

MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2008

STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 8:33 A.M. on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008, a SPECIAL 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 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***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.

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.

Motion By: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To authorize the payment of bills totaling \$6,276,371.38 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.**

Dan Wegmiller from Specialized Public Finance Services addressed the Court.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. **Canvass returns from the General Election of November 4, 2008, and discuss/approve all necessary documents to certify the returns are official and correct.**

Elections Administrator Rick Barron addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To canvass and approve returns as presented and approve all necessary documents to certify the returns are official and correct.***

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. **Canvass election returns for Avery Centre Road District No. 1 and discuss/approve all necessary documents including Certificate for Order and Order Canvassing Election Returns.**

Elections Administrator Rick Barron addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To canvass and approve election returns and approve the Certificate for Order and Order Canvassing Election Returns for Avery Centre Road District No. 1 (3 for and 0 against).***

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. **Canvass election returns for Avery Centre Road District No. 2 and discuss/approve all necessary documents including Certificate for Order and Order Canvassing Election Returns.**

Elections Administrator Rick Barron addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To canvass and approve the election returns and approve the Certificate for Order and Order Canvassing Election Returns for Avery Centre Road District No. 2 (2 for and 0 against).***

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. **Canvass the local option liquor election for the City of Granger and discuss/approve all necessary documents certifying the returns are official and correct.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To canvass and approve the local option liquor election (The legal sale of mixed beverages in restaurants by food and beverage certificate holders only) for the City of Granger (the vote was 317 for 99 against) and approve all necessary documents certifying that the returns are official and correct.***

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. **Hear presentation regarding Freeport Tax.**

Georgetown Economic Development Director Mark Thomas, Tax Assessor/Collector Deborah Hunt, General Counsel Dale Rye, and Chief Deputy for Tax Assessor/Collector Joe Pondrom addressed the Court.

10. **Discuss and take appropriate action regarding adoption of Freeport Tax.**

No action was taken.

11. **Discuss and take appropriate action regarding establishing a Williamson County Economic Development Authority.**

Attorney Carol Polumbo of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton, Clint Barton VP of Materials for Airborne and John Cavanaugh Investment Banker for Comerica Bank addressed the Court.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:03 A.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008.

12. **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.

13. **Consultation with attorney (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 11:01 A.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008.

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

No action was taken.

15. **Discuss and take appropriate action on consultation with attorney.**

No action was taken.

16. **Comments from Commissioners.**

Commissioner Birkman stated that she and **Judge Gattis** will be at a conference next week. She said she will be on out of town during the November 25th Commissioners' Court session.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED AT 11:08 A.M. ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES had at a Special 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