

**MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2008**

STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:38 A.M. on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008, 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
Cynthia Long, Commissioner Precinct 2
Valerie Covey, Commissioner Precinct 3
Ron Morrison, Commissioner Precinct 4
Nancy E. Rister, County Clerk
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 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To approve the minutes of the last meeting.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
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.

URS Road Administrator Greg Bergeron advised the Court that Road and Bridge will be going back to 8 hour work day when Daylight Savings time takes effect in November.

No action was 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 McKitrick addressed the Court.

Commissioner Birkman abstained in regards to invoices for San Gabriel Ranch Track Park Land. (Conflict of Interest Affidavit attached)

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison **Motion: To authorize the payment of bills totaling \$1,643,181.22 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: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

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 addressed the Court:

Patrick Harlow and Jim Dillon of Liberty Hill

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 - 10)

5. Discuss and consider approving a line item transfer for the District Attorney.

Budget Manager Ashlie Koenig addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Motion: To approve a line item transfer for the District Attorney:

From	0100-0440-004999	Miscellaneous	\$119.00	
To	0100-0440-003004	Ammunition	\$119.00	

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

6. Consider various lane closures from 7:30 A.M. until 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, Dec. 6th, 2008 for the annual Reindeer Run.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman **Motion: To approve various lane closures from 7:30 A.M. until 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, Dec. 6th, 2008 for the annual Reindeer Run.**

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

7. **Consider and take appropriate action on authorizing the retirement of (1) vehicle and 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 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To authorize the retirement of (1) vehicle and the transfer of various items from multiple departments through inter-office transfer to County departments and auction/donation and/or disposal.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

8. **Consider approving property tax refunds - over \$2,500.00 for the month of September, 2008 for the Williamson County Tax Assessor/Collector.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve property tax refunds - over \$2,500.00 for the month of September, 2008 for the Williamson County Tax Assessor/Collector.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

9. **Consider approving corrected Property Tax Collections report for the month of August 2008, Property Tax Collections report for the month of September 2008 and 2007 Annual Tax Collections report for (General Williamson County) GWI and (Rural Farm Market) RFM for the Williamson County Tax Assessor/Collector.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve corrected Property Tax Collections report for the month of August 2008, Property Tax Collections report for the month of September 2008 and 2007 Annual Tax Collections report for GWI and RFM for the Williamson County Tax Assessor/Collector.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
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 Highland Horizons, Phase 1, Pct. #1.**

This item was moved to Executive Session.

No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA

11. **Consider approving resolution declaring the month of November "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Williamson County.**

Erika Priddy of PanCAN addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To approve a resolution declaring the month of November "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in Williamson County.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

12. **Hear update from Bob Daigh regarding TxDOT.**

Austin District Engineer for TxDot Bob Daigh addressed the Court.

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

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

14. **Consider a resolution determining the necessity and authorizing condemnation of certain property interests necessary for the construction of Chandler Road, and take appropriate action (Wolbrueck).**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Second By: County Judge Dan A. Gattis ***Motion: To approve a resolution determining the necessity and authorize condemnation of certain property interests necessary for the construction of Chandler Road.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

15. **Discuss and consider preliminary plat approval of Teravista Senior Community, Pct. #4.**

County Engineer Joe England addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve the preliminary plat of Teravista Senior Community, Pct. #4.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

16. **Discuss and consider re-approval of preliminary plat of Highland Horizons, Pct. #1.**

This item was moved to Executive Session.

No action was taken.

17. **Hear presentation from David U. Flores, Williamson County Auditor, on the 2008 fiscal year end financial position.**

County Auditor David Flores addressed the Court.

18. **Discuss and consider approving the Williamson County Comprehensive Park Master Plan and Conceptual Master Plan for the Southwest Regional Park.**

Parks Director Jim Rodgers addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve the Williamson County Comprehensive Park Master Plan for the Southwest Regional Park with corrections.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

19. **Consider approving change order #1 for Chasco Constructors for Brushy Creek Regional Trail Phase III.**

Parks Director Jim Rodgers addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To approve change order #1 for Chasco Constructors for Brushy Creek Regional Trail Phase III.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

20. **Consider authorizing project budget transfer of 2006 GO Park bond monies in the amount of \$600,000.00 from P182 Byer Tract to P130 Brushy Creek Trail.**

County Auditor Pam Navarrette addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To authorize project budget transfer of 2006 GO Park bond monies in the amount of \$600,000.00 from P182 Byer Tract to P130 Brushy Creek Trail.***

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

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

21. **Consider authorizing project budget transfer of 2006 Road Bond monies per recommendation of Mike Weaver, Road Bond Manager. Move a total amount of \$206,403.85 P180 right of way distributed to the following projects: P167 RM 620 Improvements \$1,309.00, P124 CR 179 \$28,870.95, and P175 Chandler Road \$176,223.90 with accordance to right of way expenditures that occurred between June 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008.**

