

**MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2008**

STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:36 A.M. on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008, a REGULAR SESSION of the Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, was held with the following being present, to-wit:

Present: Lisa Birkman, Commissioner Precinct 1
Cynthia Long, Commissioner Precinct 2
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct 3
Ron Morrison, Commissioner Precinct 4
Nancy E. Rister, County Clerk
Absent: Dan A. Gattis, County Judge
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 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To approve the minutes of the last meeting with corrections.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

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

No action taken.

3. 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.

Accounts Payable/Payroll Manager Donna McKittrick addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To authorize the payment of bills totaling \$3,112,629.92 from computer printout, Addendum, Wire Transfer, Quick Check Report from the proper line items, if found by the County Auditor to be legal expenses as appropriated in the County budget.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

4. Citizen comments.

The following citizens addressed the Court:

Greg Windham of Georgetown
Jim Dillon of Liberty Hill
Pat Jones of Liberty Hill
Mary Ellen Kersch of Georgetown
Jane Van Praag of Bartlett
Kay Trub of Georgetown
Mike Fowler of Hutto
Mahlon Arnett of Hutto Citizens Group
Tim and Patrick Harlow of Liberty Hill
Jose Orta representative of LULAC 4721
Sheila and Charles Carter of Georgetown
Mayor Pro Tem of Georgetown Pat Berryman

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 - 11)

5. Considering accepting a donation of \$500 from Perry Steger for Archeology Day at Berry Springs Park.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To accept a donation of \$500 from Perry Steger for Archeology Day at Berry Springs Park.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

6. Consider and take appropriate action on authorizing the transfer of various items from multiple departments through inter-office transfer to County departments and auction/donation and/or disposal. (Complete list filed with official minutes)

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To authorize the transfer of various items from multiple departments through inter-office transfer to County departments and auction/donation and/or disposal.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

7. Consider closing Pine Bluffs Trail from Buccaneer to Greybull on Friday, October 31, 2008 from 6:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. and loaning cones and barricades from URS.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To approve closing Pine Bluffs Trail from Buccaneer to Greybull on Friday, October 31, 2008 from 6:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. and loan cones and barricades from URS.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

8. **Consider closing Park Valley between Fern Bluff Ave. and Box Canyon from 5:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008 with a rain date set for Oct. 19, for a block party and consider loaning cones from URS.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To approve closing Park Valley between Fern Bluff Ave. and Box Canyon from 5:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008 with a rain date set for Oct. 19, for a block party and loan cones from URS.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

9. **Discuss and take action on the RunTex 20 Miler Race for Sunday, January 11, 2009.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To approve the RunTex 20 Miler Race for Sunday January 11, 2009.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

10. **Discuss and consider final plat approval of Sonterra West, Section 6, Pct. 3.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To approve the final plat of Sonterra West, Section 6, Pct. 3.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

11. **Discuss and consider setting speed limit of 45 mph for CR 261, Pct. 3.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To approve setting speed limit of 45 mph for CR 261, Pct. 3.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

REGULAR AGENDA

12. **Hear October 2008 Monthly Construction Summary Report for Road Bond and Pass Through Financing Projects.**

Richard Ridings of HNTB addressed the Court.

13. **Consider approving Change Order No. 2 for CR 111/Westinghouse Road (Wilco Project No. 08WC608) in Precinct #1.**

Richard Ridings of HNTB addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To approve Change Order No. 2 for CR 111/Westinghouse Road (Wilco Project No. 08WC608) in Precinct #1.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

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

Richard Ridings of HNTB addressed the Court.

15. **Discuss and take appropriate action to release the Public Utility easement on the south side of lot 8 and the north side of lot 10 in Hilltop Acres, Pct. 4.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To approve the to release of the Public Utility easement on the south side of lot 8 and the north side of lot 10 in Hilltop Acres, Pct. 4.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

16. **Hear presentation from Adult Protective Services on Williamson County Special Task Unit (STU).**

Executive Assistant to Commissioner of Precinct 2 Kathy Grimes introduced APS Regional Director Kez Wold, Carmen Campa, John Fritz, Diana Mutate. Award certificates were presented to Richard Blake, John Bradley, Annie Burwell, Barry Haag, Nancy Kind, Kent Marrs, Beth McClary, Dale Rye, Mike Sorenson, C. O. Smith, Greg Willis, Ray Killebrew, Bert Witcher, Rickey George, Allen Keirn, Robert Horton, Don Georgens, Samuel Cortina and Kathy Grimes.

17. **Discuss and consider approving an interlocal agreement between Williamson County and Williamson County ESD #1 for establishing EMS ambulance housing at Jollyville Fire Station No. 1.**

Emergency Medical Operations Manager Kenny Schnell addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To approve an interlocal agreement between Williamson County and Williamson County ESD #1 for establishing EMS ambulance housing at Jollyville Fire Station No. 1.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

18. Review and consider approving amendment to the Northridge Acres Water Project Six Party Agreement to include language required by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Grants Coordinator Sally Bardwell addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To approve the amendment to the Northridge Acres Water Project Six Party Agreement to include language required by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

19. Consider amending Peace Officer Tenure System (POTS) Plan.

Director of Human Resources John Willingham and County Sheriff James R. Wilson addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To amend the Peace Officer Tenure System (POTS) Plan with the 2nd option on page 2 "Years of Service" to read - " not to exceed the current salary budget for the office".***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

20. Discuss and take appropriate action on contract for mental health services with Lone Star Circle of Care.

Executive Assistant to Commissioner of Precinct 2 Kathy Grimes and General Counsel Dale Rye addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To approve the contract for mental health services with Lone Star Circle of Care.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

21. **To discuss and approve LexisNexis contract for use of Accurint for advance people searches for collections in the Criminal Courts Division of the County Clerk's Office.**

County Clerk Nancy Rister addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To approve LexisNexis contract for use of Accurint for advance people searches for collections in the Criminal Courts Division of the County Clerk's Office.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

22. **Consider approving the 2009 Williamson County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program.**

General Counsel Dale Rye, Assistant Financial Director Melanie Denny and Administrative Assistant to the County Judge Peggy Vasquez addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To approve the 2009 Williamson County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

23. **Discuss and take possible action regarding RFQ for video recording of Commissioner's Court meetings by County staff and placing the videos on the County's web site.**

ITS Director Jay Schade and Public Information Officer Connie Watson addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To approve moving forward with RFQ for video recording of Commissioner's Court meetings by County staff and placing the videos on the County's web site.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Nay: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

24. **Consider authorizing and setting date of November 5, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. in the Purchasing Department to receive proposals for stabilizing foundation and pier installation at the JP4 Court Building.**

Purchasing Director Bob Space addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To authorize and set date of November 5, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. in the Purchasing Department to receive proposals for stabilizing foundation and pier installation at the JP4 Court Building.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

25. **Consider authorizing and setting date of October 29, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. in the Purchasing Department to receive bids for Paperless Ticket-Writer Systems for the Sheriff's Office.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To authorize and set date of October 29, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. in the Purchasing Department to receive bids for Paperless Ticket-Writer Systems for the Sheriff's Office.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

26. **Consider an order declaring an emergency and a grave necessity due to unforeseeable circumstances and approve a budget amendment for additional expenditures for the Williamson County Conservation Fund.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Motion: To approve an order declaring an emergency and a grave necessity due to unforeseeable circumstances and approve a budget amendment for additional expenditures for the Williamson County Conservation Fund:

From/To	Acct No.	Description	Amount
	0508-0508-004100	Professional Services	\$100,000.00

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

27. **To discuss and consider approving an order declaring an emergency and a grave necessity due to unforeseeable circumstances and approving a budget amendment for EMS.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Motion: To approve an order declaring an emergency and a grave necessity due to unforeseeable circumstances and approving a budget amendment for EMS:

From/To	Acct No.	Description	Amount
	0100-0540-004101	Collection Fees	\$385,000.00

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:21 A.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008.

28. **Discuss real estate (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.0721 deliberation regarding real property.)**

No action was taken in Executive Session.

29. **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.

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

No action was taken in Executive Session.

31. **Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.087 deliberation regarding economic development negotiations.)**

No action was taken in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECONVENED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:32 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008.

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

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To authorize Judge to proceed with acquiring parcel 33 on Chandler Road Phase 3 up to the counter amount.***

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

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

No action was taken.

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

No action was taken.

35. **Discuss and take appropriate action concerning deliberation regarding economic development negotiations.**

No action was taken.

36. **Comments from Commissioners.**

There were no comments.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED AT 12:33 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES had at a Regular Session of Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, having been read are hereby approved this 14th day of October, 2008.



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

By: Connie Singleton, Deputy