

**MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2009**

STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:34 A.M. on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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
Nancy E. Rister, County Clerk
Absent: Ron Morrison, Commissioner Precinct 4
Attendees: Henry Prejean, Chief Civil Litigator
Connie Singleton, Deputy County Clerk

1. Review and approval of minutes.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***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

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.

Donna Baker Accounts Payable/Payroll Manager addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To authorize the payment of bills totaling \$2,392,137.75 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

4. Citizen comments.

There were no comments.

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 - 7)

5. Consider closing Pine Bluffs Trail from Buccaneer Trail to Greybull Drive on October 31st, 2009 from 6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To approve closing Pine Bluffs Trail from Buccaneer Trail to Greybull Drive on October 31st, 2009 from 6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.***

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

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

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To authorize the transfer of various items including vehicles through inter-office transfer to County departments and/or auction/donation/destruction or trade-in.***

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 preliminary plat approval of CR Estates, Pct #3.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To approve preliminary plat for CR Estates, Pct #3.***

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

REGULAR AGENDA

8. **Award Presentation by Karen A. Norris, TAC Executive Director who will present the 2009 Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Leadership Foundation County Best Practices Award to Williamson County. Ms. Norris will be accompanied by Jack Coffee, TAC Field Representative.**

The following addressed the Court:
Parks Director Jim Rodgers
TAC Field Representative Jack Coffee
TAC Executive Director Karen Norris

9. **Discuss and take appropriate action on a resolution regarding National Accounts Payable Recognition Week.**

County Auditor David Flores addressed the Court.

Motion By: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To approve a resolution regarding National Accounts Payable Recognition Week.***

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

10. **Recognize District Attorney John Bradley for being presented the "Prosecutor of the Year" award by the State Bar Association of Texas.**

District Attorney John Bradley addressed the Court.

Motion By: County Judge Dan A. Gattis
Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey ***Motion: To recognize District Attorney John Bradley for being presented the "Prosecutor of the Year" award by the State Bar Association of Texas.***

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

11. **Hear presentation and take appropriate action on water play area in the Southwest Regional Park by Barbara Austin of RVI.**

Parks Director Jim Rodgers introduced Barbara Austin of RVI.

No action was taken.

12. **Discuss and take appropriate action on a resolution designating the month of November, 2009 as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in Williamson County.**

The following addressed the Court:
Volunteer Advocacy Coordinator for Cedar Park Erika Priddy
Mrs. Laura Hawes and Angela Hawes of Williamson County

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve a resolution designating the month of November, 2009 as 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

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

The following addressed the Court:
James Klotz Project Manager for HNTB
Director of Infrastructure Bob Daigh
Auditor Pam Navarrette

No action was taken.

14. Authorize the County Judge to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Leander for the construction, operation and maintenance of County Road 269, also known as Hero Way.

This item was removed from the Agenda.

15. Consider authorizing the County Judge to execute a development agreement with Transit Village Investments, Inc. for the construction of County Road 269, also known as Hero Way.

This item was removed from the Agenda.

16. Discuss and take action regarding the Jester Williamson County Annex and the Public Safety Building in Round Rock and other matters related thereto.

No action was taken.

17. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding a resolution nominating candidates for election to the Board of Directors for the Williamson County Central Appraisal District.

Williamson County Central Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Alvin Lankford addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long ***Motion: To approve a resolution nominating Tax Assessor and Collector Deborah Hunt for election to the Board of Directors for the Williamson County Central Appraisal District.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

18. Discuss and take appropriate action awarding and ratifying the lease proposals received from the sole respondents to the County's request for proposal to lease the County's office spaces located at 306-310 W. 7th Street, Georgetown, Texas, also known as The Office Suites at Belford Square.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve awarding and ratifying the lease proposals received from the sole respondents to the County's request for proposal to lease the County's office spaces located at 306-310 W. 7th Street, Georgetown, Texas, also known as The Office Suites at Belford Square.***

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

19. **Discuss and take appropriate action on audio/visual systems design and installation proposal by Data Projections, Inc. for the BJA FY 09 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Local Solicitation.**

District Attorney John Bradley addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman ***Motion: To approve the audio/visual systems design and installation proposal by Data Projections, Inc. for the BJA FY 09 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Local Solicitation.***

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

20. **Consider an order declaring an emergency and a grave necessity due to unforeseeable circumstances and approve a budget amendment to acknowledge additional revenues for Estimated Voluntary Duty.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

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 additional revenues for Estimated Voluntary Duty:

| From/To | Acct No. | Description | Amount |
|---------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| | 0100-0000-341220 | Voluntary Duty Rev, SO | \$19,432.13 |
| | 0100-0000-341226 | Voluntary Duty Rev, Juv Serv | \$2,534.63 |
| | 0100-0000-341230 | Voluntary Duty Admin Fees | \$997.24 |

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

21. **Consider an order declaring an emergency and a grave necessity due to unforeseeable circumstances and approve a budget amendment to acknowledge additional expenditures for Estimated Voluntary Duty pay.**

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

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 additional expenditures for Estimated Voluntary Duty pay:

| From/To | Acct No. | Description | Amount |
|---------|------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| | 0100-0560-001117 | Voluntary Duty Pay | \$15,000.00 |
| | 0100-0560-002010 | FICA | \$1,147.50 |
| | 0100-0560-002050 | Worker's Comp | \$750.00 |
| | 0100-0570-001117 | Voluntary Duty Pay | \$2,250.00 |
| | 0100-0570-002010 | FICA | \$172.13 |
| | 0100-0570-002050 | Worker's Comp | \$112.50 |
| | 0100-0570-001117 | Voluntary Duty Pay | \$2,250.00 |
| | 0100-0576-002010 | FICA | \$172.13 |
| | 0100-0576-002050 | Worker's Comp | \$112.50 |

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

COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:52 A.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009.

22. **Discuss real estate (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code Sec. 551.07121 Deliberation Regarding Real Property.)**

No action was taken in Executive Session.

23. **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.

24. **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.

25. **Discuss personnel issues (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code Sec. 551.074 Deliberation Regarding Matters Concerning Personnel.) Employment of Human Resources Director.**

No action was taken in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECONVENED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:44 A.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009.

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

No action was taken.

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

No action was taken.

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

No action was taken.

- 29. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding matters concerning personnel in the matter of employment of the Human Resources Director.**

No action was taken.

- 30. Comments from Commissioners.**

Commissioner Covey said she is getting the word out that there is a plan to say “thank you” to our troops by making them cookies and brownies and giving them a personal note of thanks to be presented on Veterans’ Day.

Judge Gattis commented that the Court should consider his recommendation to suspend Commissioners' Court the Tuesday before Thanksgiving this year.

COMMISSIONERS’ COURT ADJOURNED AT 11:46 A.M. ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES had at a Regular Session of Commissioners’ Court of Williamson County, Texas, having been read are hereby approved this 13th day of October, 2009.



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

By: Connie Singleton, Deputy