

**MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2009**

STATE OF TEXAS )(

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON )(

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that at 9:41 A.M. on TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009, 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. Review and approval of the minutes.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To approve minutes of last meeting.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Other: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison (Absent from the Dais)

**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.**

First Assistant County Auditor Julie Kiley addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To authorize the payment of bills totaling \$2,038,620.28 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  
 Other: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison (Absent from the Dais)

**4. Citizen comments.**

The following Liberty Hill citizens addressed the Court:  
 Jim Dillon  
 Patrick Harlow  
 Suzy Bates  
 Donald Nichols  
 Pat Patterson

## **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 - 16)

**5. Discuss and consider approving a line item transfer for Extension Services.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

***Motion: To approve a line item transfer for Extension Services:***

From	0100-0665-005700	Vehicles>\$5000	\$1,600.00	
To	0100-0665-004221	Livestock Show expenditures	\$1,600.00	
From	0100-0665-005700	Vehicles>\$5000	\$800.00	
To	0100-0665-003101	Educational Aids/Mat./Training Supplies	\$8.00	

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. Discuss and consider approving a line item transfer for the Law Library.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

***Motion: To approve a line item transfer for the Law Library:***

From	0350-0680-004210	Internet/Email Service	\$314.00	
To	0350-0680-004543	Repair to Equipment	\$314.00	

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

7. Discuss and consider approving a line item transfer for JP #2.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

**Motion: To approve a line item transfer for JP #2:**

From	0100-0452-003100	Office Supplies	\$662.42	
To	0100-0452-003006	Office Equipment<\$5000	\$662.42	

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. Discuss and consider approving a line item transfer for Constable Pct. #1.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

**Motion: To approve a line item transfer for Constable Pct. #1(changing account # 0100-0551-004410 to 0100-0551-004414):**

From	0100-0409-004100	Professional Services	\$30,255.11	
To	0100-0551-001100	Full-time Salaries	\$22,438.73	
To	0100-0551-002010	FICA	\$1,716.56	
To	0100-0551-002020	Retirement	\$2,445.82	
To	0100-0551-002030	Insurance	\$2,769.00	
To	0100-0551-003004	Ammunition	\$125.00	
To	0100-0551-003008	Law Enforcement Equip<\$5000	\$600.00	
To	0100-0551-004414	Vehicle Insurance	\$160.00	

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

9. Discuss and consider approving a line item transfer for Constable Pct. #1.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

**Motion: To approve a line item transfer for Constable Pct. #1(changing account # 0100-0551-004410 to 0100-0551-004414):**

From	0100-0551-003006	Office Equipment<\$5000	\$500.00	
From	0100-0551-003008	Law Enforcement Equip<\$5000	\$2,000.00	
From	0100-0551-003311	Uniforms	\$2,000.00	
From	0100-0551-005700	Vehicles>\$5000	\$2,000.00	
To	0100-0551-004414	Vehicle Insurance	\$15.00	

To	0100-0551-003010	Computer Equipment<\$5000	\$3,500.00	
To	0100-0551-003301	Gasoline, Oil	\$2,400.00	
To	0100-0551-004209	Cell Phone/Pager	\$480.00	
To	0100-0551-000507	Transfer to CWICS	\$105.00	

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

**10. To discuss and take appropriate action on the approval of a line item transfer for Unified Road System.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

***Motion: To approve a line item transfer for Unified Road System:***

From	0200-0210-005700	Vehicles	\$10,000.00	
To	0200-0210-003599	Road Const. & Maint.	\$10,000.00	

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

**11. Discuss and consider approving a line item transfer for Veterans Services.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

***Motion: To approve a line item transfer for Veterans Services:***

From	0100-0405-004231	Travel	\$200.00	
To	0100-0405-004232	Training Conf., Seminars	\$200.00	

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

**12. Consider and take appropriate action on authorizing the transfer of various items including vehicles to auction, donation or destruction. (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 various items including vehicles to auction, donation or destruction.***

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

13. **Consider granting request for the City of Liberty Hill's Spring Clean-Up Day to be held on Saturday, May 16th at 9:00 A.M. at the URS parking lot.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve a request for the City of Liberty Hill's Spring Clean-Up Day to be held on Saturday, May 16th at 9:00 A.M. at the URS parking lot.***

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

14. **Consider various lane closures for the second annual Batstravanganza.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve various lane closures for the second annual Batstravanganza.***

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 take action on the appointment of Jerry Allen to the ESD #5 Board in Jarrell. This position replaces Will Richards whose term was 11/2007 - 11/2009. Jerry Allen's term will be 11/2009 to 11/2011.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve the appointment of Jerry Allen to the ESD #5 Board in Jarrell. This position replaces Will Richards whose term was 11/2007 - 11/2009.***

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 plat approval for amended plat of lots 90 and 91, Brushy Bend Park, Pct. #3.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve the amended plat of lots 90 and 91, Brushy Bend Park, Pct. #3.***

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

# REGULAR AGENDA

17. Consider approving a resolution recognizing Bob Daigh for his years of service with Texas Department of Transportation.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve a resolution recognizing Bob Daigh for his years of service with Texas Department of Transportation.***

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

18. Hear the April 2009 Monthly Construction Summary Report for Road Bond and Pass Through Financing Projects.

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

19. Discuss and take appropriate action on road bond program.

Austin District Engineer for TxDOT, Bob Daigh and Richard Ridings of HNTB addressed the Court.

20. Discuss and consider authorizing Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc. (LAN) Supplemental #1 to their US 79, section 5B (CSJ#0204-04-042) Professional Service Agreement (PSA) to allow for the execution of Supplemental #1 to Work Authorization #2 for Construction Phase Services.

Mike Weaver of Prime Strategies addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To authorize Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc. (LAN) Supplemental #1 to their US 79, section 5B (CSJ#0204-04-042) Professional Service Agreement (PSA) to allow for the execution of Supplemental #1 to Work Authorization #2 for Construction Phase Services with a correction.***

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 request of 2001 Road Bond monies per recommendation of Mike Weaver, Road Bond Manager: \$2,000,000.00 from P127 (O'Connor Boulevard) to P197 (SH 45/O'Connor Boulevard Exchange).

Mike Weaver of Prime Strategies addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To authorize project budget transfer request of 2001 Road Bond monies per recommendation of Mike Weaver, Road Bond Manager: \$2,000,000.00 from P127 (O'Connor Boulevard) to P197 (SH 45/O'Connor Boulevard Exchange).***

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. Discuss and take appropriate action on the permanent agreement with the Texas Department of Agriculture Food & Nutrition Division.**

Executive Director of Juvenile Services Charly Skaggs addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To approve the permanent agreement with the Texas Department of Agriculture Food & Nutrition Division.***

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. Request approval of invoice from True Automation for Tax Assessor/Collector.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison ***Motion: To approve invoice from True Automation for 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

**24. Consider accepting donation of K-9 Desi from Deputy John Richter.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To approve accepting donation of K-9 Desi from Deputy John Richter.***

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. Discuss and consider adopting policies for room rentals in county owned buildings.**

Mary Clark Executive Assistant to the Commissioner Precinct 1 and First Assistant County Auditor Julie Kiley addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey **Motion: To approve adopting policies for room rentals in county owned buildings to be effective on June 15th with a 6 month evaluation by the Court.**

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 awarding proposals received for merchant credit card services for Williamson County, proposal # 09WCP802, to the best proposal meeting specifications - Certified Payments, Inc.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman **Motion: To award to the best proposal meeting specifications for merchant credit card services - Certified Payments, Inc. (proposal # 09WCP802).**

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. Consider an order declaring an emergency and a grave necessity due to unforeseeable circumstances and approve a budget amendment for Park Donations.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

**Motion: To approve an order declaring an emergency and a grave necessity due to unforeseeable circumstances and approve a budget amendment for Park Donations:**

From/To	Acct No.	Description	Amount	
	0100-0000-367403	Park Donations	\$430.00	

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

28. Consider an order declaring an emergency and a grave necessity due to unforeseeable circumstances and approve a budget amendment to acknowledge use of Park Donations.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

**Motion: To approve an order declaring an emergency and a grave necessity due to unforeseeable circumstances and approve a budget amendment to acknowledge use of Park Donations:**

From/To	Acct No.	Description	Amount	
	0100-0510-003670	Use of Donations	\$430.00	

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

**29. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding current pending legislation.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To authorize the County Judge to send a letter of support for HJR 84.***

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 TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:56 A.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009.**

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

No action was taken in Executive Session.

**31. 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.

**32. 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 11:59 A.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009.**

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

No action was taken.

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

No action was taken.

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

No action was taken.

**36. Comments from Commissioners.**

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED AT 12:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY,  
APRIL 7, 2009.**

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 April, 2009.



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

By: Connie Singleton, Deputy