Bradshaw Road and Capitol View Drive from November 14, 2011, through January 13, 2012, or until construction is complete in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

### **Added Items**

1. Approve termination of Contract No. 10T00219CW, Austin Crushed Stone, for flexible base materials, Type A.

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

2. Approve setting a Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, to receive comments regarding a proposed street name for a private easement off Rodriguez Road to “Simpson Lane” in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

**RESULT:           ADDED TO CONSENT**

### **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, October 18, 2011 Voting Session

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

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

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

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