



**MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 2020**

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that at 9:33 A.M. on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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  
County Clerk Nancy E. Rister

Absent: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

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 3 Valerie Covey

***Motion: To approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2020 meeting.***

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

**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 2 Cynthia Long

***Motion: To authorize the payment of bills totaling \$4,272,192.54 from the computer printout, Addendum, Wire Transfer, Quick Check Report, Electronic Benefit Payments and Wilco Forward Program - Phase 3 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

Other: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent)

### **3. Public Comment Period.**

Bill Kelberlau of Georgetown addressed the Court. No action was taken on this item.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **4. Acknowledge and record that Commissioner Valerie Covey successfully completed 10 hours of investment education that satisfies section 2256.008 of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act and related investment issues.**

Motion by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

***Motion: To acknowledge and record that Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey successfully completed 10 hours of investment education that satisfies Section 2256.008 of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act and related investment issues.***

Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Other: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent)

### **5. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on accepting and receiving annual audit reports from Emergency Service Districts located within Williamson County in accordance with Health & Safety Code Sec. 775.082.**

Motion by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

***Motion: To acknowledge receipt and approve the annual audit reports from Emergency Service Districts located within Williamson County in accordance with Health & Safety Code Section 775.082.***

Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long  
Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey  
Other: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent)

6. **Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on a commitment by Williamson County to provide funding not to exceed \$15,762.00 to support the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) Air Quality Program for fiscal year 2021; and authorize the County Judge to issue a letter to CAPCOG confirming Williamson County's funding commitment.**

Motion by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

***Motion: To approve a commitment by Williamson County to provide funding not to exceed \$15,762.00 to support the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) Air Quality Program for fiscal year 2021 and authorize the County Judge to issue a letter to CAPCOG confirming Williamson County's funding commitment.***

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

7. **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.**

No action was taken on this item.

8. **Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the FY21 Budget Policy document.**

Budget Officer Ashlie Koenig addressed the Court.

Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

***Motion: To approve new wording to the Budget Order for Section I. General Policies #14 Funding will not be recommended to purchase items supporting or promoting any causes outside of core county duties.***

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

Other: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent)

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Motion by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

***Motion: To approve the Summary of Changes submitted for Section VI No's 6, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 14 to the Budget Order.***

Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Other: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent)

9. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on awarding T1873 IFB Ronald Reagan at Silver Spur/ Ronald Reagan at Sun City to QA Construction and authorizing the execution of the agreement.

Motion by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

***Motion: To award T1873 Invitation for Bid (IFB) Ronald Reagan at Silver Spur / Ronald Reagan at Sun City to QA Construction and authorize the execution of the agreement.***

Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Other: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent)

10. Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on authorizing the Purchasing Agent to advertise and receive sealed proposals for T2170 RFP Commercial Lease of Building at 303 Main Street and adjacent lot (Parking Area) at 307 Main Street, Georgetown.

Motion by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

***Motion: To authorize the Purchasing Agent to advertise and receive sealed proposals for T2170 Request for Proposal (RFP) Commercial Lease of Building at 303 Main Street and adjacent lot (parking area) at 307 Main Street, Georgetown.***

Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Other: Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent)

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS NOT HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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 278
    - 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 CR 366.
    - 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 on this item.

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
  - n) Project Crystal

No action was taken on this item.

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) 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.
  - g) 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

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

i) 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.

j) 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.

k) 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

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

m) 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.

n) Claim of Regina Wright.

o) 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.

p) 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.

q) 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.

r) 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.

s) Legal matters relating to Javier Ambler.

t) Case 1:20-cv-00927-LY; Heather Vargas v. Williamson County, Texas; In The United States District Court for the Western District Of Texas Austin Division.

u) Case No. 1:20-CV-00842; SonWest Co. v. J. TERRON EVERSTON, in his official capacity as Williamson County Engineer, et al.; In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

v) Civil Action No. 1:20-cv-836; Elizabeth Firey v. Williamson County, In The United States District Court for the Western District Of Texas Austin Division.

w) Cause No. 20-1213-C368; Michael Klier v. Williamson County; In the 368th Judicial District Court of Williamson County, Texas.

x) Cause No. 3SC-20-0114; City Of Leander, by and through Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool As Subrogee, v. Williamson County; In The Justice Court Precinct 3 of Williamson County, Texas.

No action was taken on this item.

- 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 on this item.

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- 15. Discuss and take appropriate action concerning economic development.**

No action was taken on this item.

- 16. Discuss and take appropriate action concerning real estate.**

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- 17. 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:**

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18. 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.

19. **Comments from Commissioners.**

County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr. thanked Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey for her work on the Jarrell entrance / exit ramps and looks forward to the completion of the ramp for Ronald Regan.

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ADJOURNED AT 9:48 ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020.**

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES had at a Regular Session of Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, having been read are hereby approved this 20th day of October, 2020.**



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

**By: Rebecca Pruitt, Executive Assistant to County Clerk**