



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court May 9, 2023 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on May 9, 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

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:

Gus Peña, Travis County resident
Todd Osburn, Assistant Director, Human Resources Management Department
(HRMD)
Patti Smith, Travis County Auditor
Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Kathryn Madden, Chief Assistant County Auditor

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

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 9, 11, 13, 14.a, 15 (excluding T1), 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 20, 21, 22.a-b, 23, 24, 27.a-b, and 28.
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

Reconsider the Second Consent Motion

Clerk's Note: The County Judge noted that there was an error, and it was Item 13 not 15 for the exclusion of Budget Amendment T1.

Clerk's Note: The approved Second Consent Motion items are as follows: Items 9, 11, 13 (excluding T1), 14.a, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 20, 21, 22.a-b, 23, 24, 27.a-b, and 28.

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding the following easement vacation requests associated with Entrada Phase 5 subdivision in Precinct Two
 - A. Authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a lateral support easement dedicated by document #2018190762 of the Official Public Records of Travis County
 - B. Authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a lateral support easement dedicated by document #2018190761 of the Official Public Records of Travis County
 - C. Authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a drainage easement dedicated by document #2018190760 of the Official Public Records of Travis County
 - D. Authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a portion of a lateral support easement dedicated by document #2018190763 of the Official Public Records of Travis County
(Commissioner Shea)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
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

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
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

2. Receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a portion of a drainage easement with an undetermined width, over and across Tract 103, a platted lot in Travis Hollow Section Three subdivision, in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Shea)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
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

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range
Planning, TNR
Jennifer Hopgood, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
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

3. Receive comments regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for Seismic Spring [Lite Edition] event to be held on May 19–21, 2023, at 8509 Burleson Rd., Austin, TX. 78719. (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

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
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

Resolutions & Proclamations

4. Approve a proclamation to recognizing Tuesday, May 9, 2023 as "Employee Recognition Day in Travis County". (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Kim Austin-Smith, Assistant Director, Talent Planning and Engagement, Development, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD)

MOTION: Approve Item 4.

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

5. Approve proclamations recognizing the week of May 6th - 12th as "National Nurses Week" in Travis County. (Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sally Hernandez, Travis County Sheriff

Dr. Mary Gallow, Director of Nursing, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO)

Dr. Stephanie Morgan, Director, School of Nursing, Austin Community College

Dr. Mary Beth Almsay, Director of Nursing, Baylor Scott and White

Jacob Burson, CBIC Manager, St. David's Heart Hospital of Austin

Dr. Steven Brockman-Weber, Chief Nursing Officer, Ascension Seton

Julie Joe, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Approve a proclamation recognizing the nurses who work at the Sheriff's Office.

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

MOTION: Approve a proclamation recognizing all nursing staff in the Greater Austin Area.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

6. Approve a proclamation celebrating the Austin Diaper Bank's 10th Anniversary in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Michael Deleon, Lieutenant, Constable Precinct 2 Office
LauraLee Daigle, Member, Austin Diaper Bank Board of Directors
Holly McDaniel, Executive Director, Austin Diaper Bank
Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, HHS

MOTION: Approve Item 6.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Emergency Services

7. 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 response, recovery and rehabilitation efforts resulting from Winter Storm Mara (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

8. 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

Health & Human Services

9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify a 6-month contract extension of Contract No. 19-281-000-B780 with the Texas General Land Office (GLO), which will terminate on October 3, 2023. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

10. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Housing Authority of Travis County Board of Commissioners and the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors. (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 10 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't Code Ann 551.0745, Deliberations by Commissioners Court about County Advisory Body.

MOTION: Appoint Rebecca Weber to Place 4 on the Housing Authority of Travis County Board of Commissioners for a term to expire December 31, 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

11. Consider and take appropriate action to issue an Open the Call for Applications to the Travis County Child Protective Services Board. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Justice & Public Safety

12. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the appointment, employment, duties, compensation and other personnel matters of the Chief Juvenile Public Defender (*This item may be taken to Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.074, Personnel Matters*) (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 12 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

MOTION: Appoint Ruben Castaneda as the Interim Chief Juvenile Public Defender to serve from May 15, 2023, until such time as the reorganization is complete and the three public defender offices are united.

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

Planning & Budget

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

Clerk's Note: Budget amendments excluding Item T1 were added to the Second Consent Motion.

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Craig Smith, Major, Administration Support, TCSO
Kristen Dark, Public Information Officer Sr, TCSO

MOTION: Approve Budget amendment T1 in Item 13.
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

14. 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 Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority to Continue the Sheriff's Combined Auto Theft Task Force Program in the Travis County Sheriff's Office
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

15. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400005481 with Dr. Casey O'Neal, Ph.D. for psychological evaluation services. (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Approve Modification No. 1, an assignment of Contract No. 4400006480, for eviction prevention supportive services, from Austin Tenants' Council to Texas RioGrande Legal Aid. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Approve Modification No. 2, an assignment of Contract No. 4400003038, for tenants' rights telephone counsel and mediation services, from Austin Tenants' Council to Texas RioGrande Legal Aid. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Approve Modification No. 3 to Contract No. 4400003967 with the Iron Mountain Information Management, LLC, for estimated requirements for records storage and management services. (Travis County Clerk's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Approve Modification No. 10, an assignment of Contract No. 4400002240, for Assetworks Fleet Management System, from Trapeze Software Group Inc. dba Assetworks LLC to Assetworks Inc.(Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Approve order exempting the purchase of 700 Lavaca security glass upgrades from Killeen Glass & Mirror, Inc., in the amount of \$222,280.00, from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024(a)(2). (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve contract award for third party administrative & medical bill audit & case management services for workers' compensation & liability claims, RFS No. 2212-001-JH, in the amount of \$463,855.00, to the highest-ranked respondent, Athens Insurance Service, Inc. DBA Athens Administrators. (Human Resource Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

22. 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

23. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a License Agreement between Travis County and Half-Helen Foundation, a Texas Nonprofit Corporation to use six parking spaces in the Parking Lot of Precinct 3 Office Building A, which is located at 8656 State Hwy 71 West, Austin, Texas for the purpose to park a mobile eye clinic trailer and to provide eye care services for the Community one day per week. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a License Agreement between Travis County and Half-Helen Foundation, a Texas nonprofit Corporation to use six parking spaces in the Parking Lot of Jesse L. Colunga Building, which is located at 3518 FM, Del Valle, Texas, for the purpose to park a mobile eye clinic trailer and to provide eye care services for the Community one day per week. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Receive update on Peace Officer Pay Scale (POPS) issues and take appropriate action. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Sally Hernandez, Travis County Sheriff
Alex Braden, Assistant Budget Director., PBO
Todd Osburn, Assistant Director, HRMD
Don Rios, President, Travis County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Association (TCSLEA)
Jacob Bentura, President, Travis County Sheriff's Officers Association (TCSOA)
Darnell Dail, PAC Chair, TCOSA

MOTION: Approve Item 25.

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

Transportation & Natural Resources

26. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following easement vacation requests associated with Entrada Phase 5 subdivision in Precinct Two
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 - B. Authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a lateral support easement dedicated by document #2018190761 of the Official Public Records of Travis County
 - C. Authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a drainage easement dedicated by document #2018190760 of the Official Public Records of Travis County
 - D. Authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a portion of a lateral support easement dedicated by document #2018190763 of the Official Public Records of Travis County
(Commissioner Shea)

MOTION: Approve Item 26.
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

27. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following requests:

- A. Plat for recording: Gregg Manor Subdivision, Phase 1 Small Lot Final Plat (Long Form Final Plat – 338 single-family lots and 15 open space/water quality/PUE/drainage/landscape/park easement lots – 114.641 acres – Gregg Manor Road - City of Austin's two-mile ETJ) in Precinct One
- B. Subdivision Construction Agreement between Travis County and Lennar Homes of Texas Land and Construction Ltd., a Texas Limited Partnership (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Consider and take appropriate action on a Construction and Mitigation Agreement between Decker Lake Property LLC and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed A & B Decker Lake Subdivision, Lot 1-Multifamily project, in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a portion of a drainage easement with an undetermined width over and across Tract 103, a platted lot in Travis Hollow Section Three subdivision, in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Shea)

MOTION: Approve Item 29.
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

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

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

Judge Brown announced that Item 30 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't Code Ann 551.089, IT Security.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

31. Receive a briefing and consider and take appropriate action regarding the certification for payment relating to Improvement Area #1 of the Turner's Crossing Public Improvement District.¹ (Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 31 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Approve the certification for payment for Improvement Area #1 of the Turner's Crossing Public Improvement District.

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

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge