



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court March 7, 2023 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on March 7, 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
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 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:
Gus Peña, Travis County resident

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: March is Women's History Month and International Women's Day is held on March 8, 2023.

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)

MOTION: Approve Items C1-C3.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Second Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 3, 4, 6, 7.a, 8.a-b, 10, 11, 12, 13.a-b, 14, 15.a-c, 16, 17, 20, and 21.a-e.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Emergency Services

- 1. 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, including continuance of the disaster declaration
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

- 2. 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

Members of the Court heard from:

Dr. Desmar Walkes, Health Authority, Austin Public Health and Health
Authority, Austin-Travis County
Adrienne Sturup, Director, Austin Public Health (APH)

RESULT: DISCUSSED

- 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

Justice & Public Safety

3. Consider and take appropriate action on a request from the Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) to approve payment/reimbursement of expenses for law enforcement and office equipment for the law enforcement bureau. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

4. Consider and take appropriate action on the eighth amendment to the Sobering Center interlocal agreement between Travis County, the City of Austin, and the Sobering Center, to increase the City of Austin's operating budget allocation for the Sobering Center for the twelve-month period ending September 30, 2023. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

5. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to approve the placement of a person with lived experience as a level-2 Apprentice Peer Support Specialist in the Mental Health Public Defenders Office, partially funded through the Via Hope Peer Specialist Training Program, the first registered apprenticeship program for peer specialists in Texas. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Vicki Ashley, County Executive, Justice and Public Safety (JPS)

Dr. Sandra Smith, Vice President, Via Hope

Melissa Shearer, Director, Mental Health Public Defender Office

MOTION: Approve Item 5.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

7. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:
 - A. Annual contract with the Corporation for National and Community Services (CNCS) for the AmeriCorps Program grant in Health and Human Services for \$698,740, with a grant match of \$563,763 (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Consider and take appropriate action on a resolution:
 - A. Recognizing a Bond Issuance Request for the issuance of Improvement Area #1 Bonds for the payment of the costs of the Improvement Area #1 Improvements for Improvement Area #1 of the WildHorse Ranch Public Improvement District
 - B. Directing County staff:
 - 1) To confirm that all conditions precedent to the issuance of PID Bonds by the Travis County Development Authority have been satisfied
 - 2) Along with Travis County Development Authority staff, to take such other actions as are required to commence preliminary preparations for the sale of the Improvement Area #1 Bonds
(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Consider and take appropriate action on an update regarding proposed revisions to Travis County Code Chapter 481, the County's Public Improvement Policy. (This item may be taken into Executive Session under Texas Local Government Code § 551.071, Consultation with Attorney) (Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 9 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation.

Members of the Court heard from:

Christy Moffett, Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments,
Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Steve Metcalfe, Partner, Metcalfe Wolff Stuart & Williams LLP (MWSW)
Rick Rosenberg, Managing Principal, DPFG, Inc

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Purchasing

10. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400006410 with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc., in the amount of \$80,000.00, for eviction prevention supportive services. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Approve contract award for residential electrical services, IFB No. 2211-010-JL, as-needed basis, to the low bidder, Z-Non Electric, Inc. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Approve contract award for the Native Plant Exchange Program, RFS No. 2205-003-WL, on an as-needed basis, to the highest-ranked respondent, TreeFolks, Inc. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

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

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Consider and take appropriate action to accept a donation of an Ericsson R-dot system, valued at \$760,000, from AT&T for the Blackwell Thurman Criminal Justice Center. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following items for the Civil and Family Courts Facilities:

- A. Professional Service Agreement between Travis County and CGL Facility Management, LLC for Facility Maintenance and Repairs services
- B. Second Amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement

- C. Second Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement
(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a commercial representation agreement with Danny Roth, Southwest Strategy Group, to search for a real estate property for the relocation of the tenants of the Kevin L. Aigner Building, including a tax office. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

17. Consider and take appropriate action on a proposed License Agreement with the Avalon Master Community for speed feedback signs within the right of way of Avalon Phase 12A subdivision in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Consider and take appropriate action on a proposed License Agreement with Google Fiber Texas, LLC for the installation and maintenance of a fiber optic infrastructure network in Travis County public right-of-way. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range
Planning, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

David Greear, Director, Public Works, TNR

John Michael Cortez, Government and Community Affairs Manager, Google
Fiber

MOTION: Approve Item 18.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

19. Consider and take appropriate action to adopt a resolution authorizing the use of Eminent Domain to acquire fee simple title to ± 0.0918 of an acre (3,998 SF), referred to as Parcel 2, owned by RRM, LLC, located at 10908 West US Hwy 290 in Travis County, Texas, as described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A" attached to the Resolution, for the public use and purpose of providing essential services to the general public and promoting public safety in connection with the Fitzhugh Road Shoulder Widening Project. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Adopt a resolution authorizing the County Attorney to use the power of Eminent Domain to acquire fee of simple title to ±0.0918 of an acre (3,998 SF), referred to as Parcel 2 as described in Exhibit “A” attached to the Resolution, for the public purpose of providing essential services to the public and promoting public safety in connection with the Fitzhugh Road Shoulder Widening Project

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

Other

20. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the license agreement to use Sawyer Hall as an election worker training site for the May 6, 2023 Local Elections. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action to approve license agreements for the use of the following five Early Voting and Election Day polling sites for the May 6, 2023 Local Elections:

- A. Westminster Presbyterian
- B. Westoak Woods Baptist Church
- C. Peace Lutheran
- D. Riverbend Center
- E. Genesis Presbyterian
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Executive Session

The Commissioners Court will consider the following items in Executive Session. The Commissioners Court may also consider any other matter posted on the agenda if there are issues that require consideration in Executive Session and the Commissioners Court announces that the item will be considered during Executive Session.

Note 1: Gov't Code Ann 551.071, Consultation with Attorney

Note 2: Gov't Code Ann 551.072, Real Property

Note 3: Gov't Code Ann 551.074, Personnel Matters

Note 4: Gov't Code Ann 551.076, Security

Note 5: Gov't Code Ann 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations

Note 6 Gov't Code Ann 551.089, IT Security

Note 7: Gov't Code Ann 551.0745, Deliberation by Commissioners Court about County Advisory Body

22. 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