# MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING JANUARY 11, 2011

STATE OF TEXAS )(

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON )(

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that at 9:42 A.M. on TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011, 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

Absent: Nancy E. Rister, County Clerk

Attendees: Marilyn Cavender, Executive Assistant County Clerk

Hal Hawes Legal Advisor Commissioners' Court

Connie Singleton, Deputy County Clerk

1. Review and approval of minutes.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison *Motion: To approve the minutes of the last Commissioners' Court meeting and Special Session on January 7th.* 

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 Baker addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey *Motion: To authorize the payment of bills totaling \$2,611,573.33 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.

Kurt Johnson of Austin addressed the Court.

#### **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 - 13)

#### 5. To discuss and consider approving a line item transfer for Constable Precinct #4.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Motion: To approve a line item transfer for Constable Precinct #4:

То	0100-0554-001107	Const Pct #4/Temporary Labor	\$159.00
From	0100-0554-004999	Const Pct #4/Miscellaneous	\$159.00

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 JP #3.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey *Motion: To approve a line item transfer for Justice of the Peace #3:* 

From	0100-0453-004999	Miscellaneous	\$100.00
То	0100-0453-004544	Repairs To Office Equipment	\$100.00

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

#### 7. Discuss and consider approving a line item transfer for the Debt Service Fund.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Motion: To approve a line item transfer for the Debt Service Fund:

From	0600-0600-004999	Miscellaneous	\$199,775.68
То	0600-0600-004099	Bond Issuance Costs	\$199,775.68

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 overtime funding for MOT.

This item was removed from the Agenda.

#### 9. Discuss and consider approving a line item transfer for District Attorney.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

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

From	0100-0440-003006	Office Equipment<\$5000	\$250.00
То	0100-0440-004350	Printed Material/Binding	\$250.00

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. Consider approving Justice of the Peace Pct. #4 December 2010 monthly report in compliance with Code of Criminal Procedure 103.005(b).

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey *Motion: To approve Justice of the Peace Pct.*#4 December 2010 monthly report in compliance with Code of Criminal Procedure 103.005(b).

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covev

Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

## 11. Consider and take appropriate action on authorizing the transfer of a file cabinet from auction to Parks.(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 a file cabinet from auction to Parks.* 

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 approving donations to Victim Assistance from GRC Wireless, Inc. (Shelter Alliance Cell Phone Fundraiser) in the amount of \$306 and Cartridges for Kids (cartridge fundraiser) in the amount of \$75.75.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey *Motion: To approve donations to Victim*Assistance from GRC Wireless, Inc. (Shelter Alliance Cell Phone Fundraiser) in the amount of \$306 and Cartridges for Kids (cartridge fundraiser) in the amount of \$75.75.

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

13. Discuss and consider preliminary plat approval of Green Lane Farms, Pct. #3.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey *Motion: To approve preliminary plat for Green Lane Farms, 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**

14. Hear presentation on and take appropriate action on Waste Management Annual Landfill Report.

Senior Director of Infrastructure Bob Daigh and Waste Management Landfill Manager Bubba Smith addressed the Court.

No action was taken.

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

No action was taken.

16. Discuss and consider approving SWCA, Inc. Supplemental #1 to the "On-Call" environmental work Professional Services Agreement (PSA).

Senior Director of Infrastructure Bob Daigh addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey *Motion: To approve Steven W. Carothers & Associates (SWCA), Inc. Supplemental #1 to the "On-Call" environmental work Professional Services Agreement (PSA).* 

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

17. Consider a resolution authorizing the County Judge to execute a right of entry agreement with Norman Fuessel regarding right-of-way needed on FM 1660.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey *Motion: To approve a resolution authorizing* the County Judge to execute a right of entry agreement with Norman Fuessel regarding right-of-way needed on FM 1660.

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. Discuss and take action on the ILA between Chisholm Trail SUD and Williamson County on Ronald Reagan Phase III Improvements.

This item was removed from the Agenda.

19. Consider noting in minutes of Commissioners' Court the acquisition of 500 mitigation credits from Hickory Pass Ranch Conservation Bank.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey *Motion: To note in the minutes of Commissioners' Court the acquisition of 500 mitigation credits from Hickory Pass Ranch Conservation Bank.* 

Ave: 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. Discuss and consider approving Billing Write Off policy for EMS.

The following addressed the Court:
Director of EMS Kenny Schnell
First Assistant County Auditor Julie Kiley
Senior Director of Emergency Services John Sneed

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey *Motion: To approve Billing Write Off policy* for Emergency Medical Services (with changes on #5 - clarify "Williamson County resident at the time of service" and #7 - change language to "180 days from the last date the billing company dealt with the account".

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. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding approval of Texas Data Exchange (TDEx) Account Administration Form and Texas Data Exchange (TDEx) User/Equipment Agreement.

The following addressed the Court:

Court Administrator Jessica Schmidt for Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Judy Hobbs Court Clerk for Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 Kim Reid

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison *Motion: To approve Texas Data Exchange (TDEx) Account Administration Form and Texas Data Exchange (TDEx) User/Equipment 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

## 22. Discuss and take appropriate action on a resolution to TxDOT regarding the environmental approval process.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long *Motion: To approve a resolution to TxDOT regarding the environmental approval process.* 

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. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the Williamson County and Hutto Education Foundation Solid Waste Fee Funding Policy.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman *Motion: To approve the Williamson County and Hutto Education Foundation Solid Waste Fee Funding Policy.* 

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

#### Discuss and take appropriate action on the County's draft long-range strategic plan and public input survey.

Public Information Officer Connie Watson and LCRA Economic Development Specialist Sarah Page addressed the Court.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey Motion: To approve the County's draft for long-range strategic plan and public input survey (with change of removing 3.11 and 4.15).

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 take appropriate action a Professional Services agreement between Williamson County and Dr. Adam Barta in relation to the provision of medical services to inmates at the Williamson County Jail.

The following addressed the Court: Commissioners' Court Legal Advisor Hal Hawes County Sheriff James R. Wilson

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 Dr. Adam Barta in relation to the provision of medical services to inmates at the Williamson County Jail (with change from 52 weeks to 48 weeks).

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. Discuss Williamson County's Legislative request letter for 2011.

No action was taken.

27. Consider authorizing advertising and setting date of February 17, 2011 at 3:00 P.M. CST in the Purchasing Department to receive qualifications for Construction Manager-at-Risk for Williamson County Emergency Services Operations Center, RFQ # 11WCRFQ1004.

The following addressed the Court: Senior Director of Infrastructure Bob Daigh Commissioners' Court Legal Advisor Hal Hawes

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman *Motion: To authorize advertising and set date* of February 17, 2011 at 3:00 P.M. CST in the Purchasing Department to receive qualifications for Construction Manager-at-Risk for Williamson County Emergency Services Operations Center, RFQ # 11WCRFQ1004.

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 authorizing advertising and setting date of February 2, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. in the Purchasing Department to receive bids for Byers Tract seedling planting, tree removal, and sign installation services, bid number 11WC910.

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman *Motion: To authorize advertising and set date* of February 2, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. in the Purchasing Department to receive bids for Byers Tract seedling planting, tree removal, and sign installation services, bid number 11WC910.

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. Consider awarding Bank sub-depository services RFP#10WCP909, to the overall best proposal to JP Morgan Chase & Co.

The following addressed the Court:
First Assistant County Auditor Julie Kiley
Treasurer Vivian Wood

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman *Motion: To award Bank sub-depository* services RFP#10WCP909 to JP Morgan Chase & Co.

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

30. Consider awarding bids received for Bid # 11WC902, Ronald W. Reagan Boulevard North Phase III to the lowest and best bidder- J.C. Evans Construction Co., LP.

Motion By: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second By: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman *Motion: To award Bid # 11WC902, Ronald W. Reagan Boulevard North Phase III to J.C. Evans Construction Co., LP.* 

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

31. Consider an order declaring an emergency and a grave necessity due to unforeseeable circumstances and approve a budget amendment for Victim's Assistance donations.

Shelly James from Criminal Investigation Department addressed the Court.

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 for Victim's Assistance donations:

From/To	Acct No.	Description	Amount
	0100-0000-367400	Donations	\$306.00

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

32. Consider an order declaring an emergency and a grave necessity due to unforeseeable circumstances and approve a budget amendment for the use of Victim's Assistance donations.

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 for the use of Victim's Assistance donations:

From/To	Acct No.	Description	Amount
	0100-0560-003671	V. A. Donations	\$306.00

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

33. 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 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 for Park Donations:

From/To	Acct No.	Description	Amount
	0100-0000-367403	Park Donations	\$587.00

Ave: 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. 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 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 use of Park Donations:

From/To	Acct No.	Description	Amount
	0100-0510-003670	Use of Donations	\$587.00

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

## COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:57 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011.

- 35. Discuss real estate matters (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.0721