Mike Weaver of Prime Strategies addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To authorize project budget transfer of 2006 Road Bond monies per recommendation of Mike Weaver, Road Bond Manager. Move a total amount of \$206,403.85 P180 right of way distributed to the following projects: P167 RM 620 Improvements \$1,309.00, P124 CR 179 \$28,870.95, and P175 Chandler Road \$176,223.90 with accordance to right of way expenditures that occurred between June 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

22. **Consider authorizing project budget transfer request of 2006 Road Bond monies per recommendation of Mike Weaver, Road Bond Manager: \$500,000.00 from P123 (CR 175) to P173 (CR176).**

Mike Weaver of Prime Strategies addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To authorize project budget transfer request of 2006 Road Bond monies per recommendation of Mike Weaver, Road Bond Manager: \$500,000.00 from P123 (CR 175) to P173 (CR176).***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

23. **Consider authorizing project budget transfer request of 2001 Road Bond monies per recommendation of Mike Weaver, Road Bond Manager: move \$564,892.00 from P12 (Lake Creek) and \$475,227 from P14 [(SH 45) close project] to P129 (RM 620).**

Mike Weaver of Prime Strategies addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To authorize project budget transfer request of 2001 Road Bond monies per recommendation of Mike Weaver, Road Bond Manager: move \$564,892.00 from P12 (Lake Creek) and \$475,227 from P14 [(SH 45) close project] to P129 (RM 620).***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

24. **Consider authorizing project budget transfer of 2001 Road Bond monies per recommendation of Mike Weaver, Road Bond Manager: move \$39,267 from P18 [(US 79) close out project] to P06 (Chandler Road).**

Mike Weaver of Prime Strategies addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To authorize project budget transfer of 2001 Road Bond monies per recommendation of Mike Weaver, Road Bond Manager: move \$39,267 from P18 [(US 79) close out project] to P06 (Chandler Road).***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

25. **Consider authorizing project budget transfer of 2001 Road Bond monies per recommendation of Mike Weaver, Road Bond Manager. Move \$907,958.00 from P83 (CR 276) to P172 (CR 185/New Hope Road).**

Mike Weaver of Prime Strategies addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To authorize project budget transfer of 2001 Road Bond monies per recommendation of Mike Weaver, Road Bond Manager. Move \$907,958.00 from P83 (CR 276) to P172 (CR 185/New Hope Road).***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

26. **Consider authorizing project budget transfer request for 2006 Road Bond monies per recommendation of Mike Weaver, Road Bond Manager: move \$1,000,000.00 from P170 (Lakeline Blvd Ext) to P189 (CR 269/FM 2243).**

Mike Weaver of Prime Strategies addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To authorize project budget transfer request for 2006 Road Bond monies per recommendation of Mike Weaver, Road Bond Manager: move \$1,000,000.00 from P170 (Lakeline Blvd Ext) to P189 (CR 269/FM 2243).***

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

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

27. Review and consider approving the Pflugerville ISD Tax Collection Agreement.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To approve the Pflugerville ISD Tax Collection Agreement.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

28. Discuss and take appropriate action on a Professional Services Agreement between Williamson County and Jefferson Associates, Inc. for consulting services relating to the county's procurement and acquisition of a Computer Aided Dispatch System and other related applications, modules and systems.

Emergency Operations Director John Sneed and Director for Jefferson Associates Bill Weaver addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve a Professional Services Agreement between Williamson County and Jefferson Associates, Inc. for consulting services relating to the county's procurement and acquisition of a Computer Aided Dispatch System and other related applications, modules and systems.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED FOR THE ROAD DISTRICT MEETING AT 11:23 A.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECONVENED AT 11:25 A.M AND IMMEDIATELY ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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

No action taken in Executive Session.

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

No action taken in Executive Session.

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

No action taken in Executive Session.

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

No action taken in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECONVENED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:08 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008.

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

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To authorize County Judge to execute a contract with SOC Venture L.L.C. for a total of \$160,000 with the CTRMA paying \$55,000 of the total.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

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

No action was taken.

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

No action was taken.

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

No action was taken.

37. **Consider and take action on damage claim made by Jim Donahue.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To approve payment of the damage claim made by Jim Donahue on advice from attorneys.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

38. **Comments from Commissioners.**

Commissioner Long said she will not be at the meeting next week, she has an all day field trip with her daughter.

Judge Gattis said there will be an announcement next week in regards to canceling Commissioners' Court meetings on upcoming Holidays.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED AT 1:11 P.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES had at a Regular Session of Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, having been read are hereby approved this 18th day of November, 2008.



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

By: Connie Singleton, Deputy