



**MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
APRIL 14, 2020**

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:32 A.M. on TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020, a REGULAR SESSION of the Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, was held with the following being present, to-wit:

Present: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.
Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles
County Clerk Nancy E. Rister

Others Present: Hal C. Hawes, General Counsel to Williamson County Commissioners' Court
Rebecca Pruitt, Executive Assistant to County Clerk

1. Review and approval of minutes.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook
Second by: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles
Motion: To approve the Minutes of the April 7, 2020 meeting.

Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.
Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook
Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey
Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

2. 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.

First Assistant County Auditor Julie Kiley addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Motion: To authorize the payment of bills totaling \$1,388,398.15 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 Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

3. Public Comment Period.

There were no comments. No action was taken on this item.

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 4 – 6)

4. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on ratifying agreement for rental of ten (10) Travel Trailers from Woody RV Rentals, LLC in the amount of \$18,340.00, to support the operations of the Williamson County Emergency Services Operations Center, and exempting this rental from the competitive bidding requirements per Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024.(a)(2).

This item was moved to the Regular Agenda where First Assistant County Auditor Julie Kiley addressed the Court.

Motion by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Motion: To approve a rental agreement for (8) Travel Trailers from Woody RV Rentals, LLC in the amount of \$18,340.00, to support the operations of the Williamson County Emergency Services Operations Center for a term of 30 days beginning April 3, 2020 and ending May 2, 2020 and exempt this rental from the competitive bidding requirements per Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024(a)(2).

Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Nay: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

5. **Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on ratifying a Lease Agreement between Williamson County and Thermal Trek, Inc. for the lease of refrigerated trailers, in the amount of \$13,020.00, to support the operations of the Williamson County Emergency Services Operations Center, and exempting this purchase/lease from competitive bidding requirements per Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024(a)(2).**

This item was moved to the Regular Agenda where First Assistant County Auditor Julie Kiley and General Counsel to Commissioners' Court Hal C. Hawes addressed the Court.

Motion by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Motion: To approve a Lease Agreement between Williamson County and Thermal Trek, Inc. for the lease of (5) refrigerated trailers, in the amount of \$13,020.00, to support the operations of the Williamson County Emergency Services Operations Center for a term of 30 days and exempt this purchase/lease from competitive bidding requirements per Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024(a)(2).

The Motion failed.

Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Nay: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Motion: To reconsider a Lease Agreement between Williamson County and Thermal Trek, Inc. for the lease of (5) refrigerated trailers, in the amount of \$13,020.00, to support the operations of the Williamson County Emergency Services Operations Center for a term of 30 days and exempt this purchase/lease from competitive bidding requirements per Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024(a)(2).

Motion by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

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Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Nay: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

Motion by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

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Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Nay: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

Motion by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

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Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Nay: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

6. **Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on ratifying purchase for Tyvek Coveralls between Williamson County and Envirosafety in the amount of \$31,182.00 to support the operations of the Williamson County Emergency Services Operations Center, and exempting this purchase from the competitive bidding requirements per Texas Local Government Code Section 262.024.(a)(2).**

This item was pulled from the Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **Discuss, consider and take appropriate action to provide the Budget Office with directives regarding the 2020-2021 budget.**

Budget Officer Ashlie Koenig addressed the Court.

No action was taken on this item.

8. **Deliberate, discuss, consider, receive information/situational updates and take any appropriate action on public health related matters, issues, business and concerns pertaining to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).**

Those who addressed the Court:

Human Resources Senior Director Rebecca Clemons

First Assistant County Auditor Julie Kiley

Senior Director of Emergency Services Chris Connealy

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Motion: That all COVID-19 related contracts, purchases, and expenditures must be approved in advance by the Commissioners Court, including but not limited to the following: overtime for exempt and non-exempt employees, meals for employees or Williamson County and Cities Health District (WCCHD) employees after April 15, hotels, overtime for security for any County or WCCHD personnel or elected officials, expenditures for the benefit of other counties, expenditures except the current planning effort led by Kathy Pierce for an alternative care site.

Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Motion: To approve increasing the holiday cap from 200 hours to 212 hours with the cap expiring September 30, 2020.

Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

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9. 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

Preliminary discussions relating to proposed or potential purchase or lease of property owned by third parties

- a) Discuss the acquisition of real property for SW 183 and SH 29 Loop.
 - b) Discuss the acquisition of real property for CR 176 at RM 2243
 - c) Discuss the acquisition of real property: O'Connor Signal Project
 - d) Discuss the acquisition of real property: CR 200
 - e) Discuss the acquisition of real property for County Facilities.
 - f) Discuss the acquisition of real property for Seward Junction SE and SW Loop.
 - g) Discuss the acquisition of real property for SH 29 @ DB Wood.
 - h) Discuss the acquisition of real property for Hairy Man Rd.
 - i) Discuss the acquisition of real property for N. Mays.
 - j) Discuss Somerset Road Districts No. 3 & 4 reimbursements for acquisition & construction of Reagan Blvd.
 - k) Discuss the acquisition of real property for CR 111.
 - l) Discuss the acquisition of real property for Corridor H
 - m) Discuss the acquisition of real property for future SH 29 corridor.
 - n) Discuss the acquisition of real property for the expansion of Ronald Reagan at IH 35.
 - o) Discuss the acquisition of right-of-way for Corridor C.
 - p) Discuss the acquisition of right-of-way for Corridor F.
 - q) Discuss the acquisition of right-of-way for Corridor D.
 - r) Discuss the acquisition of right-of-way for SE Loop/Corridor A.
 - s) Discuss the acquisition of right-of-way for Reagan extension.
 - t) Discuss the acquisition of right of way for the Great Oaks Bridge Project.
 - u) Discuss the acquisition of real property for the Brushy Creek Trail Project.
 - v) Discuss the acquisition of real property in conjunction with WCCF for potential parkland/bird habitat.
 - x) Discuss the acquisition of drainage/detention easements for real property North of WMCO Juvenile Detention Center
 - y) Discuss the acquisition of the MKT Right of Way
- B. Property or Real Estate owned by Williamson County**
- 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 possible sale of +/- 10 acres located on Chandler Road near the County Sheriff's Office Training Facility

c) Potential governmental uses for 8th Street downtown parking lot

d) Discuss possible uses of property owned by Williamson County on Main St. between 3rd and 4th Streets. (formerly occupied by WCCHD)

e) Discuss property usage at Longhorn Junction

f) Discuss sale of excess 183A right of way to abutting property owner.

g) Discuss the sale of excess ROW at San Gabriel Parkway and Mel Mathis Ave.

h) Discuss Blue Springs Boulevard

i) Discuss county owned property located at Ed Schmidt Boulevard Hutto, Texas

C. Consider intervention in lawsuit regarding de-listing of Bone Cave harvestman.

D. Discuss the possible placement of agricultural-related monuments at the Williamson County Exposition Center with the participation of third parties.

E. Discuss the Williamson County Reimbursement Agreement for Construction of San Gabriel Blvd. and New Hope Road with the City of Leander and TIRZ #1

10. 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) Wolf Lakes

c) Flint Hill Resources-Taylor Fuel Storage Terminal on CR 366

d) Project Deliver

e) Project Advantage

f) Project Cedar

g) Project Expansion

h) Project Arcos

i) Project Woods

j) Project Co-Op

k) Project Reese

11. 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) Employee/personnel related matters

d) 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.

e) Civil Action; American Stewards of Liberty, et al. v. Sally Jewell, et al., In the Western District Court, Western District of Texas, Austin Division

f) Case No. 1:17-cv-00290, Rodney A. Hurdsman v. Williamson County Sheriff

Deputies Gleason et al, In The United States District Court For The Western District of Texas – Austin Division.

g) Application to Obtain New Municipal Solid Waste Permit – Proposed Permit No. 2398 (Applicant - Lealco, Inc.)

h) Civil Action No. 1:18-CV-49, Troy Mansfield v. Williamson County, In The United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

i) Cause No. 18-0903-C425/Court of Appeals Number: 01-19-00025-CV; Dee Hobbs, Williamson County Attorney v. Bill Gravell, Jr., Williamson County Judge, and Terry Cook, Cynthia Long, Valerie Covey and Russ Boles, County Commissioners; In the 425th District Court of Williamson County, Texas

j) Cause No. 19-0850-C368; County of Williamson vs. Purdue Pharma, LP et al., In the District Court of Williamson County, Texas.

k) Valerie Adams - EEOC Charge No. 450-2018-03807

l) Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-01114-LY, Elizabeth Saucedo and Tettus Davis v. Jonathon Hodgkiss, In The United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

m) Case No. 19-0466-CC1; Billy Baskett v. Williamson County Sheriff's Office et. al; In the County Court at Law No. 1 of Williamson County, Texas.

n) BANGL Pipeline Project

o) Cause No. 1:18-CV-0198; Officer Mary Teague v. Williamson County, Travis County and City of Giddings, In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division

p) D-1-GN-19-005511; Brian Johns v. Williamson County, Texas; In the 53rd Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas

q) Anthony "Tony" Carter: EEOC Charge No. 451-2019-03927

r) Case No. 1:19-CV-938-RP; Langham v. Fuentes, et al., in the United States District Court, Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

s) Discuss Williamson County Subdivision Regulations and Texas Local Government Code Chapter 232.

t) Civil Action No. 1:19-CV-1163; Amanda McCoy v. Williamson County, Texas et al., In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas Austin Division.

u) Claim of Regina Wright.

v) Law on use of County facilities.

w) Cause No. 19-0406-C368; Anthony Garcia and Victoria Garcia et al. v. Stephen Wade Freeman et al. v. Wayne Finch et al.; In the 368th District Court of Williamson County, Texas.

x) Civil Action No. 1:20-CV-00062; Jaivonte Roberts v. Williamson County, Texas et al., In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas Austin Division.

y) Case: 1:20-CV-255-LY; Jay Kreper v. Williamson County et al.; In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

- 12. 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).**

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13. Discuss and take appropriate action concerning economic development.

No action was taken on this item.

14. Discuss and take appropriate action concerning real estate.

No action was taken on this item.

15. 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
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No action was taken on this item.

16. 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.

17. Comments from Commissioners.

There were no comments.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ADJOURNED AT 11:24 A.M. ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES had at a Regular Session of Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, having been read are hereby approved this 21st day of April, 2020.



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

By: Rebecca Pruitt, Executive Assistant to County Clerk