

**AGENDA ITEM 20**

Consider adopting an order prohibiting or regulating the keeping of wild animals, pursuant to Chapter 240, Local Government Code.

Moved: **Judge Doerfler**

Seconded: **Commissioner Hays**

Motion: To adopt an order prohibiting the keeping of wild animals, pursuant to Chapter 240, Local Government Code.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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To: Commissioners Court Members  
From: Jim Allison  
RE: H.B. 1362 – Dangerous Wild Animals  
Date: August 23, 2001

H.B. 1362 revises the statutes concerning dangerous wild animals.

Under this bill, counties may either prohibit the keeping of dangerous wild animals in the unincorporated areas or regulate them. If the county does not adopt an order prohibiting dangerous wild animals by December 1, 2001, the county must adopt an order to permit and regulate them.

Attached is a model order to prohibit the keeping of wild animals.

Upon adoption of the order, the caption of the order should be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. If your county decides to permit and regulate these animals, please contact my office for sample applications, permits, and orders.

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON §

Order Prohibiting the Keeping of  
Wild Animals. Pursuant to Chapter 240.  
Local Government Code and Creating a Criminal Penalty

The Commissioners Court of WILLIAMSON County hereby adopts the following order,  
pursuant to Chapter 240, Local Government Code:

1. The Commissioners Court hereby determines that wild animals, as defined in this order, are dangerous and in need of control in this county.
2. Wild animal means a lion, a tiger, an ocelot, a cougar, a leopard, a cheetah, a jaguar, a bobcat, a lynx, a serval, a caracal, a hyena, a bear, a coyote, a jackal, a baboon, a chimpanzee, an orangutan, a gorilla, a lesser panda, a binturong, a wolf, an ape, an elephant, a rhinoceros, or any hybrid of an animal listed in this definition.
3. The keeping of a wild animal in the unincorporated area of this county is hereby prohibited, except as otherwise specifically permitted by state or federal law.
4. A violation of this order is an offense punishable as a Class C misdemeanor.
5. A violation or threatened violation of this order may be enjoined by an action in district court.

Read and adopted this 18<sup>TH</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2001.

John C. Drifler 9-18-01  
County Judge

Nancy E. Rister  
County Clerk

**AGENDA ITEM 21**

Consider adopting an order to join TCAP (Texas CUC Aggregation Project) to aggregate purchasing power for electricity.

Moved: **Commissioner Heiligenstein**

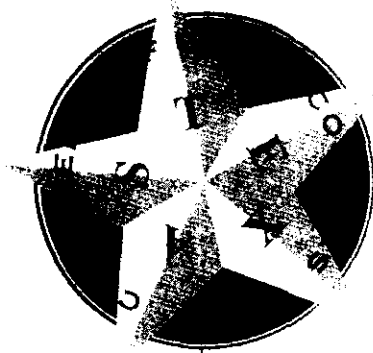
Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To show an interest in joining TCAP (Texas CUC Aggregation Project) to aggregate purchasing power for electricity, and to ask Don Lee to work up a schedule of prices for the county.

Vote: **5 - 0**

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September 11, 2001



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Williamson County

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**Re: Opportunity for CUC Members To Join TCAP To Aggregate Their Purchasing Power For Electricity**

Dear Judge Doerfler:

As I am sure you are aware, in less than four months the purchasing of electricity will change for all local governments in Texas if your investor owned utility or current electric provider will no longer be a regulated monopoly. We will all have choices on from whom to purchase electric power and it will be incumbent on us to negotiate the best price for that electricity.

The Texas Conference of Urban Counties researched the best ways for local governments to prepare for the open electric power market. We found that load aggregation, or purchasing pools, are widely considered the best approach to obtaining the best power contracts. With this technique, multiple customers join together, or aggregate, their electric load. Together, the group has the purchasing power to enhance competition and obtain significantly better rates than any one member of the group could get alone.

Dallas, Harris, Tarrant and Jefferson Counties, in conjunction with approximately 50 other local governments and political subdivisions, have formed an aggregation group called Texas CUC Aggregation Project, Inc ("TCAP"). The project is organized under chapter 303, Local Government Code, and currently has an aggregated electric load of over \$140 million. TCAP has retained consultants who are experts in competitive power markets, and is busy preparing for the coming changes. We expect approximately 10-12% savings on our costs versus not joining TCAP. Your county can enjoy these savings also.

You will have many options in the new open market. TCAP is designed to maximize savings at the lowest cost available. As other options are developing, we are convinced that TCAP will be the best and least expensive aggregator available to local governments.

TCAP is uniquely qualified to secure the best possible price for electricity in the deregulated market for two principal reasons. First, TCAP was the only political subdivision corporation to participate in the pilot project. Current estimates are that members of TCAP in the pilot project will save 10% or more on their electric bill during the last 4 months of 2001. Once full competition starts, TCAP