



**MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2020**

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

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:44 A.M. on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 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 4 Russ Boles

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Motion: To approve the Minutes of the August 4, 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 \$27,720,408.62 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.

Those who addressed the Court:

Bill Kelberlau of Georgetown

Jeremy Bravo of Cedar Park

Jim Dillon of Liberty Hill

No action was taken on this item.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Discuss and take appropriate action on ordering the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Elections Administrator Chris Davis addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

Motion: To approve the Order of General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 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

5. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on amending the Mental Health Services Funding Agreement with Bluebonnet Trails Community Center to increase the Extended Observation Unit from 12 beds to a 13-bed unit in Williamson County.

This item was pulled from the Agenda.

6. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on First Amendment to Williamson County Mobile Crisis Services Interlocal Agreement between Williamson County and Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center D/B/A Bluebonnet Trails Community Services (BTCS).

Bluebonnet Trails Community Services Executive Director Andrea Richardson and Director of Mobile Outreach Team Annie Burwell addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Motion: To approve a First Amendment to Williamson County Mobile Crisis Services Interlocal Agreement between Williamson County and Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center D/B/A Bluebonnet Trails Community Services (BTCS).

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Nay: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

Motion fails.

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECESSED AT 11:36 A.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020.

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED AT 11:47 A.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020.

7. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action regarding staffing for Pretrial Services.

This item was pulled from the Agenda.

8. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on forming a committee to research, review and provide comments to the Williamson County Commissioners Court regarding requests to maintain the current location and requests to relocate the 1916 Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument located at the South entrance of the Williamson County Courthouse in Georgetown, Texas.

Those who addressed the Court:

Nancy Einhorn of Round Rock

Nancy Vaughns of Georgetown

Tommy Turner of Georgetown

Samantha Brown of Leander

David Breed of Georgetown

Bill Kelberlau of Georgetown

Jason Norwood of Georgetown

Shelby Little of Georgetown

General Counsel to Commissioners Court Hal C. Hawes

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Motion: To approve forming a committee to research, review and provide comments to the Williamson County Commissioners Court regarding requests to maintain the current location and requests to relocate the 1916 Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument located at the South entrance of the Williamson County Courthouse in Georgetown, Texas and appoint Holly Coe to Chair the committee.

Motion was withdrawn.

General Counsel to Commissioners Court Hal C. Hawes addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Motion: To approve forming a committee to research, review and provide comments to the Williamson County Commissioners Court regarding requests to maintain the current location and requests to relocate the 1916 Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument located at the South entrance of the Williamson County Courthouse in Georgetown, Texas; appoint Holly Coe to Chair the committee and appoint the other 14 committee members by December 1, 2020 with preliminary findings to be addressed in Commissioners Court the end of March 2021 or as determined by the committee.

Aye: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

Nay: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

9. **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.**

Bill Kelberlau of Georgetown and County Treasurer Scott Heselmyer addressed the Court. No action was taken on this item.

10. **Discuss 2020-2021 Budget.**

Tax Accessor/Collector Larry Gaddes addressed the Court. No action was taken on this item.

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:56 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020.

11. **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**

- 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.

12. 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
 - l) Project Long Haul
 - m) Project Bon Jovi

No action was taken in Executive Session.

13. 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. David Bernhardt, 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) Case No. 1:19-CV-938-RP; Langham v. Fuentes, et al., in the United States District Court, Western District of Texas, Austin Division.
 - r) Discuss Williamson County Subdivision Regulations and Texas Local Government Code Chapter 232.
 - s) 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.
 - t) Claim of Regina Wright.
 - u) Law on use of County facilities.
 - v) 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.
 - w) 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.
 - x) 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.
 - y) 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.

z) Legal matters relating to Javier Ambler.

aa) Heather Vargas - Texas Workforce Commission/EEOC Charge.

bb) U.S. Department of Labor - Office of the Assistant Secretary for Veteran's Employment and Training Service Case # TX-2020-00017-20-G - Brooke Kronmiller.

cc) Legal claims asserted by SonWest Co.

Prior to recessing to Executive Session, Christel Erickson-Collins of Cedar Park and Jason Norwood of Georgetown addressed the Court. No action was taken in Executive Session.

14. **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.

15. **Deliberate the appointment, evaluation, employment, transition and/or succession plan in relation to the position of Senior Director of the Williamson County Information Technology Department (Executive Session as per Gov. Code Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters: Deliberate the appointment and evaluation of public officer/department head).**

No action was taken in Executive Session.

COMMISSIONERS COURT RECONVENED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:46 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020.

16. **Discuss and take appropriate action concerning economic development.**

No action was taken on this item.

17. **Discuss and take appropriate action concerning real estate.**

No action was taken on this item.

18. **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;**

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No action was taken on this item.

19. 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.

20. Discuss, consider and take any necessary and appropriate action relating to the employment, hiring, appointment, transition and/or succession plan in relation to the position of Senior Director of the Williamson County Information Technology Department.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Motion: To extend an offer for the Senior Director of Technology Services to Richard Semple for an annual salary of \$159,500.00 effective December 4, 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

21. Comments from Commissioners.

There were no comments.

COMMISSIONERS COURT ADJOURNED AT 1:50 P.M. ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020.

THE FOREGOING MINUTES had at a Regular Session of Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, having been read are hereby approved this 18th day of August, 2020.



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

By: Rebecca Pruitt, Executive Assistant to County Clerk