



# Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court April 20, 2023 Work Session

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

Meeting called to order on April 20, 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

## Special Voting Session Items

1. Consider and take appropriate action regarding remaining Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (LFRF) allocations. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)  
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

**Reference # 14** - Del Valle ISD Dual Language Pre-K

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO  
Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, Travis  
County Health and Human Services (HHS)

**MOTION:** Approve the request.

**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

**Reference # 20 - Trauma Recovery Center**

**MOTION:** Approve the request.  
**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

**Reference # 2 - LFRF Eviction Prevention**

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO  
Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS  
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS

**MOTION:** Approve the request.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard,  
Margaret Gómez

**Reference #3 - HHS Food Access**

Members of the Court heard from:

Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS  
Rachel Coff, Planning Project Manager, HHS

**MOTION:** Approve the request.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard,  
Margaret Gómez

**Reference # 4 - HHS Childcare Access**

**MOTION:** Approve the request.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard,  
Margaret Gómez

**Reference #8 - Extend Special Project Workers through 12/31/2026.**

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

**MOTION:** Approve the request.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

**Reference # 9 - ESD Communications and Resiliency Enhancements**

**MOTION:** Approve the request.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

**Reference # 16 - MC3**

**MOTION:** Approve the request.  
**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

**Reference # 23 - Ronald McDonald House Expansion**

**MOTION:** Approve the request.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

**Reference # 1 - HHS Workforce Development**

Members of the Court heard from:

Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS

David Jungerman, Chief Auditor, Internal Audit Division, County  
Auditor's Office  
Patti Smith, Travis County Auditor  
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS

**MOTION:** Fund at \$5.8M, 60% of the request.  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

**FRIENDLY**

**AMENDMENT:** Fund at \$7,487,330.00, 75% of funding with quarterly reports.  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 1, Jeffrey Travillion  
**RESULT:** **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ACCEPTED**

*Clerk's Note: A Vote on the Standing Motion was taken.*

**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard,  
Margaret Gómez

**New # 3 - Improvements in Eastern Travis County for Water  
Infrastructure Projects**

Members of the Court heard from:

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

**MOTION:** Fund at \$5.5M for projects not yet scoped.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard,  
Margaret Gómez

**Reference # 13 - CFCF - Reclaimed Water Line - Purple Pipe**

**MOTION:** Fund at \$1,375,000.00, a 50% reduction.  
**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

**Reference # 18 - Ending Youth Homelessness**

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

**MOTION:** Approve the request.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

**Reference # 21 - The Innocence Initiative and Travis County Girl Squad**

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

David Jungerman, Chief Auditor, Internal Audit Division, County Auditor's Office

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS

Dashiell Daniels, Budget Analyst III, PBO

**MOTION:** Approve the request.  
**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

**Reference # 27 - Residential Jail Diversion and Mental Health and Addiction Treatment**

Members of the Court heard from:

Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, HHS

**MOTION:** Approve the request.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

**New # 1 - Public Awareness and Education Campaign for Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing**

**New # 2 - Community-wide Youth Mental Health First Aid Education**

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO  
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS

**MOTION:** Fund at \$270,000.00.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** County Judge Andy Brown  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard,  
Margaret Gómez

**Reference # 17** - Majority of Color Cohort, Capital IDEA dental hygiene students

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO  
Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS

**MOTION:** Approve the request.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard,  
Margaret Gómez

**New # 4** - Additional Data Resources and Coordination

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

**MOTION:** Allocate \$500,000.00 for data coordination as outlined in Dr. Strakowski's report.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard,  
Margaret Gómez

**Reference # 15** - Austin Urban Technology Movement

Members of the Court heard from:

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS  
Lawrence Lyman, Director, Research and Planning Division, HHS  
Paul Hopingardner, Executive Director, Technology and Operations

**MOTION:** Approve the request.  
**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

**Reference # 26** - First Tee of Greater Austin - Eastside After-School Programs

**MOTION:** Approve the request.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard,  
Margaret Gómez

**Reference # 22** - Women and children residential SUD treatment program

Members of the Court heard from:  
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS

**MOTION:** Allocate \$469,559.00 for capital.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**  
**MOVER:** County Judge Andy Brown  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard,  
Margaret Gómez

2. Receive comments regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for NOFX- The Last Tour event to be held on April 21 – 23, 2023, at 701 Dalton Ln, Austin, TX 78742. (Judge Brown)

*Clerk's Note: The Court approved without objection opening the Public Hearing.*

Members of the Court heard from:  
Tony Callaway, Travis County Fire Marshal  
Lory Denson, Owner, Shady Springs Party Barn  
Amanda Blackwelder, Travis County resident  
Alexander Scarpello, Travis County resident  
Solana Renteria, Travis County resident  
Barbara Wilson, Assistant County Attorney

**MOTION:** Close the Public Hearing.  
**RESULT:** **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

**MOVER:** Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea  
**AYES:** Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard,  
Margaret Gómez

**Adjourn**

**Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court**

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Date of Approval

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Andy Brown, County Judge