

**MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2007**

STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:32 A.M. on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007, a REGULAR SESSION of the Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, was held with the following being present, to-wit:

Present: Dan A. Gattis, County Judge
Lisa Birkman, Commissioner Precinct 1
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct 3
Ron Morrison, Commissioner Precinct 4
Nancy E. Rister, County Clerk

Absent: Cynthia Long, Commissioner Precinct 2

Attendees: Dale Rye, County Attorney General Counsel
Connie Singleton, Deputy County Clerk

1. Read and approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve minutes from last meeting.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

2. Hear County Auditor concerning invoices, bills, Quick Check Report, and wire transfers submitted for payment and take appropriate action including, but not limited to approval for payment provided said items are found by the County Auditor to be legal obligations of the County.

Auditor Donna McKittrick addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To authorize the payment of bills totaling \$2,024,736.94 on the computer printout, addendum and wire transfer from the proper line items, if found by the County Auditor to be legal expenses as appropriated in the 2006-07 and 2007-08 County Budget.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

3. Consider noting in minutes any off right-of-way work on any County road done by Road & Bridge Unified System.

URS Road Administrator Greg Bergeron addressed the Court.

Motion By: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman **Motion: To note in the minutes Utility Request: Precinct 2 - Thomas Hodd DBA Sunrise Builders - 9006 Anderson Mill Road - ROW work to connect 18" discharge line from retention pond to storm sewer.**

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
 Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
 Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
 Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

4. Citizen comments.

John Kiracofe, President of Williamson County Fire Chief's Association addressed the Court.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda includes routine items that the Court may act on with one single vote. The Judge or a Commissioner may pull any item from the Consent Agenda in order that the Court discuss and act upon it individually as part of the Regular Agenda. (Items 5 - 12)

5. Consider approving a line item transfer request for the Department of Emergency Communications.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Motion: To approve a line item transfer request for the Department of Emergency Communications.

From	0100.0583.003120	Printer Supplies	1000.00
To	0100.0583.004210	Internet/Email Service	1000.00

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
 Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
 Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
 Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

6. Consider authorizing the transfer of computers and related equipment from multiple departments to auction/donation. (Complete list filed with official minutes)

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman **Motion: To authorize the transfer of computers and related equipment from multiple departments to auction/donation.**

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
 Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
 Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

7. **Consider authorizing the transfer of one vehicle and other various items from multiple departments to auction/donation. (Complete list filed with official minutes)**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman **Motion: To authorize the transfer of one vehicle and other various items from multiple departments to auction/donation.**

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

8. **Consider approving Property Tax Collections - October 2007 as determined by Tax Assessor/Collector.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman **Motion: To approve Property Tax Collections - October 2007 as determined by Tax Assessor/Collector.**

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

9. **Consider approving County Treasurer's report on County Finances.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman **Motion: To approve County Treasurer's report on County Finances.**

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

10. **Consider approving Project Budget Transfer from 2001 Road Bond monies per recommendation of Mike Weaver, Road Bond Manager: close out P122 FM 1660 move balance of \$353,156.59 to P-45 Gattis School Road.**

This item was moved to the Regular Agenda.

Mike Weaver of Prime Strategies addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman **Motion: To approve Project Budget Transfer from 2001 Road Bond monies per recommendation of Mike Weaver, Road Bond Manager: close out P122 FM 1660 move balance of \$353,156.59 to P-45 Gattis School Road.**

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

11. **Discuss and take appropriate action on changing the spelling of the street name "Kindra Drive" in Cierra Springs subdivision to "Kendra Drive".**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve changing the spelling of the street name "Kindra Drive" in Cierra Springs subdivision to "Kendra Drive".***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

12. **Consider request for an emergency blading of private road 905 in Liberty Hill.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve request for an emergency blading of private road 905 in Liberty Hill.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

REGULAR AGENDA

13. **Hear presentation on Aircheck Texas program.**

Gary Boyd of the Parks Department addressed the Court.

14. **Discuss and take appropriate action on Aircheck Texas contract and budget.**

Gary Boyd of the Parks Department addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve the budget and authorize Judge Gattis to sign Aircheck Texas contract after it has been reviewed by the County Attorney's office.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

15. **Discuss and take appropriate action on road bond program.**

Richard Ridings of HNTB and Mike Weaver of Prime Strategies addressed the Court.

16. **Discuss and take appropriate action on TxDOT Advance Funding Agreement for Williamson County #0683-01-080, 081 & 082 for RR 620: Wyoming Springs, Oaklands & Deepwood for construction of right turn lanes at Wyoming Springs, Oaklands and Deepwood.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey **Motion: To approve TxDOT Advance Funding Agreement for Williamson County #0683-01-080, 081 & 082 for RR 620: Wyoming Springs, Oaklands & Deepwood for construction of right turn lanes at Wyoming Springs, Oaklands and Deepwood.**

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

17. Consider approving Chandler Rd, Ph. 2 (Wilco Project No. 06WC407A) Change Order No. 5.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey **Motion: To approve Chandler Rd, Ph. 2 (Wilco Project No. 06WC407A) Change Order No. 5.**

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

18. Hold Public Hearing concerning HB 621 - "Goods-In-Transit".

Public Hearing began at 10:21 A.M.

No one addressed the Court.

Public Hearing closed at 10:22 A.M.

19. Discuss and take appropriate action concerning HB 621 - "Goods-In-Transit".

Tax Assessor and Collector Deborah Hunt and General Counsel Dale Rye addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison **Motion: To exempt Williamson County from HB 621 - "Goods-In-Transit".**

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

20. Discuss and take appropriate action on proposed renewal service agreement with Specialized Billing & Collection Systems of Texas for billing services for EMS.

Auditor Jim Gilger addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison **Motion: To approve proposed renewal service agreement with Specialized Billing & Collection Systems of Texas for billing services for EMS with exception of lowering the billing office fee to 7% .**

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

21. Discuss and consider approving a change order request for Soil and Water Conservation Assistance.

Gary Galbraith of Soil & Water Conservation Assistance Environmental Consultants and Assistant to County Auditor Julie Kiley addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To approve a change order request for Soil & Water Conservation Assistance and take Whitney Tract funding out of the Regional Habitat Conservation Plan if appropriate.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

22. Hear presentation from Ann Kitchen regarding the Regional Health Initiative.

Ann Kitchen, Executive Director Indigent Care Collaboration and Assistant Director of Williamson County and Cities Health District Bride Roberts addressed the Court.

23. Discuss and take appropriate action on interlocal agreement with Capital Metro for participation in the Build Central Texas program.

Executive Assistant to Commissioner of Precinct 2 Kathy Grimes addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To approve interlocal agreement with Capital Metro for participation in the Build Central Texas program.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007.

24. Discuss real estate (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.0721 Deliberation Regarding Real Property.)

No action was taken in Executive Session.

25. Discuss pending or contemplated litigation (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.071 consultation with attorney.)

No action was taken in Executive Session.

26. **Discuss County Landfill (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.071 consultation with attorney.)**

No action was taken in Executive Session.

27. **Discuss courthouse restoration (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.071 consultation with attorney.)**

No action was taken in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECONVENED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:36 P. M. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007.

28. **Discuss and take appropriate action on real estate.**

No action was taken.

29. **Discuss and take appropriate action on pending or contemplated litigation.**

No action was taken.

30. **Discuss and take appropriate action on the County Landfill.**

No action was taken.

31. **Discuss and take appropriate action on courthouse restoration.**

No action was taken.

32. **Comments from Commissioners.**

Judge Gattis gave the reminder that Court will not be in session on December 25, 2007 or January 1, 2008.

Commissioner Covey noted that **Commissioner Birkman** rode on the float for Brown Santa with the dog she adopted from the Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED AT 12:37 P.M. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES had at a Regular Session of Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, having been read are hereby approved this 11th day of December, 2007.

**ATTEST: Nancy E. Rister, Clerk of County Court
Commissioners' Court, Williamson County, Texas**

By: Connie Singleton, Deputy