



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

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

Meeting called to order on November 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 Deputies Gillian Porter and Lola Ogunro.

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:
Zenobia Joseph, Travis County resident
Zephyr Stone, Talent Planning & Engagement Manager, Human Resources
Management Department (HRMD)
Hector Nieto, Public Information Officer, Public Information Office (PIO)

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The County Judge noted that today, November 7, 2023 is Election Day and encouraged everyone to vote. If you are online by 7pm tonight, you will be able to vote. For information go to <https://countyclerk.traviscountytexas.gov/departments/elections/current-election>

Clerk's Note: The County Judge reminded Travis County employees that they can use up to two hours of leave to vote with prior approval of your manager.

Consent Motion

Members of the Court heard from:
Ujaala Rashid-Ferraro, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 (Budget Amendments N1, A2, A3, A4, FT1-8) 12, 13, 14, 15.a-f, 16, 17.a, 18, 19, 21.a-b, 22.a-b, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30.

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

Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Approve a proclamation recognizing November 9, 2023, as "Adoption Day" in Travis County. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:
Karin Crump, Judge, 250th District Court

MOTION: Approve Item 1.

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

2. Approve a proclamation recognizing November 11, 2023, as "Veterans Day" in Travis County. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:
Susan Lewis, Director, Veterans Services
Angel Ramirez, Office Assistant, Veterans Services
Geneo Samuel, Associate Records Analyst, Veterans Services

MOTION: Approve Item 2.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

Auditor

3. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (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. Consider and take appropriate action to amend the Interlocal Agreement between Travis County and City of Austin for Emergency Medical Services. (Commissioners Howard and Shea)

Clerk's Note: Items 11 (Budget Amendment A1) and 5 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services
Robert Luckritz, Chief, Austin Travis County Emergency Services (ATCEMS)
Michael Wright, Assistant Chief, Operations, ATCEMS
Ann-Marie Sheely, Division Director, Travis County Attorney's Office

MOTION: Approve Item 5 and direct the County Attorney to investigate legal remedies that can be taken against the State for the County's increased costs for emergency services due to the State's refusal to participate in the Medicaid Expansion program.

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

Health & Human Services

6. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify the Interlocal Agreement with Integral Care for Youth Mental Health First Aid. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

7. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the request to renew Contract Agreement No. 4400004618 with Central Health. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Receive an update on the Innocence Initiative Project LFRF funding allocation. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)

Courtney Lucas, Planning Project Manager, HHS

Yasmine Smith, Director, Justice and Advocacy, Austin Area Urban League (AAUL)

Quincy Dunlap, President, AAUL

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS

RESULT: DISCUSSED

9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the CDBG PY22 CAPER public comment draft and open the public comment period.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

10. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

Clerk's Note: Budget amendments N1, A2, A3, A4, and FT1-8 were added to the Consent Motion.

Clerk's Note: Items 11 (Budget Amendment A1) and 5 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

MOTION: Approve Budget Amendment A1 in Item 11.

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

Purchasing

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Approve order exempting the purchase of upgrade for TCTV audio/video/sync distribution system and production intercom system with Wooden Horse LLC dba Kvasir Systems, in the amount of \$160,634.00, from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024 (a) (7) (A) and (D) and authorize Purchasing Agent to issue purchase orders. (Communications and Records Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Approve ratification and contract award for safety intervention services, RFS No. 2303-008-JL, in the amount of \$352,000.00, to the highest ranked respondent, The SAFE Alliance. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Approve contract award for Job Order Contracts for Minor Construction, Renovation, Maintenance, and Repair, CSP No. 2306-001-AC, as-needed contracts, to the following proposers:

- A. Contract No. 4400007320, J.T. Vaughn Construction, LLC
- B. Contract No. 4400007321, Unity Contractor Services, Inc.
- C. Contract No. 4400007322, Piatra, Inc.
- D. Contract No. 4400007323, T.F. Harper & Associates, LP
- E. Contract No. 4400007324, Novium Group, LLC
- F. Contract No. 4400007325, Fitz Associates, LLC
(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Reject all bids received for IFB 2303-007-TL, for Granger Garage Structural Repairs. (Facilities Management) (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 renewal between Travis County and the City of Austin to use thirty parking spaces on the roof of 700 Lavaca parking garage. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Consider and take appropriate action to move temporary jobs Park Tech I and Park Tech II from the Classified Pay Scale to the non-classified pay range NCF01. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a license agreement between Travis County and the LBJ School of Public Affairs, to use the 2nd floor at 700 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas 78701. *This item may be taken into Executive Session under Texas Government Code § 551.071, Consultation with Attorney* (Commissioner Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 20 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.

MOTION: Approve a license agreement between Travis County and the LBJ School of Public Affairs, to use the 2nd floor at 700 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas 78701, and authorize the Judge to sign.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

ABSENT: Andy Brown

Transportation & Natural Resources

21. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following requests for Eastwood Section 1:
- A. Conditional approval of the Eastwood Section 1 Final Plat, approval subject to the completion of the outstanding items listed in the review comment report that has been sent to the applicant (Final Plat – 74 single-family lots, two drainage lots – 35.77 acres – 9608 FM 973 - water provided by Manville Water Supply Corp. and wastewater by the City of Austin – City of Austin's two-mile ETJ); and
 - B. Approve the Travis County Subdivision Construction Agreement with Cyclone Development, Inc. in Precinct One (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following requests for Eastwood Section 2:
- A. Conditional approval of the Eastwood Section 2 Final Plat, approval subject to the completion of the outstanding items listed in the review comment report that has been sent to the applicant (Final Plat – 91 single-family lots – 16.27 acres – 9608 FM 973 - water provided by Manville Water Supply Corp. and wastewater by the City of Austin – City of Austin's two-mile ETJ)
 - B. Approve the Travis County Subdivision Construction Agreement with Cyclone Development, Inc. in Precinct One (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Consider and take appropriate action on the Condominium Construction Agreement and exemption from platting requirements for Estancia West, Lot 2, Block A Condominiums. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Consider and take appropriate action on a construction and mitigation agreement between McKinney Falls Associates, LLC and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Easton Park West development in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Consider and take appropriate action on a Construction and Mitigation Agreement between Butler Family Partnership, Ltd. and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Laws Ranch development in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Consider and take appropriate action on a Construction and Mitigation agreement between SW Howard Lane Development, LLC and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Howard Lane Apartments development in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Consider and take appropriate action on a Phasing Agreement between LIT IDV RANCH 130 PHASE 1, LLC, LIT IDV 130 RANCH LAND, LLC and Travis County for the proposed IDV 130 development in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Consider and take appropriate action on a Phasing Agreement between Good + West and Travis County for the proposed Perch Manor Downs development in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Approve setting a public hearing on November 28, 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 80 and 81, Saddletree Ranch Section 3, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

30. Consider and take appropriate action to accept surplus materials from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). (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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

32. Consider and take appropriate action on an offer for the sale of temporary easement rights, received by Travis County and within a proposed License Agreement for acquisition of Parcel #2TE, required for construction of drainage infrastructure improvements as part of the LedgeStone Terrace @ Penn Creek Tributary 2018 CO project, located in Precinct Three.^{1 & 2} (Commissioner Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 32 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.

Items 32, 33, and 34 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

MOTION: Accept the counteroffers as discussed in executive session as related to items 32, 33 and 34.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSENT: Andy Brown

33. Consider and take appropriate action on an offer for the sale of temporary easement rights, received by Travis County and within a proposed License Agreement for acquisition of Parcel #3TEa and #3TEb, required for construction of drainage infrastructure improvements as part of the Ledgestone Terrace @ Penn Creek Tributary 2018 CO project, located in Precinct Three.^{1 & 2} (Commissioner Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 33 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.

Items 32, 33, and 34 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion. Please refer to Item 32 for a summary of the action taken by the Court.

34. Consider and take appropriate action on an offer received by Travis County for the sale of 8,175 square feet (0.1877 acre) of land, identified as Parcel #5 and required for public infrastructure improvements as part of the Fitzhugh Road, 2017 Bond project, located in Precinct Three.^{1 & 2} (Commissioner Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 34 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.

Items 32, 33, and 34 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion. Please refer to Item 32 for a summary of the action taken by the Court.

35. Receive briefing and take appropriate action on *Dallas County, Texas et al. v. Cecile Erwin et al.*, cause number D-1-GN-23-001610 (353rd Dist. Travis County.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 35 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