



**Minutes for the
Travis County Commissioners Court
February 21, 2023
Voting Session**

**Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on February 21, 2023, in the Travis County Administration Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca Street, 1st Floor, Austin, TX, Dyana Limon-Mercado County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Gillian Porter.

Present: County Judge Andy Brown
Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
Absent Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret J. Gómez

Signature Motion

Clerk's Note: The members of the Commissioners Court discussed the voting session being held by video conference and that several Commissioners are not physically present.

MOTION: Each Commissioner not physically present delegates the authority to the County Judge to sign any documents, including orders related to items before the court today on their behalf.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:
Robert Battaile, President, Austin Bocce League

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: A moment of silence was held for Pete McRae.

Consent

C1. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)

- C2. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)
- C3. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)
- C4. Approve the minutes for the Voting Session of February 7, 2023. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C4.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 3, 6, 7, 8.a-b, 9, 11.a-b, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.a, 18, 19, and 20.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

Resolutions & Proclamations

- 1. Approve a proclamation recognizing and thanking internal departments and external partnerships that played critically important roles in the creation of mass vaccination clinics, as well as other partners and volunteers for their tireless work, their commitment to the health of Travis County, and their ongoing dedication to ensuring that the most vulnerable among us are served with timeliness, grace, consideration and respect. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services
George Morales III, Constable, Precinct 4
Anthony Johnson, Chief Deputy, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO)
Jaeson Fournier, CEO, CommUnity Care

MOTION: Approve Item 1.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

- 2. Approve proclamation recognizing February 2023 as Black History Month in Travis County and announce the Austin Independent School District African American Heritage Celebration. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

Auditor

3. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of December 2022 from the County Auditor's Office. The reports are submitted electronically as allowed by Texas Local Government Code §114.023 (a) and prescribed by the County Auditor. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Emergency Services

4. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following:
 - A. Outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County
 - B. County response to natural disaster or other emergency
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

5. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding items related to the County's response to and recovery from COVID-19 and other health crises, including but not limited to:
 - A. Periodic update from the Austin/Travis County Public Health Authority
 - B. Other necessary measures and actions, including any legal actions, steps, orders, policies, or communications related to COVID-19 and other health crises, and measures necessary to protect public health and safety of employees and residents
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

6. Set a public hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, to receive comments regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for the Luck Reunion event to be held on March 16, 2023, at 1100 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, TX. 78669. (Pursuant to Health and Safety Code §751.007) (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

7. Consider and take appropriate action on request to authorize Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the following engAGE Travis County volunteer stations: Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, UMLAUF Sculpture Garden + Museum, Next-to-New Store, and Black Men's Health Clinic. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

8. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Travis County Children's Protective Services Board:
 - A. Hope Osborn, Katherine Cranford, Kimberly Walls, and Maggie Lin for a term to expire on June 30, 2025
 - B. Kayden Asher for a term to expire on June 30, 2024 (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Justice & Public Safety

9. Consider and take appropriate action on request from the Travis County Sheriff to petition the Texas Commission on Jail Standards to decommission 5 Holding Cells. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

10. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers, and discussion items. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

Hector Nieto, Public Information Officer, Public Information Office (PIO)

Daniel Pacatte, Park Forester, TNR

MOTION: Approve Item 10.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

11. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:

- A. New application with the U.S. Department of Justice and the University of Texas for the Step Up Texas grant in the Travis County Juvenile Probation Department (TCJPD)
- B. New contract award from the Department of State Health Services in the amount of \$1,056,221 for the detection and mitigation of COVID-19 in confinement facilities within the Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

12. Approve Modification No. 2 to Contract No. 4400005591 with NFP Corporate Services (TX), LLC, in the amount of \$47,750.00, for benefits consultant services. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Approve Modification No. 4 to Contract No. 4400004293 with Higginbotham Insurance Agency, Inc., in the amount of \$1,752,952.00, for property and boiler & machinery insurance coverage. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Approve Exemption and Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400005382 with A New Entry, Inc., an as-needed contract, for Temporary Emergency Residential Housing Services. (Justice & Public Safety) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Approve Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 4400005853 with Asphalt Inc., LLC, in the amount of \$1,542,258.74, for completion of the 2021 HMAC Overlay Project. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Approve order exempting parts, labor, and repair services for the STAR Flight helicopter engines, for estimated requirements, from Pratt & Whitney Canada, from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024 (a) (7) (A), and authorize Purchasing Agent to issue purchase orders. (Emergency Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

17. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:

- A. Routine Personnel Actions
(Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a license agreement with Public Safety Cadet Unit 711, a Texas non-profit organization, to operate, secure, and maintain the Kevin Lee Aigner Building Parking Lot during the Austin FC events. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

19. Consider and take appropriate action on the acceptance of dedication of the public street and drainage facilities within Shadowglen Phase 2, Section 21A & 21B - a subdivision in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Set a public hearing on March 21, 2023, to receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located along the common lot line of Lots 1170 and 1171, Apache Shores Section 2, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Executive Session

21. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding Travis County information security issues. ¹ & ⁶ (Commissioners Travillion & Howard)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge