



**MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
MEETING  
JANUARY 1, 2021**

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that at 12:10 P.M. on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021**, a **SPECIAL 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 3 Valerie Covey  
County Clerk Nancy E. Rister

Absent: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long  
Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles

Others Present: Rebecca Pruitt, Executive Assistant to County Clerk

- 1. 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 \$3,175,989.13 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 3 Valerie Covey

Other: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long (Absent)

Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent)

## **2. Public Comment Period.**

Jim Dillon of Liberty Hill addressed the Court. 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 approving Official Bond and Oath of newly Elected Officials of Williamson County, Texas.**

Motion by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

***Motion: To approve the Official Bonds and Oaths of newly Elected Officials of Williamson County, Texas.***

Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Other: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long (Absent)

Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent)

5. **Discuss, consider and take appropriate action on approving the applications for authority to appoint employees from Elected Officials of Williamson County who were newly elected on November 3, 2020, pursuant to Subchapter A of Local Government Code Chapter 151.**

Motion by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

***Motion: To approve the applications for authority to appoint employees from Elected Officials of Williamson County who were newly elected on November 3, 2020, pursuant to Subchapter A of Local Government Code Chapter 151.***

Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Other: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long (Absent)

Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent)

6. **Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on compensation changes, position title changes, position grade changes and any corresponding line item transfers.**

Motion by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

***Motion: To approve compensation changes, position title changes, position grade changes and any corresponding line item transfers with a correction to 0570 Corrections Position Control Number (PCN) 0573 Earliest Oracle Effective Date from "1/2/2021" to "1/1/2021".***

Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Other: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long (Absent)

Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent)

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

7. **Discuss, consider and take any appropriate action to approve Second Amendment to Administrative Services Agreement with WebTPA Employer Services, LLC in order to support county's indigent health program operations and exempting services through August 31, 2021 from competitive bidding or proposal requirements pursuant to Tex. Loc. Gov't Code Chapter 262.2 ("public health or safety").**

Motion by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

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Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Other: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long (Absent)

Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent)

**AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS NOT HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021.**

8. **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) 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**

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

**l) 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.**

**m) Claim of Regina Wright.**

**n) 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.**

**o) 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.**

**p) 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.**

**q) Case Number 1:20-cv-01068-LY; *Javier Ambler, Sr., et al. v.***

**Williamson County, Texas, , In the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division.**

**r) 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.**

**s) 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.**

**t) 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.**

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

**v) Legal matters relating to Bailey Park Subdivision, Jarrell, Texas.**

**w) Potential legal claims, demands and/or litigation against The Travelers Indemnity Company (Travelers).**

**x) Claim of the Estate of Okey Floyd Jones, Sr.**

**y) Claim, of Ramsey Mitchell.**

**z) Cause No. 20-1151-C395; Sarah Ackman v. Williamson County; In the 395th District Court of Williamson County Texas.**

No action was taken on this item.

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Motion by: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Second by: Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

***u) Motion: To approve an Amended Release and Indemnity Agreement in relation to Cause No. 20-1213-C368 Michael Klier v Williamson County in the 368th Judicial District Court of Williamson County, Texas.***

Aye: County Judge Bill Gravell, Jr.

Commissioner Precinct 1 Terry Cook

Commissioner Precinct 3 Valerie Covey

Other: Commissioner Precinct 2 Cynthia Long (Absent)

Commissioner Precinct 4 Russ Boles (Absent)

## **10. Comments from Commissioners.**

There were no comments.



**COMMISSIONERS COURT ADJOURNED AT 12:16 P.M.  
ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020.**

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES had at a Regular Session of  
Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, having been read  
are hereby approved this 12th day of January, 2021.**



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

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