



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court November 14, 2023 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on November 14, 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 Lola Ogunro and 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:
Adam Gregory, Business Development Specialist, Texas Disposal Systems

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The Commissioners Court held a moment of silence for Shaylon Roberts.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15. a, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22. a, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32 and 33.
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 resolution of no objection for Decker Lake Apartments to be located at 6200 Blue Bluff Rd, Austin, Texas 78724, in Precinct 1. (Commissioner Travillion)

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:

Monique Coleman, Division Director, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
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

2. Receive comments regarding the Travis County CDBG Program Year 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (PY22 CAPER). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Open 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

Members of the Court heard from:

Monique Coleman, Division Director, HHS

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
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

3. Approve a proclamation recognizing the Sesquicentennial of Mt. Zion Baptist Church as they celebrate 150 years of leadership and service in Central Texas. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Pastor Daryl Horton, Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Deacon Wilmer Roberts, Mt. Zion Baptist Church

MOTION: Approve Item 3.
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

4. Approve a proclamation recognizing November 15, 2023 as "Texas Recycles Day" in Travis County. (Commissioner Shea)

MOTION: Approve Item 4.
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

5. Approve a proclamation recognizing the week of November 12-18, 2023 as "Nurse Practitioners Week" in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

6. Approve a proclamation recognizing November 14, 2023 as "Mobile Loaves & Fishes Day of Serving Goodness" in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Alan Graham, CEO and Founder, Mobile Loaves and Fishes

MOTION: Approve Item 6.
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

Auditor

7. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of September 2023 from the County Auditor's Office. The reports are submitted electronically as allowed by Texas Local Government Code §114.023 (a) and prescribed by the County Auditor. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Emergency Services

9. 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

Health & Human Services

10. Consider and take appropriate action on a resolution of no objection for Decker Lake Apartments to be located at 6200 Blue Bluff Rd, Austin, Texas 78724, in Precinct 1. (Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Approve Item 10.

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

11. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the application to continue the Financial Support Plus 1 Program with the City of Austin, Austin Energy for 2024 – 25. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

12. Consider and take appropriate action on legislative matters related to the 88th Legislature and future interim activities. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office (IGR)

Cicely Kay, Intergovernmental Relations Specialist, IGR

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:
- A. New grant contract with the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Program for \$89,500 for the Clean Air Task Force Program in the Constable Precinct Three Office, in collaboration with Transportation and Natural Resources to purchase equipment to enhance the existing program which conducts investigations related to vehicle emissions/inspections and paper tag fraud (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Consider and take appropriate action on the following items related to Travis County Code Chapter 481, the County's public improvement district ("PID") policy, including:
- A. Approve the hiring of eight full-time employees, including accessing the \$475,776 in allocated reserve earmarks and \$11,050 from the Capital Acquisition and Resources Reserve in the FY24 budget and the additional \$254,634 funds needed from allocated reserve to support the PID program
- B. Approve the next steps and timeline to lift the PID moratorium on February 1, 2024 (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Christy Moffett, Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments,
Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Aerin-Renee Pfaffenberger, Assistant Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve Items 16.a-b.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown

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

17. Consider and take appropriate action on a resolution approving and authorizing a financing agreement for the Longview 71 Public Improvement District. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Christy Moffett, Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments, PBO

Rick Rosenberg, Managing Principal, Development Planning and Finance
Group (DPFG)
Michael Slack, Director of Development, Taylor Morrison

MOTION: Approve Item 17.
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

Purchasing

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Consider and take appropriate action to declare 5 capital assets as salvage property and authorize them to be disposed through a recycling program under which the property is collected, separated, or processed and returned to use in the form of raw materials in the production of new products, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, § 263.152(a)(3). (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Approve contract award for sole insurance broker of record services for property, boiler and machinery insurance, RFS No. 2306-003-JH, in the amount of \$74,250.00, to the highest-ranked respondent, McGriff Insurance Services, LLC. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400002575 with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for the Tyler dataXchange Participation Agreement. (Information Technology Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

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

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a license agreement between Travis County and the Travis County Parks Foundation, to use suite 200B at 341 W. 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Consider and take appropriate action on the use of funds for the purchase of food and beverages for use at various HRMD events during FY 2024. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Receive an update on Travis County Employee Health Care Fund for the period October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Consider and take appropriate action on an automobile repair claim for the date of loss on March 14, 2022. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

27. Consider and take appropriate action on a proposed Plan Amendment to a future arterial roadway, Arterial D, in Travis County's long-range transportation plan, the Travis County Transportation Blueprint. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Scheleen Walker, Long Range Planning Manager, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

Charlie Watts, Planning Project Manager, TNR

China Widener, Travis County Resident

MOTION: Approve Item 27.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

MOTION WITHDRAWN

RESULT: NO VOTE TAKEN

Clerk's Note: The Court directed staff to work with residents and come back to Commissioners Court with an updated plan.

28. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a Subdivision Construction Agreement between KB Home Lone Star Inc. and Travis County for Stoney Ridge Highlands Phase 2 in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Receive a presentation on the September 2023 Lake Travis Cleanup. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Emily Ackland, Environmental Quality Program Manager, TNR
Adrienne Longenecker, Executive Director, Lower Colorado River Alliance
(LCRA)

RESULT: DISCUSSED

30. Consider and take appropriate action regarding approval of the Long Branch Valley Subdivision Section 2, Replat of Lot 22 (Final Plat – two single-family lot – 4.77 acres – 11100 Little Thicket Road – no ETJ) in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

31. Set a Public Hearing on November 28, 2023, to receive comments on an update to Travis County Code Chapter 448 (On-site Sewage Facilities). (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

32. Consider and take appropriate action on the FY23 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for federal forfeiture proceeds for Constable 1, Constable 2, Constable 3, Constable 4 and Constable 5 Offices. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

33. Approve the minutes for the Voting Sessions of October 17, 24, and 31, the Special Voting Session of November 2, 2023. (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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

35. Receive a briefing and take appropriate action regarding a pay overage in the amount of \$6,083.68 to an employee in Constable Precinct 4 – position # 30058169.¹ & ³ (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 35 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

MOTION: Approve Item 35.

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

36. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding status of hiring Community Legal Service County Executive.¹ & ³ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 36 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

MOTION: Approve additional outreach up to the amount of \$18,000 as discussed in executive session.

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

37. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding a settlement offer in Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority v. City of Austin, et al., Cause No. C-1-PB-22-002360.¹ & ² (Commissioner Travillion)

Judge Brown announced that Item 37 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: Authorize the County Attorney to take the necessary actions to accept the settlement offer and finalize the settlement as discussed in Executive Session.

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

38. Receive update and legal briefing regarding HATC and SHFC board appointments, assignments, duties. (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 38 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge