

Orders of Commissioners Court
Bexar County, Texas

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017

Bexar County Commissioners Court Work Session met at 10:00 a.m. 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;
Kevin A. Wolff, County Commissioner Precinct No. 3;
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 Eduardo Lopez Fernandez expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. Mr. Fernandez served 29 years in the US Army and was a life member of ASWAA, and many other military organizations. Some military awards are: Bronze Star Medal with V Device for Valor; Purple Heart; Meritorious Service Medal; Army Commendation Medal w/2d Oak Leaf Cluster; Army Occupation Medal with German Clasp; WWII Victory Medal; National Defense Service Medal w/1st Oak Leaf Cluster; Korean Service Medal w/3 Bronze Service Stars; Armed Force Expeditionary Medal; Parachutist Badge; United Nations Service Medal; Expert Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar; Sharpshooter Qualification Badge with Carbine Bar; Italy Occupation Medal, Joint Services Commendation Medal, and GCM 7th Award. Mr. Fernandez is survived by his wife of 27 years, Esperanza Elizondo-Fernandez; daughters, Guadalupe (Victor) Santos, Virginia E. (David) Horn; son, Ernie (Anna) Elizondo; 9 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Buddy Morton Bradshaw expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He graduated from Skiatook High School, the University of Oklahoma, and Our Lady of the Lake University, where he received two Master's degrees. Buddy retired as Lieutenant Colonel after a long career serving the U.S. Air Force. He then chose nobly to care for those with addictions, running the Family Focus Counseling Center for many years. He enjoyed teaching Sunday school classes, which he did devoutly since the age of 16. He helped in founding the Battered Women's Shelter, as well as served on the Alamo Area Council of Governments, Council of Churches, and the Palmer Drug Abuse Program. Mr. Bradshaw is survived by his wife, Jeannine Johnston Bradshaw; his son Michael (Adele), his daughters Rebecca Sutton (David), Linda Bradshaw, and Paula Bradshaw Smith (Jet), as well as 7 grandchildren.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Raymond Valdez, Jr., expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He attended Fox Tech High School and upon graduation he served his country in the U.S. Army. After his honorable discharge, he worked at Kelly AFB where he worked his way up from aircraft mechanic to management over F-106 aircraft maintenance as a GS-11. Mr. Valdez is survived by his wife, Lydia; daughters, Lorraine Bernal (Ronnie), Sandy Blanco (Joe), Debbie De La Vega (Gerry), and Peggy Hernandez (Eddie); 9 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Raul A. Ovalle expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He graduated from Fox Tech High School and was a Golden Gloves Champion. After graduating, he joined the U.S. Air Force where he went on two tours to Vietnam and was awarded two Purple Hearts. After honorably serving 26 years in the Air Force, he obtained his Bachelor and Master degrees in Business Administration from Southwest Texas State University. He then joined Civil Service at Fort Sam Houston and retired as Deputy Director of the Small Business Administration in 1995. Mr. Ovalle is survived by his wife, Guadalupe Toscano Ovalle; son, Raul A. Ovalle Jr.; daughters, Betty J. Gonzales, Patricia A. Villegas, and Mary Velasquez (Willie); 14 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Alfred F. Yanez expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. He was proud to have served in the U.S. Army from 59-62. He also loved to BBQ, takes trips to the beach, spending time with his family, and enjoyed his daily walks around the neighborhood. Mr. Yanez is survived by his wife, Francisca Yanez; and his son, John A. Yanez as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Jesus S. Garcia expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. Mr. Garcia proudly served in the U.S. Army for 18 years. He is survived by his wife, Carmen T. Garcia; children, Jesus Garcia, Jr., Cruz Dominguez, Cynthia Ann Garcia (Martin), Sandra Esquivel (Rudy Hinojosa), Ismael Vasquez, Tisha Armijo, Danny Garcia, Tony Garcia and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family members.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Hector Antonio Saldaña expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. Mr. Saldaña grew up in Laredo. He played high school basketball at St. Joseph's Academy where he was a star forward on the team and wore No. 28. He was drafted in 1944 and served as a radio operator on naval planes during World War II and the Korean War. He attended Texas A&M University where he received a business degree in dairy manufacturing. He worked briefly as a dairyman, as well as for U.S. Customs. He is survived by his children, Hector Saldaña, Jr., David Saldaña (Deborah), Cynthia Saldaña Cuellar (Edward), Anna Saldaña Ford (Thomas Molnar) and Sara Saldaña Gonzalez (Daniel); Former spouse and caregiver, Hilda Guerrero; 18 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Rev. Matt Menger, OMI, expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. Fr. Menger professed his first vows as a member of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in May 1947. His advanced philosophical and theological studies were taken at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, 1947-54. He was ordained in 1954 at the Basilica of St. John Lateran by Marcello Cardinal Micara, Vicar General of Rome. Fr. Menger is survived by several cousins and will be remembered with respect and esteem by his Oblate brothers and all the people who were recipients of his pastoral care.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Domingo Vazquez expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. Mr. Vazquez proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and worked at USAA for 37 years prior to his retirement. He is survived by his sons, Dominic (Cynthia), and Roger Vazquez; as well as other family members and numerous nieces and nephews.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Robert Alan Polunsky expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. While at Jefferson High School, he was a scholar, in the band and in his senior year he was the Drum Major. He also received many honors, especially recently, the top Graduate of his Decade (the 1940's). He was also a concert pianist and played at his Jefferson graduation. He attended college at Northwestern University, eventually transferring to University of Texas, Austin where he received his B.A. in Journalism. He is credited as being the first Professional Movie Critic in San Antonio, and worked with local Radio Station WOAI, and the Express News, as well as being General Manager of KENS Television for many years. Mr. Polunsky is survived by daughter, Adrienne Polunsky Hemenway; granddaughter, Stephanie Hemenway; sister, Diane Polunsky Dulitz (Lester) of New Orleans as well as extended family members.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Nancy Coleman Leggitt expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Mary Angela Pizzini expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. She is survived by her sons, David Pizzini (Emily), Fred Pizzini (Patricia); sisters, Lil Knowles, Olivia Hanselka; brother, Bob Miori; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Idalia Molina expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. She attended St. Francis Academy, and was elected to be a cheerleader at LaSalle High School. During her life of service to others, she worked for more than 30 years as an Administrative Professional in school districts throughout Texas. She is survived by her children, Henry Galindo, Jr., (Matt), Evelyn Galindo Leach (Kyle), and Daniel Galindo and his fiancée Jacqueline; 4 grandchildren; her brothers, Guillermo Molina, Jr. (Adelina), and Alfredo Molina (Susan); her long-time best friend Bernice Villanueva; 2 step-children, 2 step-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a large extended family.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Jane Sullinger Hurlbut expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. She graduated cum laude from Vanderbilt University class of 1959. She was an elementary, middle and high school teacher and counselor. She taught in Birmingham, Alabama and in 1972, moved to San Antonio and taught and counseled in the Northside I.S.D.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Alicia Elva Ortiz Garcia expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. She studied nursing at the same hospital receiving her B.S. Nursing degree and became a Registered Nurse. She continued her education and became one of the first Nurse Practitioners in Texas. Her nursing career spanned over 60 years including service with the Veterans Administration and Methodist Hospital. She was active in the Methodist Church and volunteered for the US2 Missionary program to poor, minority communities in the United States. She is survived by her husband, Efraim S. Garcia; her son, David R. Garcia; her daughter, Grace Ann Garcia and the joy of her life, her grandson Cole David Garcia.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Sister Kathleen O'Connell expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. She was professed as a Sister of the Holy Spirit in 1947. In June, she joyously celebrated her 70th Jubilee, surrounded by community members, family and former students. Sister Kathleen was a much loved teacher who served students in Catholic School in Missouri, Louisiana, Houston, Hondo, Corpus Christi, Pharr and Dallas. Sister Kathleen is survived by her brother, Paddy, in England, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Carmen Galdeano Martinez expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. Mrs. Martinez is survived by her husband, Luis Jaime Martinez; children, Jaime N. Martinez (Sara), Lupita Martinez (Gilberto), and Luis Omar Martinez (Barbara); 8 grandchildren, and nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Maria Luisa Ramos expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. Mrs. Ramos is survived by her sons, Tito Ramos Jr. (Aileen), Juan Francisco Ramos (Susana), and Antonio Ramos (Brandy); 4 grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

A letter of condolence is to be sent to the family of Gladys Eleanor Tondre Speer expressing to them the sympathy of the court on the loss of their loved one. She graduated from St. Louis Catholic School and attended Draughons Business College.

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

*Eduardo Fernandez
Buddy Morton Bradshaw
CMSGT Raul A. Ovalle, USAF (Ret.)
Raymond Valdez, Jr.
Alfred F. Yanez
Jesus S. Garcia
Hector Antonio Saldaña
Rev. Matt Menger, OMI
Domingo Vazquez
Robert Alan Polunsky
Mary Angela Pizzini
Idalia Molina
Jane Sullinger Hurlbut
Alicia Elva Ortiz Garcia
Sister Kathleen O'Connell
Carmen Galdeano Martinez
Maria Luisa Ramos
Gladys Eleanor Tondre Speer
Nancy Coleman Leggitt*



Item – 2
August 31, 2017
Commissioners Court

Public Hearing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. to accept public comments regarding the proposed Bexar County Ad Valorem Tax Rate of 0.30895 per \$100 value for 2017 Tax Year in support of its Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18. (Record)

There being no citizens to be heard, Public Hearing closed at 10:00 a.m.



Item – 3
August 31, 2017
Commissioners Court

Public Hearing was called to order at 10:00 a.m. to accept public comments on setting the 2017 tax rate for the Bexar County Hospital District d/b/a University Health System. (Record)

There being no citizens to be heard, public hearing closed at 10:00 a.m.



Item – 4b
August 31, 2017
Commissioners Court

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Bexar County Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating and Capital Budget to include the following Outside Agencies: (Record)

No action was taken.

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| The Arts Fund – Rob Rubbo | Commission for the Elderly – Gloria Arriaga |
| SAGE – Jackie Gorman | Child Safe – Randy Mcfubory |
| Clairty Child Guidance – Michelle Brown | Child Safe – Kim Abernethy |
| Music for S A – Tom Stephenson | Christian Senior Services – Vinsen Faris |
| SAMMinistries – Gaylynn Schwenk | Project Quest, Inc. – David Zammiello |
| Family Violence Provention – Marta Pelaez | San Antonio Clubhouse – Mark Stoeltje |
| S. Alamo Regional – Bill Hubbard | P.E.A.C.E. Initiative – Patricia Castillo |
| Project Mend – Stephanie Kotick | Communities in School – Lauren Geraghty |
| Urban – 15 – J. George Cisneros | Madonna Center – Roger Caballero |
| Standard of Athletics – Ashley Burrell | Joven – Jared Boggs |
| Catholic Charities – J. Antonio Fernandez | Boysville Inc. – Paula Tucker |
| Chryselia Ministries – Nino Tarantino | Health Collaborative – Elizabeth Witz |
| Boys & Girls Club – Angie Mock | San Anto Cultural Arts – Keli Cabunol |
| YMCA – Marie Sanchez | YMCA – Vanessa Jimenez |
| Mission Possible 360 Inc. – John Vacca | Musical Bridges Around the World – Suhail Arastu |
| Seton Home – Thelma Gutierrez | |

Commissioner Paul Elizondo joined the meeting at this time.



Item – 4d
August 31, 2017
Commissioners Court

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Bexar County Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating and Capital Budget to include the following: Capital Projects (Record)

The Court hereby ordered and approved a motion directing staff to move forward with the Revised Capital Project Recommendations as presented to Commissioners Court.

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



Item – 1
August 31, 2017
Commissioners Court

Communications, including citizens who signed the registration/sign-in form to speak:

Guadalupe Cantu



Item – 4c
August 31, 2017
Commissioners Court

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Bexar County Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating and Capital Budget to include the following: **Children’s Court** (Record)

The Court hereby ordered and approved a motion directing the staff to present a revised funding recommendations to Commissioners Court at the September 11, 2017 Commissioners Court Work session.

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



Item – 4a
August 31, 2017
Commissioners Court

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Bexar County Fiscal Year 2017-18 Operating and Capital Budget to include the following: **Employee Compensation** (Record)

The Court hereby ordered and approved a motion directing staff to move forward with the tax rate allocation and employee compensation.

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, and Judge Wolff voting “Aye”.



A motion for adjournment was presented by County Commissioner Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez, duly seconded by County Commissioner Kevin A. Wolff, which motion was voted on as follows: Commissioners Rodriguez, Elizondo, Wolff, 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 Eduardo Lopez Fernandez, Buddy Morton Bradshaw, Mary Angela Pizzini, Raul A. Ovale, USAF (Ret.), Raymond Valdez, Jr., Alfred F. Yanez, Idalia Molina, Jane Sullinger Huribut, Alicia Elva Ortiz Garcia, Jesus S. Garcia, Hector Antonio Saldaña, Kathleen O’Connell, Rev. Matt Menger, OMI, Domingo Vasquez, Robert Alan Polunsky, Carmen Galdeano Martinez, Maria Luisa Ramos, Gladys Eleanor Tondre Speer, and Nancey Coleman Leggitt* until Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

1:25 P.M.

ATTEST:

NELSON W. WOLFF, COUNTY JUDGE
BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

GERARD RICKHOFF, COUNTY CLERK
BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS