



**MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING  
AUGUST 18, 2015**

**STATE OF TEXAS )(**  
**COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON )(**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that at 9:38 A.M. on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015** a **REGULAR SESSION** of the **Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas**, was held with the following being present, to-wit:

Present: 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  
County Clerk Nancy E. Rister

Others Present: Hal C. Hawes, General Counsel to Williamson County Commissioners' Court  
Stan O. Springerley, Assistant General Counsel to Williamson County Commissioners' Court  
Carolyn Deibler, Deputy County Clerk

**1. Review and approval of minutes.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison  
Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey  
***Motion: To approve the Minutes of the August 11, 2015 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 Division.**

No action was taken on this item.

**3. Hear County Auditor concerning invoices, bills, Quick Check Report, wire transfers and electronic payments 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 Lead Nathan Zinsmeyer addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

**Motion: To authorize the payment of bills totaling \$18,788,643.20 from the computer printout, Addendum, Wire Transfer, Quick Check Report, and electronic benefit payments 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.**

Jim Dillon of Liberty Hill, Rick Lutowski of Georgetown, and Katherine Kerr Kubatzky of Georgetown representing Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Williamson County addressed the Court.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda includes non-controversial and 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 – 14 )

**5. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on line item transfer for County Sheriff.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

**Motion: To approve a line item transfer for the County Sheriff:**

<b>From/To</b>	<b>Acct No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>From</b>	<b>0100-0560-005008</b>	<b>Law Enforcement Equipment &gt;\$5,000</b>	<b>\$7,250.00</b>
<b>From</b>	<b>0100-0560-003010</b>	<b>Computer Equipment &lt; \$5,000</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>
<b>To</b>	<b>0100-0560-005740</b>	<b>Computer Equipment &gt;\$5,000</b>	<b>\$10,850.00</b>

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, consider and take appropriate action on approving a line item transfer for the County Attorney's Office.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

**Motion: To approve a line item transfer for the County Attorney's Office:**

<b>From/To</b>	<b>Acct No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>From</b>	<b>0100-0475-004902</b>	<b>Co Atty Leg Supp</b>	<b>\$13,760.62</b>
<b>To</b>	<b>0100-0475-003010</b>	<b>Computer Equipment &lt;\$5000</b>	<b>\$11,299.25</b>
<b>To</b>	<b>0100-0475-003005</b>	<b>Office Furniture &lt;\$5000</b>	<b>\$2,461.37</b>

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, consider and take appropriate action on a line item transfer for All District Courts.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

**Motion: To approve a line item transfer for All District Courts:**

<i><b>From/To</b></i>	<i><b>Acct No.</b></i>	<i><b>Description</b></i>	<i><b>Amount</b></i>
<i><b>From</b></i>	<i><b>0100-0409-000885</b></i>	<i><b>Non Dept/Tsfr To Benefits</b></i>	<i><b>\$86,000.00</b></i>
<i><b>To</b></i>	<i><b>0100-0435-004125</b></i>	<i><b>All Dist Cts/Transcripts</b></i>	<i><b>\$6,000.00</b></i>
<i><b>To</b></i>	<i><b>0100-0435-004131</b></i>	<i><b>Ct Aptd Atty/Family</b></i>	<i><b>\$80,000.00</b></i>

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, consider and take appropriate action on a line item transfer for All County Courts.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

**Motion: To approve a line item transfer for All County Courts:**

<i><b>From/To</b></i>	<i><b>Acct No.</b></i>	<i><b>Description</b></i>	<i><b>Amount</b></i>
<i><b>From</b></i>	<i><b>0100-0409-000885</b></i>	<i><b>Non Dept/Tsfr to Benefits</b></i>	<i><b>\$40,000.00</b></i>
<i><b>To</b></i>	<i><b>0100-0425-004131</b></i>	<i><b>Ct aptd Atty/Family</b></i>	<i><b>\$40,000.00</b></i>

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, consider and take appropriate action on a line item transfer for Fleet Services.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

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

<i><b>From/To</b></i>	<i><b>Acct No.</b></i>	<i><b>Description</b></i>	<i><b>Amount</b></i>
<i><b>From</b></i>	<i><b>0882-0882-004510</b></i>	<i><b>Fleet/Facility Maint</b></i>	<i><b>\$30,800.00</b></i>
<i><b>To</b></i>	<i><b>0882-0882-003523</b></i>	<i><b>Fleet/Parts</b></i>	<i><b>\$30,800.00</b></i>

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 approving a line item transfer for the Williamson County Precinct One Constable's Office.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

**Motion: To approve a line item transfer for the Williamson County Precinct #1 Constable's Office:**

<b>From/To</b>	<b>Acct No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>From</b>	<b>0100-0551-003301</b>	<b>Gasoline &amp; Oil</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>To</b>	<b>0100-0551-004541</b>	<b>Vehicle Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

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. Rescind Agenda Item #6 from August 11, 2015 and approve a corrected line item transfer for the Tax Assessor Collector.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

**Motion: To rescind Agenda Item #6 from August 11, 2015 and approve a corrected line item transfer for the Tax Assessor/Collector:**

<b>From/To</b>	<b>Acct No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>From</b>	<b>0100-0499-003011</b>	<b>Computer Software &lt;\$5000</b>	<b>\$3,667.30</b>
<b>To</b>	<b>0100-0499-004232</b>	<b>Training, Conferences, Seminar</b>	<b>\$3,667.30</b>

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. Discuss consider and take appropriate action on new Work Authorization with Diamond Surveying, Inc. to provide surveying services for Road & Bridge Division.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

**Motion: To approve Work Authorization with Diamond Surveying, Inc. to provide surveying services for Road and Bridge 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

**13. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on authorizing the disposal of various county assets through auction, including (4) Toughbooks, (3) Mouse, (3) Keyboards, (3) Monitors, (1) Microwave, (6) Servers, (15) Optiplex Computer Towers, (1) File Cabinet, (1) Office Chair, (1) Printer, (complete list attached) pursuant to Tex. Local Gov't Code §263.152.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

***Motion: To authorize the disposal of various county assets through auction, including (4) Toughbooks, (3) Mouse, (3) Keyboards, (3) Monitors, (1) Microwave, (6) Servers, (15) Optiplex Computer Towers, (1) File Cabinet, (1) Office Chair, (1) Printer (complete list attached); pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 263.152.***

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. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on authorizing the disposal of various county assets through inter-departmental transfer including, (8) Monitors, (4) Optiplex Computer Desktops, (complete list attached) pursuant to Tex. Local Gov't Code §263.152.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

***Motion: To authorize the disposal of various county assets through inter-departmental transfer including, (8) Monitors, (4) Optiplex Computer Desktops (complete list attached); pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 263.152.***

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, consider and take appropriate action on approving property tax collections for the month of July 2015 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 collections for the month of July 2015 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

- 16. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on approving property tax refunds over \$2,500.00 for the month of July 2015 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 July 2015 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

17. **Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on approval of the final plat for the Sonterra West Section 8-J Phase 1 subdivision - Pct 3.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

***Motion: To approve final plat for the Sonterra West Section 8-J Phase 1 subdivision - Precinct #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**

18. **Introduce Stacey Gomez as the new Extension Agent for 4H and Youth Development.**

District Extension Administrator with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for District 8 Donald Kelm and Extension Agent for 4H and Youth Development Stacey Gomez addressed the Court. No action was taken on this item.

19. **Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on recognizing the Purchasing Department as the recipient of the 2014 Achievement of Excellence in Public Procurement Award as determined by the following National Purchasing Organizations: National Procurement Institute (NPI), Institute for Supply Management (ISM), Institute for Public Procurement, National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP), the National Institute for Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), the Canadian Public Procurement Association / Conseil canadien des marchés publics; and the following State Organizations: California Association of Public Procurement Officials (CAPPO), the Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials (FAPPO), the Texas Public Purchasing Association (TxPPA),**

Purchasing Agent Max Bricka addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

***Motion: To recognize the Purchasing Department as the recipient of the 2014 Achievement of Excellence in Public Procurement Award as determined by the following National Purchasing Organizations: National Procurement Institute (NPI), Institute for Supply Management (ISM), Institute for Public Procurement, National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO), the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP), the National Institute for Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), the Canadian Public Procurement Association / Conseil canadien des marchés publics; and the following State Organizations: California Association of Public Procurement Officials (CAPPO), the Florida Association of Public Procurement Officials (FAPPO), the Texas Public Purchasing Association (TxPPA),***

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. **Hear presentation from Dan Wegmiller of Specialized Public Finance, Financial Advisor, regarding the remarketing of the 2014 Tender Bonds.**

Specialized Public Finance, Inc. (SPFI) Financial Advisor Dan Wegmiller addressed the Court. No action was taken on this item.

21. **Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the Department of Infrastructure projects and issues update.**

Senior Director of Infrastructure Bob Daigh let everyone know that the contractor will pour the concrete for two balconies on Wednesday morning, August 19, 2015, and some parking spaces around the Historic Courthouse will be blocked off. No action was taken on this item.

22. **Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding a TCEQ Agent Authorization Form for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program in the Inner Loop at Wilco Way project.**

Senior Director of Infrastructure Bob Daigh addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

***Motion: To approve a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Agent Authorization Form for the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program in the Inner Loop at Wilco Way project.***

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. **Receive and acknowledge the August 2015 Construction Summary Report for the Road Bond and Pass Through Financing Programs.**

General Counsel Hal Hawes addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

***Motion: To acknowledge the August 2015 Construction Summary Report for the Road Bond and Pass Through Financing Programs.***

There was no second and the motion was withdrawn.

24. **Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding Change Order No. 13 in the amount of \$384,163.85 for IH 35 NBFR, a Pass Through Project in Commissioner Pct. 3.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

***Motion: To approve Change Order No. 13 in the amount of \$384,163.85 for Interstate Highway (IH) 35 North Bound Frontage Road (NBFR), a Pass Through Project in Precinct #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

25. **Consider a resolution determining the necessity, establishing procedures and authorizing the use of the County's power of eminent domain to acquire fee simple title to approximately 0.559 acre from property located at 1650 CR 258 owned by ANDREW H. MORGAN, LESLIE L. MORGAN, CHARLES R. WOODARD and CONNIE L. WOODARD, and which is required for the construction of the proposed CR 258 roadway improvements, and take other appropriate action (Parcel 33).**

Attorney Charlie Crossfield of Sheets and Crossfield addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

***Motion: To approve a Resolution determining the necessity, establishing procedures and authorizing the use of its power of eminent domain to acquire approximately 0.559 acre of land in fee simple from property located at 1650 County Road (CR) 258 owned by ANDREW H. MORGAN, LESLIE L. MORGAN, CHARLES R. WOODARD, and CONNIE L. WOODARD, and which is required for the public purpose of constructing proposed improvements to CR 258 and any related facilities.***

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, consider and take appropriate action on an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Taylor regarding the expo road.**

Attorney Charlie Crossfield of Sheets and Crossfield and General Counsel Hal Hawes addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

***Motion: To approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Taylor, with the changes that the City agrees to pay all costs except in #6 and add Brinkmeyer to "Wolbreck Right-of-Way", regarding Expo Center 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

**27. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding Professional Services Agreement between Tyler Technologies and Williamson County for Indigent Defense Best Practices Training on the Odyssey computer system to be paid for from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission grant.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

***Motion: To approve a Professional Services Agreement between Tyler Technologies and Williamson County for Indigent Defense Best Practices Training on the Odyssey computer system to be paid for from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission grant.***

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, consider and take appropriate action on applying for a General Assistance Grant through the Texas Veterans Commission.**

Kathy Pierce, Executive Assistant to Commissioner of Precinct #2 and Director of Veterans Services Donna Harrell addressed the Court.



Motion by: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

***Motion: To approve applying for a General Assistance Grant through the Texas Veterans Commission.***

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 consider approving additional funding in the amount of \$6,000 to cover Discretionary Flex Spending by Mobile Outreach Team members for the immediate needs of citizens in Williamson County who are experiencing a mental health crisis.**

Director of Mobile Outreach Team Annie Burwell addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second by: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

***Motion: To approve additional funding in the amount of \$6,000.00 to cover Discretionary Flex Spending by Mobile Outreach Team members for the immediate needs of citizens in Williamson County who are experiencing a mental health crisis.***

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. **Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on authorizing Purchasing Agent to advertise and receive bids for Fencing for Ronald Reagan Blvd. for Williamson County, Bid# 1508-006.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

***Motion: To authorize Purchasing Agent to advertise and receive bids for Fencing for Ronald Reagan Boulevard for Williamson County, Bid #1508-006.***

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. **Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on awarding bids received for Limestone Rock Asphalt, Bid# 1506-008 to the lowest and best bidder – Vulcan Construction Materials LP.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

***Motion: To award bids received for Limestone Rock Asphalt, Bid #1506-008 to the lowest and best bidder – Vulcan Construction Materials 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

32. **Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on awarding proposals received for the Landscape Services for Williamson County Facilities, #1506-007 to the best proposal meeting specifications Red and White Greenery, Inc.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

***Motion: To award proposals received for the Landscape Services for Williamson County Facilities, #1506-007 to the best proposal meeting specifications - Red and White Greenery, Inc.***

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. **Discuss, consider, and take any appropriate action regarding designating a day of the week and time that Commissioners Court shall convene in regular term each month during FY2016 pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Section 81.005, including but not limited to making any necessary revisions to the Rules of Decorum.**

General Counsel Hal Hawes addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

***Motion: To adopt the revised Rules of Decorum.***

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, consider, and take appropriate action on the FY2015-2016 Budget.**

District Extension Administrator with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for District 8 Donald Kelm, Budget Officer Ashlie Koenig, Director of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Kenny Schnell, Director of Emergency Communications Scott Parker, Senior Director of Emergency Services John Sneed, Senior Director of Human Resources Tara Raymore, Emergency Management Coordinator Jarred Thomas, and First Assistant County Auditor Julie Kiley addressed the Court.

Motion by: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

***Motion: To take action on 1) Salary Corrections to 911 Communications - \$8,550.79, 2) Juvenile Director (Additional 2% salary set by District Judges) - \$3,322.07, 3) Facilities - Landscaping - \$25,000.00, 4) IT - Reduction in monies needed for network monitoring software - (\$50,000.00), and 5) IT - Reduction in monies needed for ArcGIS Online - (\$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

35. **Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the approval of our Budget Policy document.**

Budget Officer Ashlie Koenig addressed the Court. No action was taken on this item.

**36. Discuss, consider and take any necessary action in regards to Status of Projects and Allocation of Funds in the 2006 Certificates of Obligation, 2006 Park Bonds, 2013 Cash Ending Reduction Program, 2014 Cash Ending Reduction Program, and 2015 Cash Ending Reduction Program.**

First Assistant County Auditor Julie Kiley and Senior Director of Parks and Recreation Randy Bell addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

***Motion: To direct auditors to transfer the money from the 2006 Certificate of Obligations (CO) Bonds that is not needed for those available projects, as outlined in attached spreadsheet, to the Repointing Courthouse Project (P402).***

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

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Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

***Motion: To direct the auditors to allocate \$204,960.00 to the Southwest Regional Park Pavilion Project (P320) and Champion Park Phase 2 Project (P321), as outlined in attached spreadsheet.***

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

**37. Discuss, consider and take any possible action regarding Fiscal Year 2016 Cash Ending Reduction Program.**

First Assistant County Auditor Julie Kiley addressed the Court. No action was taken on this item.

**38. Discuss and take appropriate action to include a record vote on a proposed total tax rate for Williamson County and R/FM for tax year 2015.**

Chief Deputy for Tax Assessor/Collector Larry Gaddes addressed the Court.

Note: **Commissioner Birkman** seconded the motion with the understanding that she is not going to vote for this in the long-run.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

***Motion: To propose a tax rate of \$0.486529, which is the current tax rate.***

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

39. Discuss and take appropriate action on scheduling two public hearing dates if the proposed total tax rate exceeds the total effective tax rate of \$0.455623.

Chief Deputy for Tax Assessor/Collector Larry Gaddes addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

***Motion: To schedule two Public Hearings on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 and Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Historic Courthouse to discuss the tax rate.***

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

40. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on the FY15/16 Budget Order.

Rebecca Clemons, Executive Assistant to the County Judge, addressed the Court. No action was taken on this item.

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECESSED TO A ROAD DISTRICT MEETING AT 10:12 A.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015.**

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECONVENED FROM THE ROAD DISTRICT MEETING AT 10:17 A.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015.**

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:49 A.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015.**

41. Discussion regarding economic development negotiations pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.087:
- a) Business prospect(s) that may locate or expand within Williamson County.
  - b) Discuss Pearson Road District.
  - c) Discuss North Woods Road District.
  - d) Discuss Kaufman Loop.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

42. Discuss real estate matters (EXECUTIVE SESSION as per VTCA Govt. Code sec. 551.072 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.)
- A. Real Estate Owned by Third Parties**
- 1. Preliminary discussions relating to proposed or potential purchase or lease of property owned by third parties**
- a) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for right-of-way for SH 195
  - b) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for proposed SH 29 project.
  - c) Discuss proposed acquisition of property for SW 183 and SH 29 Loop.
  - d) Discuss possible acquisition of property with endangered species for mitigation purposes.
  - e) Discuss the acquisition of real property: Sneed Loop
  - f) Discuss the acquisition of real property: Neenah Blvd.
  - g) Discuss the acquisition of real property: CR 119
  - h) Discuss the acquisition of real property: Tradesman Park.
  - i) Discuss the acquisition of real property for proposed CR 110 project. (All sections)
  - j) Discuss the acquisition of real property: CR 258

- k) Discuss the acquisition of real property: Kruger property exchange (3901 CR 130 Hutto, TX)
- l) Discuss the acquisition of real property: Arterial H.
- m) Discuss the acquisition of real property for County Facilities.
- n) Discuss the acquisition of real property for the Williamson County Expo Center.
- o) Discuss the acquisition of Easement interests on CR 240.
- p) Discuss the acquisition of Easement interests for the Brushy Creek Trail Project.

**B. Property or Real Estate owned by Williamson County**

- 1). Preliminary discussions relating to proposed or potential sale or lease of property owned by the County
  - a) Discuss County owned real estate containing underground water rights and interests.
  - b) Discuss proposed sale of real estate on Inner Loop
  - c) Discuss proposed trade of real estate adjacent to Chandler Rd. and CR 130
  - d) Discuss proposed exchange of property with Mr. Kruger
  - e) Discuss real estate at 355 Texas Ave.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

43. 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) Civil Action No.1:13- CV- 505, Robert Lloyd v. Lisa Birkman, et al., In The United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division
  - e) Cause No. 13-0090-C26, Mathews v. Williamson County, In The District Court of Williamson County, Texas, 26th Judicial District.
  - f) Employee/personnel related matters
  - g) Other confidential attorney-client matters, including contracts and certain matters related to county defense issues in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body within the attorney/client relationship clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.
  - h) Civil Action No. 1:11-cv-907, Sarah Doe et al. v. Jerald Neveleff et al., In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas Austin Division
  - i) Mortgage Electronic Recording Systems (MERS) litigation.
  - j) Cause No. 12-0721-C277; W. Paul Reed et al. v. Williamson County et al.; In the District Court of Williamson County, Texas; 277th District Court
  - k) Cause No. 1:12-CV-011222LY; Lance Brown v. Williamson County, Williamson County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff James Wilson and Shawn Wilson in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division
  - l) Cause No. 15-0064-C277, Gordon v. Dollahite et al., In The District Court of Williamson County, Texas, 277th District
  - m) Cause No. D-1-GN-14-003420; John Wesley Staten v. State Of Texas, et al.; In The District Court Of Travis County, Texas;
  - n) County Road 241 utility and Right-of-Way Issues and matters;
  - o) Cause No. D-1-GN-15-000875, Houston v. Bank of America et al., In The District Court of Travis County, Texas, 345th Judicial District
  - p) Civil Action No. 1:15-cv-431; Herman Crisp v. Williamson County, et al.; In the USDC-WD-Austin Division
  - q) Cause No. 12-1226-C368; Williamson County, Texas v. James Broaddus d/b/a Broaddus & Associates, and Broaddus & Associates, Inc.; In the 368th Judicial District Court of Williamson County, Texas
  - r) Notice of Claim - In Re Jessica Palmer
  - s) Floodplain Regulation Issue
  - t) Carolyn Barnes v. Austin American Statesman, et al.; Cause # D-1-GN-15-002626, in the 353rd Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas
  - u) Carolyn Barnes, et al. v. Texas Attorney General, et al.; Cause # D-1-GN-15-000877, in the 419th Judicial District Court of Travis County

- v) Civil Action No. 1:15-cv-00679-RP, OCA-Great Houston and Mallika Das v. State of Texas, et al., In the United States District Court for the Western District
- w) Notice of Claim – In Re Ray Steven Rose

No action was taken in Executive Session.

- 44. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline and/or dismissal of Williamson County officers, directors, employees and/or positions, including but not limited to conducting deliberation and discussion pertaining to annual reviews of department heads and appointed officials (Executive Session as per Tex. Gov. Code Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters).

No action was taken in Executive Session.

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECONVENED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:08 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015.**

- 45. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding economic development.

No action was taken on this item.

- 46. Discuss and take appropriate action on real estate.

No action was taken on this item.

- 47. 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
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w) Notice of Claim – In Re Ray Steven Rose

No action was taken on this item.

48. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline and/or dismissal of Williamson County officers, directors or employees, including but not limited to any necessary action pertaining to conducting annual reviews of department heads and appointed officials.

No action was taken on this item.

49. **Comments from Commissioners.**

**Commissioner Birkman** invited everyone to the Alan's Hope Project "Ceremony For Hope" in recognition of National Suicide Prevention Week on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the District Courtroom of the Historic Courthouse.

**Commissioner Morrison** recognized Alex Watson and Nathan Greenhall who were fulfilling a requirement for their Eagle Scout Award.

**Commissioner Birkman** congratulated her husband on their 26th anniversary.

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED AT 1:53 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015.**

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES had at a Regular Session of Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, having been read are hereby approved this 25th day of August 2015.**



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

**By: Carolyn Deibler, Deputy**