

Orders of Commissioners Court  
Bexar County, Texas

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2008**

Commissioners Court Work Session was called to Order by County Judge Nelson W. Wolff at 9:00 a.m.  
Present at roll call:

Nelson W. Wolff, County Judge;  
Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1;  
Paul Elizondo, County Commissioner Precinct No. 2;  
Lyle Larson, County Commissioner Precinct No. 3;  
Tommy Adkisson, County Commissioner Precinct No. 4;  
Seth Mitchell, Chief of Staff to County Judge;  
Tommy J. Tompkins, County Auditor;  
Gerard Rickhoff, County Clerk (Rep. by Leonor Salazar);  
Susan Reed, District Attorney (Rep. by Ed Schwening);  
David Marquez, Executive Director of Economic Development;  
Joe Aceves, Executive Director - Infrastructure Services Department;  
David J. Morgan, Chief Information Officer - Information Services Department;  
David Smith, Executive Director - Planning & Resource Management Department/Budget Officer;  
Aurora Sanchez, Executive Director – Community Investment Department; and  
Gary O'Bar, Purchasing Agent.

When the following proceedings were had to-wit:

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Enriqueta (Katie) M. Pena expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. Mrs. Pena was one of the original Kelly Katies where she worked on aircraft wings and propellers during World War II. Throughout her life she was very involved in EISD PTA, Boy Scouts of America and different political campaigns, including Anne Richards for Governor of Texas. She was an accomplished seamstress and was very involved in all her children and grandchildren's school and dance activities. She is survived by her son Charlie M. Pena, Jr.; daughters, Irma P. Uribe, Gracie P. Rodriguez and five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Bennie Franklin Steinhauser expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He received his first seven years of education at the String Prairie School, a one-room, one teacher school. After graduating from Flatonia High School, he attended business school. He eventually began working for S. H. Kress Company in San Antonio. When World War II began he joined the Army Air Corps. His knowledge of the German language eventually enabled him to join the Allied Command Headquarters in Berlin as an interpreter. He attended Trinity University after World War II ended where he taught history for a short time. This teaching experience began his long career in education. In 1956, he became Superintendent of Edgewood Independent School District until 1969. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Estelle Robin Steinhauser; three children, Ruth Robin Hogue, Bennie Franklin Steinhauser, Jr., and Jennifer Ann Blankenhorn; and six grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Roberto Diaz Gonzalez expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. Mr. Gonzalez was born in Durango, Mexico on June 5, 1929 and lived in Monterey, Nuevo Leon until the age of 27 when he moved to San Antonio. He was a life-long member of the carpenters union. Throughout his career he worked on several notable San Antonio landmarks including the Tower of the Americas in 1967-68, the Pyramid building and Interfirst Playa (now Bank of America). He is survived by his wife Anastacia Gonzalez, children, Robert P. Gonzalez, Jose Gonzalez, Maria Zoraida Solis, Gilberto Gonzalez and Humberto Gonzalez and seven grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Jesse H. Olivarri, Sr. expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He is survived by his sons, Jesse A. Olivarri, Jr. and Jerry A. Olivarri; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Maria V. Sikorski expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. She graduated from high school in San Antonio in 1931. She was devoted to her Church and her faith. She loved music and dancing; she particularly loved to sing. She instilled in her sons a strong desire to end injustice and oppression. She is survived by her two sons Ernesto "Ernie" Cortes, Jr. and Roanld "Ronnie" Cortes and seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of William "Bill" P. Sims, Sr. expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He had worked for Ford Motor Company for 18 years, since 1957 and became a Ford dealer after that time, currently the Dealer Principal of Southway Ford. He was a graduate of Midwestern University. His interests included the Museum of Western Art, Kerrville Texas, the Salute to Education (sponsored by FOMOCO) and other philanthropic interests. He is survived by his wife Lillian Sims; son, William P. Sims, Jr. and three grandchildren.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to family of L. Don Taylor expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Helotes and served on the ACTS retreat with his fellow brothers. He was inspirational in spreading the gospel. He graduated from John Marshall High School in 1968 and was in the band and Distributive Education. He was a policeman for over 30 years, starting in Live Oak and Balcones Heights, eventually becoming the Chief of Police in Grey Forest, Texas. In 1982, he started Taylor Made Hose with his dad helping it to become the successful business it is today. He served as PTA President, was a part of Project Graduation and Spirit Committee for his children's schools. He was one of the founding fathers of Ram Bozos. He is survived by his wife Patty; son, Jeff Taylor and daughter, Leslie Austin and one grandson.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Richard F. "Ric" Williamson expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. Mr. Williamson graduated with a B.A. degree from the University of Texas in 1974 and was a member of the Texas Transportation Commission, and served as the body's chair as it oversees statewide activities of the Texas Department Transportation. Prior to his appointment he served from 1985-1998 in the Texas Legislature. During his legislative tenure he served on a number of committees including: House/Senate Budget Conference Committee, Appropriations Committee (Vice Chairman), Ways and Means Committee, House Select Committee on Revenue and Public Education Funding, House/Senate Criminal Justice Conference Committee, Health and Human Services Conference Committee, Juvenile Justice and Family Issues Committee, and the House/Senate Fiscal Management Conference Committee. He served on several Boards including: the Southern Regional Education Board, Legislative Budget Board, Department of Information Resources, Uniform Statewide Accounting System Committee, the Southern Legislative Conference, and the Weatherford Little League Association. His professional and legislative accomplishments earned him many awards from Texas media, including recognition twice (1989 and 1991) by Texas Monthly magazine as one of the "Ten Best Legislators." Further recognitions include the Dallas Morning News "Best of the 75<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session" in 1997, and the 1992 Texas Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award. He is survived by his wife Mary Ann and daughters, Melissa, Katherine and Sara, and two grandchildren.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of John L. Quinlan, III expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their love one. He was a graduate of Central Catholic High School, class of 1956; St. Mary's University, distinguished ROTC graduate; St. Mary's University School of Law, class of 1962 and was admitted to the practice of law by the State Bar of Texas in 1965. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserves with the rank of Lt. Col. He was a well-known practicing attorney and teacher of law in San Antonio and for a number of years served as an assistant district attorney for Bexar County. He held the position of Chief Post of the felony section and head of special crimes. In 1971, he was one of 14 Texas prosecutors appointed to the Texas State Bar Committee to rewrite and revise the 116 year-old Penal Code. He is survived by his children, John L. Quinlan, IV, Joey Quinlan, and Claudia Quinlan; step-children, David Rene Hernandez and Reed Koplow; two grandchildren.

Commissioners Court will adjourn today's meeting in honor and memory of:

*Enriqueta (Katie) M. Pena  
Bennie Franklin Steinhauser  
Roberto Diaz Gonzalez  
Jesse H. Olivarri, Sr.  
Maria Velia Sikorski  
William "Bill" P. Sims, Sr.  
L. Don Taylor  
Richard F. "Ric" Williamson  
John L. Quinlan, III*



**Item – 1**  
**January 3, 2008**  
**Commissioners Court**

Discussion regarding a request from the Board of Trustees for the Alameda National Center for Latino Arts & Culture to use "Visitor Tax" funding to renovate the Alameda Theater and presentation by Henry Munoz, the founding Chairman. (Record)

No action was taken.



**Item – 2**  
**January 3, 2008**  
**Commissioners Court**

Discussion regarding a request from the Board of Directors for the National Western Art Foundation to use "Visitor Tax" funding to assist with the development of the Dolph and Janie Briscoe Western Art Museum and presentation by Mark Watson, Jr. board member. (Record)

No action was taken.



**Item – 4**  
**January 3, 2008**  
**Commissioners Court**

Public Hearing was called to Order at 10:35 a.m. to receive citizen comments on funding of proposed venue projects in the areas of Amateur Sports facilities, San Antonio River improvements, Performing and Cultural facilities, and Community Arenas grounds and facilities improvements. (Record)

The following citizens signed the registration form to speak:

Lencia Luna  
Cathy Sosa  
Alice Carrington Foulz  
Angela Garcia – Lulac  
George Cortez – Mi Tierra  
Tom Frost – San Antonio Livestock Expedition  
Joan Korte – Downtown Resident Association  
Skip Bradley – SAMSBL  
Kathy Sosa – Sosa Galleries

A.J. Rodriguez – Hispanic Chamber President  
Maria Deleon – item 1 & 2  
Nick Pena – Lulac  
Dario Chapa – Lulac Partnership  
Ruben Cortez – Mi Tierra  
Marie McDermott – Witte Museum  
Tony Cantu – SA River Oversight Committee  
Richard Castillo – item 4  
Ben Brewer – Downtown Alliance

A.J. Rodriguez – S. A. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
 Christina Gomez – UTSA Student  
 Yvonne Fernandez – UTSA Alumni Assoc.  
 Gary Panozzo- McAllister Park Little League  
 Tom Frost III – P.A. Committee  
 Milton Guess – S.A. River  
 Kimberly Howell – Dreams for Youth  
 Dr. Stacy Johnson – San Antonio Sports Foundation  
 Vanessa Olmos – Alamo Area Quatics Assoc.  
 Susan Blackwood – S.A.S.F.  
 Mark Colaw – Horse Industry - SALE

Jack Finger – item 4  
 Thomas Thompson – UTSA Student  
 Irby Hightower – S.A. River Oversight Committee  
 Don Morley – item 4  
 Joan Gaither – S.A. Conversation Society  
 Linda Winchester – Downtown Resident  
 Kristin Howell – Dreams for Youth  
 Jose Sanchez – San Antonio Sports Foundation  
 Sonny Collins – S.A.River Foundation  
 Jackie Van DeWalle – S.A.L.E.

Public Hearing closed at 11:57 a.m.



Commissioners Court recessed at this time. 12:00 noon



Commissioners Court reconvened at this time. 1:45 p.m.



**Item – 3**  
**January 3, 2008**  
**Planning and Resource Management**

Discussion was held concerning a preliminary capacity analysis and financial plan related to up to \$415 million of proposed Bexar County venue projects. (Record)

No action was taken.



**Item – 5**  
**January 3, 2008**  
**Commissioners Court**

The Court hereby ordered and approved a motion approving the following selection and allocation of funding to provide for the planning, acquisition, financing, establishment, construction and renovation of sports and community venue project(s) in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 334, as amended, Texas Local Government Code) and directing staff to prepare the Comptroller resolution as required by the Venue Act and bring back to Court for consideration on Tuesday, January 8, 2008. (Record)

San Antonio River Improvements		\$125,000,000
Mission Reach	\$109.7 million	
Eagleland Reach	\$ 2.6 million	
Park Reach	\$ 12.5 million	
Cultural Facility		\$100,000,000

Amateur Sports Facilities		\$ 75,000,000
UTSA	\$ 10 million	
National Swim Center	\$ 7 million	
Hartman Soccer /SNP	\$ 5 million	
Brooks City Base Soccer	\$ 5 million	
Concepcion Park	\$16.1 million	
Culebra Creek Soccer	\$ 5.23 million	
St. Mary's	\$ 6 million	
Classics Elite Soccer	\$ 1.2 million	
Wheatley Heights	\$ 7.5 million	
McAllister Little League	\$ 2.67 million	
Southeast Skyline	\$ 3.3 million	
Texas Fencing Center	\$ 2 million	
Missions Baseball	\$ 4 million	
Community Arena / Grounds		\$100,000,000
Freeman Coliseum	\$10,000,000	
Exhibition / Barns	\$15,000,000	
AT&T Center	\$75,000,000	
Total Requested Funds:		\$415,000,000
Briscoe Western Art Museum		\$ 4,000,000
Alameda Theater		\$ 6,000,000

A motion was presented by County Commissioner Paul Elizondo, duly seconded by County Commissioner Lyle Larson, which motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Rodriguez, Elizondo, Larson, Adkisson, and Judge Wolff voting "Aye".

An amendment to the original motion was presented by County Judge Nelson W. Wolff, duly seconded by County Commissioners Paul Elizondo and Lyle Larson, to approve an additional \$5 million to UTSA for a total consideration of \$15 million.

Amendment to the original motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Rodriguez, Elizondo, Larson, Adkisson, and Judge Wolff voting "Aye".

Motion carried.

A second amendment to the original motion was presented by County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson to amend action and allocate \$5 million to Briscoe Western Art Museum and \$5 million to the Alameda Theater.

Amendment failed for lack of second.

It is Ordered by the Court that the above selections and funding allocations to provide for the planning, acquisition, financing, establishment, construction and renovation of sports and community venue project(s) in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 334, as amended, Texas Local Government Code) be and hereby are approved.



**Item – 6**  
**January 3, 2008**  
**Commissioners Court**

Discussion was held regarding the adoption of a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 334, as amended Texas Local Government Code to obtain the determination from the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas that the venue projects under consideration by Bexar County will not have a significant negative fiscal impact on State revenue. Deferring action until Tuesday, January 8, 2008. (Record)

No action was taken.



A motion for adjournment was presented by County Commissioner Paul Elizondo, duly seconded by County Commissioner Lyle Larson, which motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Rodriguez, Elizondo, Larson, Adkisson and Judge Wolff voting "Aye." It is ordered by the Court that Commissioners Court of Bexar County, Texas be, and hereby stands, adjourned, *In honor and memory of Enriqueta M. Pena, Bennue Franklin Steinhauser, Roberto Diaz Gonzalez, Jesse H. Olivarri, Sr., Maria Velia Sikorski, William "Bill" P. Sims, Sr., L. Don Taylor, Richard F. "Ric" Williamson and John L. Quinlan, III* until Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

2:45 P.M.

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NELSON W. WOLFF, COUNTY JUDGE  
BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

ATTEST: GERARD RICKHOFF  
COUNTY CLERK  
BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

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