



**MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
JUNE 9, 2020**

STATE OF TEXAS)(
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:32 A.M. on **TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 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
Brad Weems, Criminal Division Supervisor County Clerk's Office
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 from the June 2, 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 1 Terry Cook

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Motion: To authorize the payment of bills totaling \$9,457,801.90 from the computer printout, Addendum, Wire Transfer, Quick Check Report, Electronic Benefit Payments, and the Wilco Forward Program 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.

Joseph Johnson of Georgetown addressed the Court. No action was taken on this item.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on First Amendment to Contract for Indigent Defense Services Support (RFP #1809-263) between Williamson County and Lone Star Justice Alliance, Inc.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Motion: To approve the First Amendment to Contract for Indigent Defense Services Support (RFP #1809-263) between Williamson County and Lone Star Justice Alliance, Inc.

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

5. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action granting Commissioner Russ Boles authority to execute, on behalf of Williamson County, all closing documents necessary to fully consummate and close the Commercial Real Estate Transaction between Williamson County and SLV Development, Inc. relating to Williamson County's purchase of the property located at 3001 Joe DiMaggio Boulevard, Unit # 104, Round Rock, Texas.

Commissioner Russ Boles corrected the Unit number from "104" to "1300".

Motion by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Motion: To grant Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles authority to execute, on behalf of Williamson County, all closing documents necessary to fully consummate and close the Commercial Real Estate Transaction between Williamson County and SLV Development, Inc. relating to Williamson County's purchase of the property located at 3001 Joe DiMaggio Boulevard, Unit # 104, Round Rock, Texas.

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

6. **Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on approving a Real Estate Contract between Williamson County and Alexander 263, Ltd. relating to Williamson County's purchase of the property located at 980 County Rd 224 Florence, TX 76527 and being the same property described by metes and bounds in two deeds under Document Nos. 9525008 and 9525010 of the Official Public Records of Williamson County, Texas; and to grant Commissioner Valerie Covey authority to execute, on behalf of Williamson County, all contracts and closing documents necessary to fully consummate and close the said Real Estate Transaction between Williamson County and Alexander 263, Ltd.**

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Motion: To approve a Real Estate Contract between Williamson County and Alexander 263, Ltd. relating to Williamson County's purchase of the property located at 980 County Road 224 Florence, TX 76527 and being the same property described by metes and bounds in two deeds under Document Nos. 9525008 and 9525010 of the Official Public Records of Williamson County, Texas; and to grant Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey authority to execute, on behalf of Williamson County, all contracts and closing documents necessary to fully consummate and close the said Real Estate Transaction between Williamson County and Alexander 263, Ltd.

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

7. **Discuss, consider and take action on authorizing the payment of overtime to non-exempt staff in the County Auditors Office beginning May 6, 2020, for work performed on the Wilco Forward Small Business Assistance Program from the CARES Funding.**

First Assistant County Auditor Julie Kiley addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

Motion: To authorize the payment of overtime to non-exempt staff in the County Auditors Office beginning May 6, 2020, for work performed on the Wilco Forward Small Business Assistance Program from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding.

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

8. **Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on funding matters relating to Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to include, but not be limited to hearing an update on the Wilco Forward grant program, setting budget priorities in relation to remaining CARES Act funds and possible future funding and allocation plans in relation to CARES Act funds.**

County Treasurer Scott Heselmyer addressed the Court. No action was taken on this item.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:07 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020.

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

No action was taken in Executive Session.

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 Liberty

No action was taken in Executive Session.

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.

z) Cause No. 20-0752-C26; County of Williamson, by and through the Williamson County Commissioners Court v. Robert Chody, Individually and in his Official Capacity as Sheriff of Williamson County; In the 26th District Court of Williamson County, Texas.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

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).

No action was taken in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECONVENED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:36 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020.

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

b) Status Update-Pending Cases or Claims;

c) Employee/personnel related matters

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Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Motion: To ratify a Settlement, Release and Indemnity Agreement in relation to (q) Anthony "Tony" Carter for Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Charge No. 451-2019-03927 for a total sum of \$150,000.00.

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

- 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.**

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long, Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook and Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles expressed their concerns and lack of confidence in Sheriff Robert Chody.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ADJOURNED AT 10:37 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES had at a Regular Session of Commissioners' Court of Williamson County, Texas, having been read are hereby approved this 16th day of June, 2020.



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

By: Rebecca Pruitt, Executive Assistant to County Clerk