

# Wild Basin Park land purchase approved

Travis County commissioners this morning voted to buy more land for Wild Basin Wilderness Park and delayed action on a proposed 100-acre park in Precinct 1.

Commissioners approved the purchase of 6.4 acres of land owned by Jack D. Colby and R.M. Taylor for \$33,900.

The money comes from funds raised by the Wild Basin Park Committee and deposited with Travis County, Precinct 3 Commissioner Ann Richards said.

Commissioners declined to act on a controversial proposed park in far eastern Travis County until Precinct 1 Commissioner David Samuelson can complete a contract with the landowners.

Samuelson said he wanted commissioners "to be fully aware of what we're doing." He added, "I don't think we're asking to pur-

chase; I think we're asking to proceed."

County Judge Mike Renfro told Samuelson, "I can't vote for it because I don't know what I'm voting for." He said any action would be premature until a contract is ready.

Renfro and commissioners present — all but Precinct 2 Commissioner Bob Honts — told Samuelson he didn't need their authority to negotiate the contract and asked him to raise the question again when the contract was ready.

The park has been opposed by nearby residents because they fear overflowing traffic into their neighborhood.

Originally, park visitors would have driven down the residents' narrow road to get to the park entrance. But Samuelson says landowners have agreed to build a road off State Road 969 into the park, bypassing the threatened neighborhood.