



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court May 16, 2023 Voting Session

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

Meeting called to order on May 16, 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:

Michael Lofton, CEO, African American Youth Harvest Foundation (AAYHF)
Twaski Simmons, Founder, D'Affulenza
Carl Hunter, Executive Director, Building Promise USA (BPUSA)
DeAndre Wheeler, Mentoring Program, AAYHF
Elaine Lofton, Mentoring Program, AAYHF
Karen Moore, Program Coordinator, AAYHF
Willie Maloy, Mentoring Program, AAYHF
Leo Toussant, Social Worker and Case Manager, AAYHF
De'Von Jones, Mentor Coordinator, AAYHF
Frances Davis, Coordinator, AAYHF
Tiffany Nance, Mentoring Program, AAYHF
Charles Byrd, Founder/CEO, Pure JV
Nook Turner, Mentoring Program, AAYHF
Choma, Founder, Mental Health Academy
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)
Todd Osburn, Assistant Director, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD)
Kirsha Haverlah, Social Services Director, Counseling and Education Services (CES)

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The County Judge noted that there is a Texas Tree Climbing Championship at Richard Moya Park from May 18-May 20, 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 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.a, 15, 16, 17.a-b, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24.a-b, 25.a-b, 26.a-b, 27, 28.a, and 29.
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

Public Hearings

- 1. Receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate an electric easement located along the common lot line of Lots 15 and 16, Block I, Travis Landing, a 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, 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

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Approve a proclamation recognizing May 2023 as "Mental Health Month" in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Kate Pumarejo, Attorney, Mental Health Public Defender Office

Anne Nagelkirk, Chief Strategy Officer, Integral Care

Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, HHS

Sally Hernandez, Travis County Sheriff

James Zimmerman, Clinical Mental Health Supervisor, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO)

MOTION: Approve Item 2.

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

3. Approve a proclamation honoring and thanking Kameron Johnson, the Chief Juvenile Public Defender for Travis County since January 2001, when he became the first African American Chief Public Defender in the history of Texas, for his long and illustrious career, and congratulating him on his upcoming retirement. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Ruben Castaneda, Interim Juvenile Public Defender

Kameron Johnson, Retiring Juvenile Public Defender

MOTION: Approve Item 3.

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

4. Approve a proclamation recognizing May 18th, 2023 as "Texas Asian Economic Impact Day" in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Item 4.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

Emergency Services

5. 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

6. 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

7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the purchase of snacks and refreshments for STAR Flight to host an open-house event during "EMS Week." (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

8. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the County Judge to sign the Affidavit for the Texas Department of Agriculture Home Delivered Meal close out for the grant program year 2022. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the funding request from Travis County HHS to cover the cost of the purchase of meals and snacks to be provided to WBL/SYEP participants for summer 2023. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

10. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Contract Amendment No. 1 for the Central Texas Allied Health Institute (CTAHI) Contract No. 4400006712. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Justice & Public Safety

11. Consider and take appropriate action on the request for an Interlocal Lease Agreement for office space at Austin State Hospital - Department of Health and Human Services (HHSC), Contract 4400006960. The space is to be occupied by officers, deputies, and other staff assigned to the Crisis Intervention Unit. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

- A. Contract amendment to annual contract with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to extend the grant period of the Low-Income Housing and Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) in HHS (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Consider and take appropriate action on a draft policy revision of the Travis County Code Chapter 481, the County's public improvement district policy (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Christy Moffett, Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments,
Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

Rick Rosenberg, Managing Principal, DPFG, Inc

Steve Metcalfe, Partner, Metcalfe Wolff Stuart & Williams LLP (MWSW)

Talley Williams, Partner, MWSW

Paul Hilgers, Hilgers Family Trust

MOTION: Direct staff to come back with a policy with the following changes:

- 17.5% Community Benefit Fee be a net calculation instead of a gross
- That the 40% payment on bonds will be due as long as bonds are issues or if the bonds are not issued, it is due to PID Petitioner related issues not Travis County.
- Requirements on the restrictive covenant related to owner occupancy include a hardship provision.

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

Purchasing

15. Approve Modification No. 7 to Contract No. 4400003954 with Front Line Advisory Group, LLC, an as-needed contract, for program manager consultant. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Approve exemption and contract award of Contract No. 4400007031 with Unity Contractor Services, Inc., in the amount of \$121,023.93, for 700 Lavaca security upgrades. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

17. 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

18. Consider and take appropriate action on a 3rd party automobile claim for the date of loss of August 4, 2022. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Receive an update on the impact of the FY 2023 compensation changes on recruitment and retention of classified pay scale employees. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Todd Osburn, Assistant Director, HRMD
Susan Welbes, Division Director, Administrative Services, TNR
Stacy Spruell, Division Director, Tax Assessor-Collector's Office
Tina Salazar, Administrative Services Division Director, Travis County
Juvenile Court
Craig Smith, Major, Administration Support, Travis County Sheriff's Office
(TCSO)
Kristen Dark, Public Information Officer Sr, TCSO
Christina Warren, Human Resources Manager II, TCSO

RESULT: DISCUSSED

20. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the termination of the lease agreement with Travis County Healthcare District DBA Central Health for the current Pflugerville location without penalty. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the third amendment to the license agreement between Travis County and Travis County Emergency Services District Number 6 to use a portion of Travis County building D located at 14624 Hamilton Pool Road, Austin, Texas. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the first amendment to the license agreement between Travis County and the Texas Department of Insurance to reduce their parking spaces from five to four parking spaces at Ned Granger and/or Lavaca parking garages. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

23. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate an electric easement located along the common lot line of Lots 15 and 16, Block I, Travis Landing, a subdivision in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Shea)

MOTION: Approve Item 23.

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

24. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following items:

- A. Plat for recording: The Grove at Blackhawk Section 3 Final Plat (Final Plat – Long Form – Total 94 Lots on 25.045 Acres – located in the City of Pflugerville's ETJ) in Precinct One.
- B. Subdivision Construction Agreement between Travis County and Robert M. Tiemann and Carrie Parker Tiemann. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following items:

- A. Plat for recording: The Grove at Blackhawk Section 4 Final Plat (Final Plat – Long Form – Total 93 Lots on 45.612 Acres – located in the City of Pflugerville's ETJ) in Precinct One.
- B. Subdivision Construction Agreement between Travis County and Robert M. Tiemann and Carrie Parker Tiemann. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following items:

- A. Plat for recording: The Grove at Blackhawk Section 5 Final Plat (Final Plat – Long Form – Total 84 Lots on 16.633 Acres – located in the City of Pflugerville's ETJ) in Precinct One.
- B. Subdivision Construction Agreement between Travis County and Robert M. Tiemann and Carrie Parker Tiemann. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Consider and take appropriate action on the First Amendment to the Construction and Mitigation Agreement between Porter Bear Creek Development, Inc. and Travis County for the Porter Tract Development project in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

28. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following tax collection agreement:

- A. New Sweden MUD No. 1
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Alberta Phillips as Precinct Two representative to the Travis County Historical Commission effective immediately through January 31, 2025. (Commissioner Shea)

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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

31. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action on compliance matters related to the economic performance agreement with the Colorado River Project, LLC. ¹ (Judge Brown & Commissioner Travillion)

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

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge