



**MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING  
AUGUST 25, 2015**

**STATE OF TEXAS )(  
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON )(  
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**BE IT REMEMBERED** that at 1:09 P.M. on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015**, a **SPECIAL SESSION - BUDGET WORKSHOP** 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  
Carolyn Deibler, Deputy County Clerk

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

No action was taken on this item.

**2. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the Budget for 2015 - 2016.**

Budget Officer Ashlie Koenig, Rachel Arnold, Executive Assistant to Commissioner of Precinct #3, First Assistant County Auditor Julie Kiley, County Attorney Dee Hobbs, Senior Director of Infrastructure Bob Daigh, Senior Director of Human Resources Tara Raymore, Senior Director of Emergency Services John Sneed, and County Sheriff James Wilson addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

***Motion: To reduce the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) portion of the Sheriff's budget by \$172,800.00 to \$80,000.00 for ambulance calls to the Jail.***

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 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

***Motion: To reduce the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement salary by \$20,923.00.***

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

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Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

***Motion: To move \$25,000.00 from the Hot Check Fund to the General Fund (revenue side).***

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: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

***Motion: To reduce the Non-Departmental Contingency to \$150,000.00 and the Non-Departmental Miscellaneous to \$75,000.00 and add \$32,000.00 for the 911 Communication replacement chairs (23).***

The motion died for lack of a second.

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Motion by: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

***Motion: To fund the reclasses but not implement until April 1, 2016.***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison  
Nay: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman  
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long  
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

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Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second by: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

***Motion: To reduce reclass budget by \$210,000.00 and have no more than a 13% raise in one year per any employee.***

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: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

***Motion: To reduce Professional Services by \$30,000.00 and add 911 Communication replacement chairs (23).***

Aye: County Judge Dan A. Gattis

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 4 Ron Morrison

Nay: Commissioner Precinct 1 Lisa Birkman

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

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Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

***Motion: To add 2% Corrections increase of \$237,000.00.***

The motion died for lack of a second.

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Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

***Motion: To move Parks Expo Capital in the amount of \$76,623.11 to Cash Reduction.***

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 4 Ron Morrison

***Motion: To add to the Road and Bridge Budget in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 for Roadway Rehab and \$1,000,000.00 for Right-of-Way (ROW) and move \$250,000.00 out of Salaries with the remaining amount needed to balance the budget to come from Cash Ending.***

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 4 Ron Morrison

***Motion: To add to the Road and Bridge Budget in the amount of \$250,000.00 for a Transportation Plan in the Professional Services line item.***

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 RECESSED AT 3:34 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015.**

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECONVENED AT 3:54 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015.**

**3. Comments from Commissioners.**

There were no comments.

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT ADJOURNED AT 4:32 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015.**

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES had at a Regular Session of Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, having been read are hereby approved this 1st day of September 2015.**



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

**By: Carolyn Deibler, Deputy**