  Deliberation Regarding Real Estate Property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with third person.)
  - 1. Proposed or potential purchase of lease of property by the County:
  - a) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for RM 2338 Phase II.
  - b) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for SH 195 0.805 south of Bell County Line to IH 35.
  - c) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for US 183 Extension from 1,000 feet south of San Gabriel to 1,000 feet north of SH 29.
  - d) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for O'Connor Boulevard and 620 project.
  - e) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for Ronald Reagan Blvd. Phase II project from FM 3405 to Reagan Blvd.
  - f) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for Ronald Reagan Blvd. Phase III and Phase IV.
  - g) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for proposed SH 29 project.
  - h) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way on CR 274/San Gabriel Parkway.
  - i) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way along Lakeline extension.
  - j) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way along SW By-Pass.
  - k) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way along Pearson and Neenah.
  - I) Discuss proposed Northwoods Road District.
  - m) Discuss conveyance of University Boulevard right-of-way.
  - n) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for US 79 Section 3 from East of Hutto to CR 402.
  - o) Discuss proposed realignment project along FM 1660.
  - p) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way on Pond Springs Road.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

- 36. Discuss pending or contemplated litigation, settlement matters and other confidential attorney-client legal matters (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.071 consultation with attorney.), including the following:
  - a) Cause No. 10-1166-C277; GTE Southwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Southwest vs. Williamson County, in the District Court of Williamson County, Texas, 277th Judicial District.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

37. Discuss pending or contemplated litigation, settlement matters and other confidential attorney-client legal matters (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.071 consultation with attorney.)

Litigation or claims or potential litigation or claims against the County or by the County and/or other confidential attorney-client matters, including contracts

• Specialized Billing & Collection Systems, Inc. Service Agreement and possible discussion of EMS billing write-off policy

No action was taken in Executive Session.

- 38. Discuss pending or contemplated litigation, settlement matters and other confidential attorney-client legal matters (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.071 consultation with attorney.), including the following:
  - a) Litigation or claims or potential litigation or claims against the County or by the County.
  - b) Status Update-Pending Cases or Claims
  - c) Cause No. 06-453-C277; Kerry Heckman et al. v. Williamson County, et al., In the District Court of Williamson County, Texas, 277th Judicial District
  - d) Cause No. 10-1107-C368; Jana Duty, County Attorney of Williamson County, Texas vs. Dan A. Gattis, County Judge of Williamson County, Lisa Birkman, Cynthia Long, Valerie Covey, and Ron Morrison County Commissioners, David Flores, County Auditor, and Ashlie Koenig, Budget Officer; In the District Court, Williamson County, Texas, 368th Judicial District.
  - e) Cause No. 1:10-cv-869-LY; Heather Clark, David Claxton & David M. Compton v. Williamson County; In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division
  - f) Cause No. 1:10-cv-905; Kimberly Lee & Sharon McGuyer v. Williamson County; In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division
  - g) Employment related matters.
  - h) Other confidential attorney-client matters, including contracts.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

## COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECONVENED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:48 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011.

39. Discuss and take appropriate action on real estate.

No action was taken.

40. Discuss and take appropriate action on pending or contemplated litigation.

No action was taken.

- 41. Discuss and take appropriate action on pending or contemplated litigation, settlement matters and other confidential attorney-client legal matters, including the following:
  - a) Litigation or claims or potential litigation or claims against the County or by the County.
  - b) Status Update-Pending Cases or Claims.
  - c) Cause No. 06-453-C277; Kerry Heckman et al. v. Williamson County, et al., In the District Court of Williamson County, Texas, 277th Judicial District.

- d) Cause No. 10-1107-C368; Jana Duty, County Attorney of Williamson County, Texas vs. Dan A. Gattis, County Judge of Williamson County, Lisa Birkman, Cynthia Long, Valerie Covey, and Ron Morrison County Commissioners, David Flores, County Auditor, and Ashlie Koenig, Budget Officer; In the District Court, Williamson County, Texas, 368th Judicial District.
- e) Cause No. 1:10-cv-869-LY; Heather Clark, David Claxton & David M. Compton v. Williamson County; In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.
- f) Cause No. 1:10-cv-905; Kimberly Lee & Sharon McGuyer v. Williamson County; In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.
- g) Employment related matters.
- h) Other confidential attorney-client matters, including contracts.

No action was taken.

#### 42. Comments from Commissioners.

**Judge Gattis** asked the Court to remember his Administrative Assistant, Peggy Vasquez in prayer; she is having recurring problems with her eyes. Also Kenny Schnell and Annie Birdwell's moms are very ill.

**Commissioner Covey** commented that the Legislature is being sworn in today and she received an legislative update stating that Representative Burt Solomons of Denton is holding a press conference tomorrow announcing the filing of a proposed constitutional amendment to protect local governments from unfunded mandates.

## COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED AT 12:49 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES had at having been read are hereby approve	a Regular Session of Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, ed this 18th day of January 2011
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ATTEST: Nancy E. Rister, Clerk of C	ommissioners' Court, Williamson County, Texas

By: Connie Singleton, Deputy