

Orders of Commissioners Court  
Bexar County, Texas

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

Commissioners Court Work-Session met at 1:40 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2016 in the Double-Height Courtroom on the Second Floor of the Bexar County Courthouse, 100 Dolorosa Suite 2.01 San Antonio, Texas 78205.

Present at roll call:

Nelson W. Wolff, County Judge;  
Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez, County Commissioner Precinct No. 1;  
Paul Elizondo, County Commissioner Precinct No. 2;  
Kevin A. Wolff, County Commissioner Precinct No. 3;  
Tommy Calvert, County Commissioner Precinct No. 4;  
David Smith, County Manager;  
Susan Yeatts, County Auditor;  
Gerard Rickhoff, County Clerk (Rep. by Leonor Salazar-Ramirez);  
Nicholas "Nico" Lahood, District Attorney (Rep. by Ed Schweningen);  
Mary Quinones, Purchasing Agent

When the following proceedings were had to-wit:

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Rev. Dr. Ellis L. Hewitt, Jr. expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He served 24 years in the United States Air Force and retired with the rank of Master Sergeant E-7. He was a member of the National Missionary Baptist Convention of America, Baptist Ministers Union of San Antonio and The Minister United for Ministerial Development. He was a Bexar County Adult Probation Officer for 18 years. He is survived by his wife, Ella Faye C. Hewitt; children, Gerald (Pam), Vernicia (Michael), Urie (Kelvin), Vernon (Jutta), Nathaniel (Darla), and Eric.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of John Miller Schaefer expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He was an Eagle Scout. He attended Jefferson High School and Texas A&M University. As an honors student and member of the academic fraternities Phi Eta Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. He was a devoted Aggie. Upon graduation, he served as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the Korean War, known for fierce loyalty to his men. John was an astute businessman and civic leader. His company, Schaefer Homes, operated for more than 55 years. At its peak, 250 homes were built annually in San Antonio and El Paso. His real estate developments in San Antonio include well-known subdivisions such as Churchill Estates, Northern Hills, Castle Hills Forest, Lakeside, Foster Meadows, Wheatley Heights, and Woodridge. He also acquired and developed apartment complexes in San Antonio, Schertz, Houston, Baytown, El Paso, and Odessa. Among his many other business interests, he was a majority shareholder of Ameritex Minerals. He co-owned car dealerships in New Braunfels and Baytown, Texas. He co-owned the Farmco Convenience store chain with close friend Tex Farmer, which grew to 60 locations. Of all his accomplishments, perhaps the greatest was John's role in bringing the Spurs to San Antonio and serving as the first Chairman of the Board. He knew the value a professional sports team would bring to the City and he worked hard to make it a reality. He knew this would "put San Antonio on the map." He served as Chairman of the San Antonio Water Board from 1974-1981. John was an original Founder and Director and Shareholder of Clear Channel Communications as well as the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation. He was also a Board Member of the Aggie Club, original shareholder and organizer of the Board of Directors for NBC Randolph Bank, original shareholder and organizer of the Board of Directors of Suburban Savings, Advisory Board Member of the Small Business Administration, Board Member of the Greater San Antonio Builders Association, Director of the Texas Builders Association, Board Member of the City South Management Authority, and Charter Member of Game Conservation International. John touched the lives of many people with his acts of kindness and support. He is survived by his daughter, Susannah Schaefer Carroll and husband James; daughter Jane Schaefer and husband Tony Eugenio; son Sam Schaefer; 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Harry Hedrick expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He joined the US Navy at a young age where he found a talent for cutting hair, which he continued even after military service. He is survived by his wife, Judy Hedrick; his children, Cindy Glenn David and Steve Hedrick; and 4 grandchildren.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Howard E. Butt Jr. expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He attended Baylor University in Waco and graduated in 1947 with a degree in business. He became president of the H.E. Butt Foundation – an entity founded by his parents in 1982 and established numerous summer camps and forums to help build awareness of faith, social science, psychology, medicine, entertainment, politics and business. In the 1960s, he stepped down from day-to-day leadership of the food business as a vice president and transitioned to a board role as vice chairman to dedicate his life to ministry full time. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Dan; two siblings, Eleanor Butt Cook and Charles Butt; three children, Howard III, Stephen and Deborah Dan Rogers; 8 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Frances Murray Foster expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Selma. As a military wife she was very active in post and community organization, and a Fort Sam Houston Thrift Shop volunteer. For many years she assisted with the Randolph Air Force Base CCD program. She is survived by her children, Linda Foster Wurzel, Karen Foster Montgomery and Charles Murray Foster; 3 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Joan Laconca expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. She was retired from Civil Service and had worked many years at Wilford Hall Medical Center. She is survived by her son, Louis Laconca of Knoxville, TX and a daughter Pattie (John) Kraus of Visalia, CA; 3 grandsons and beloved fur baby, Bennie.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Paula Rae Aylward expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. Paula enjoyed traveling, and the United States Air Force provided many opportunities. She cherished living in Germany, Japan, and the Philippines, as well as the many stateside Air Force bases her husband was stationed through the years. She is survived by her adoring husband, Ret. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Earl H. Aylward; children, John E. Aylward and wife Heather Ross-Aylward, Mary E. Bottoms her husband Ret. Sr. Master Sgt. of the Air Force Paul N. Bottoms, Earl H. Aylward Jr., Patrick E. Aylward, and Kathleen L. Summers and husband Kevin I. Summers; 13 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and her three siblings Patsy Evelyn Warren, Peggy Helen Lippitt, and Edward Pittman Cravens Jr.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Ella Russ Bretz expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. A 1942 graduate of Middletown Area High School, she then attended Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School in New York. She retired from civil service at Kelly Air Force Base. She is survived by her son Robert H. Bretz, Jr. and daughter Robin Bretz Sloan (Gary), Charlottesville, VA; 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

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

*Rev. Dr. Ellis L. Hewitt Jr.  
John Miller Schaefer  
Harry Hedrick  
Howard E. Butt Jr.  
Frances Murray Foster  
Joan Laconca  
Paula Rae Aylward  
Ella Russ Bretz*



**Item – 1**  
**September 12, 2016**  
**Commissioners Court**

Communications, including citizens who signed the registration/sign-in form to speak: (Record)  
Valerie Lott-Woodard  
Lucy M. Hall  
John Butchkosky



**Item – 2**  
**September 12, 2016**  
**Commissioners Court**

The Court hereby ordered and approved a motion approving the Brooks Development Authority’s Greenline Linear Park agreement in the amount of \$1,500,000 contingent upon ability to issue debt to be supportive with storm water fee and negotiations for funding agreement. (Record)

A motion was presented by County Commissioner Tommy Calvert, duly seconded by County Commissioner Kevin A. Wolff, which motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Rodriguez, Elizondo, Wolff, Calvert, and Judge Wolff voting “Aye”.



**Item – 3**  
**September 12, 2016**  
**Commissioners Court**

The Court hereby ordered and approved a motion directing staff to move forward with the University of the Incarnate Word’s School of Osteopathic Medicine at Brooks City Base and approving an amount of \$1,500,000 from Bexar County for the construction of a clinical skills laboratory to be named Bexar County Clinical Skills Laboratory contingent upon the ability to issue debt and negotiate for funding agreement. (Record)

A motion was presented by County Commissioner Tommy Calvert, duly seconded by County Commissioner Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez, which motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Rodriguez, Elizondo, Wolff, Calvert, and Judge Wolff voting “Aye”.



**Item – 4 a&b**  
**September 12, 2016**  
**Commissioners Court**

Discussion was held regarding the Bexar County FY2016-17 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget, including but not limited to: (Record)

- a. Health Insurance Benefits
- b. Proposed changes to be included in a memorandum from the Budget Officer for presentation to Commissioners on September 13, 2016.

The Court hereby ordered and approved a motion accepting the proposed changes to Health Insurance Benefits and to the Bexar County Fiscal Year 2016-17 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget, to be included in a memorandum from the Budget Officer for presentation to Commissioners Court on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. (Record)

**A motion was presented by County Commissioner Paul Elizondo, duly seconded by County Commissioner Tommy Calvert, to include a friendly amendment and allocate funding in the amount of \$25,000 to Child Safe.**

**Motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Rodriguez, Elizondo, Wolff, Calvert, and Judge Wolff voting "Aye". Motion carried.**

The Court hereby ordered and approved a motion accepting the proposed changes to Health Insurance Benefits and to the Bexar County Fiscal Year 2016-17 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget, as amended, to be included in a memorandum from the Budget Officer for presentation to Commissioners Court on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. (Record)

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



**Item – 1**  
**September 12, 2016**  
**Commissioners Court**

Communications, including citizens who signed the registration/sign-in form to speak: (Record)  
Mary Kay Delavan, Child Welfare Board – Item 4



A motion for adjournment was presented by County Commissioner Paul Elizondo, duly seconded by County Commissioner Tommy Calvert, which motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Rodriguez, Elizondo, Wolff, Calvert 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 Rev. Dr. Ellis L. Hewitt Jr., John Miller Schaefer, Harry Hedrick, Howard E. Butt Jr., Frances Murray Foster, Joan Laconca, Paula Rae Aylward and Ella Russ Bretz* until Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

**4:30 P.M.**

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**NELSON W. WOLFF, COUNTY JUDGE**  
**BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS**

**ATTEST:**

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**GERARD RICKHOFF, COUNTY CLERK**  
**BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS**