



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court December 19, 2023 Voting Session

**Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
512-854-4722 • www.traviscountytexas.gov • PO Box 149325, Austin, TX 78714-9325**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order on December 19, 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:
Paul Hopingardner, Executive Director, Technology and Operations
Gabe Stock, Director, Facilities Management Department (FMD)
June Mighty, Director, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD)
Adam Gregory, Business Development Specialist, Texas Disposal Systems

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14. (Budget Amendments A1, A2, A4, A5, A6, O1 and O2), 15.a-d, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.a-h, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, and 47.

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

MOTION: Reconsider the consent list and move item 45 to the no action list.
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

Clerk's Note: The Court moved to remove item 45 from the consent list. The consent list now reads as follows: 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14. Budget Amendments A1, A2, A4, A5, A6, O1 and O2, 15.a-d, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.a-h, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, and 47.

Auditor

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

2. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of October 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

3. 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

4. Receive an update on the engagement with FUSE Corps to assist Travis County with strategic planning to strengthen community climate resiliency. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Maria Yuan, Executive Fellow, FUSE Project

Eric Carter, Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Services

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of the following individuals to the Emergency Services Districts (ESDs) Board of Commissioners #s 2 and 17 to be effective on January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025:

- A. Mike Howe (reappointment) ESD 2
- B. Angela Orth (reappointment) ESD 17
- C. Charles Pleasant (reappointment) ESD 17
(Commissioner Shea)

MOTION: Approve Item 5. a-c.

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

Health & Human Services

6. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a revenue contract with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) for the provision of after-school programs. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

7. Consider and take appropriate action to authorize the Travis County Judge to execute the certificate of governing body and resolution approving tax-exempt housing revenue bonds through the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation for Blue Ridge Apartments, a 321-unit multi-family LIHTC project. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Approve Item 7.

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

8. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a budget revision request from a Supportive Housing Subrecipient, A New Entry ("ANE"). (Commissioner Howard & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

9. Consider and take appropriate action on recommendations for interim charges for the 88th Texas Legislature. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Approve Item 9.
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

10. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Justice & Public Safety

11. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a license agreement between Travis County and the Austin Independent School District to utilize the vacated Rosedale Middle School for state-mandated active shooter training for all Travis County peace officers. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Receive update on TCSO recruitment efforts, including marketing, and take appropriate action. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sally Hernandez, Sheriff, Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO)
Craig Smith, Major, Administration Support, TCSO
Kristen Dark, Public Information Officer Sr, TCSO
Eduardo Alarcon, Travis County Resident

MOTION: Approve Item 12.
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

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)

MOTION: Approve Item 14. Budget Amendment A3.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

Clerk's Note: The Court approved Item 14 (Budget Amendments A1, A2, A4, A5, A6, O1, and O2).

15. 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 U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Travis County Sheriff's Office to be reimbursed for expenses incurred under the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1994 for \$247,662 in the Travis County Sheriff's Office
 - B. Contract amendment to the Integral Care Community Partners for Children Coordinator Program to provide revisions to the agreement to add supervision to the list of duties that are allowable to be performed by the position funded by this grant
 - C. Contract amendment to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for \$355,322 to provide a no cost extension from December 31, 2023 to March 31, 2024 to allow HHS to fully expend grant funds
 - D. Permission to continue the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting grant program, retroactively from December 1, 2023 to March 1, 2024 for up to \$100,752 in Health and Human Services
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Recommended Changes within the Local Fiscal Recovery Funding (LFRF), including:

- A. Overview of Track 3 County Direct and Joint Response Allocations and Expenditures

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, (PBO)

Alex Braden, Assistant Budget Director, PBO

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

- B. Remove Earmark Against Track 3 Allocation for Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) Radio Frequency Identification (RIFD) project that will be re-evaluated as part of the FY 2025 Budget Process
- C. Allocate Track 3 Resources for Projects Recommended in the FY 2024 Preliminary Budget, including: (1) Law Library Family Law Case Review Expansion Special Project Workers, (2) Law Library Case Management System (CMS) Replacement, (3) Engineering and Design for Bed Space Reconfiguration Projects at the Travis County Correctional Complex (TCCC), (4) Travis County Correctional Complex Health Service Building (HSB) Health and Safety Improvements, (5) Guidehouse Contract Extension to Continue to Provide Consulting Services Related to the use and reporting of LFRF Projects

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed (1) Law Library Family Law Case Review Expansion Special Project Workers and (2) Law Library Case Management System (CMS) Replacement.

MOTION: Approve Items 16.C1 and C2.

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

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed (3) Engineering and Design for Bed Space Reconfiguration Projects at the Travis County Correctional Complex (TCCC).

MOTION: Approve Item 16. C3.

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

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed (4) Travis County Correctional Complex Health Service Building (HSB) Health and Safety Improvements.

MOTION: Approve Item 16. C4.
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

Clerk's Note: The Court discussed (5) Guidehouse Contract Extension to Continue to Provide Consulting Services Related to the use and reporting of LFRF Projects.

MOTION: Approve Item 16. C5.
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

- D. Allocate Track 3 Resources for Sobering Center Renovations to Provide Bridge-to-Recovery Program Bed Space on the Second Floor and to Provide Administrative Functionality on the Third Floor of the Facility

Members of the Court heard from:

Laura Elmore, LMSW-AP, Chief Executive Officer, The Sobering Center

MOTION: Approve Item 16. D.
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
FRIENDLY
AMENDMENT: Including the additional explanations of the contract.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
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

- E. Use Previously Approved Track 2 Resources for the Creation of a Special Project Worker to Assist with Data Sharing Efforts in the Criminal Justice System

MOTION: Approve Item 16. E.
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

F. Update on latest U.S. Department of Treasury Interim Final Rule for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

RESULT: DISCUSSED

G. Other Items as Needed
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: DISCUSSED

17. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a resolution approving tax-exempt bond financing by the Travis County Housing Finance Corporation for the Creedmoor Apartments project. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a resolution approving and authorizing a Longview 71 PID Community Benefit Fee Escrow Agreement relating to an assessment levy request for Improvement Area #1. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Approve Modification No. 27, to Contract No. 4400000257 with SAP Public Sector, in the amount of \$1,952,349.45 for five (5) years, for SAP ERP Software and Maintenance Support. (Auditor's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve exemption order and award of contract No. 4400007421 with CSG Systems, Inc., an estimated requirements contract, for ballot printing and preparation services, from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024(a)(7)(A). (County Clerk) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Approve exemption order and award of contract No. 4400007355, with AgustaWestland Philadelphia Corporation, an estimated requirements contract, for a full component service plan for three (3) helicopters for STAR Flight operations, from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024 (a)(7)(A). (Emergency Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Approve Modification No. 10 to Contract No. 4500000480 with Metropolitan Parking, a revenue contract, for parking management services. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Approve Modification No. 2 to Contract No. 4400006285 with Workforce Solutions Capital Area Workforce Board, for Workforce Development Service for Pandemic Response. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Approve contract award for Light Pole Inspection Services, RFQ No. 2307-001-GC, in the amount of \$98,554.00 to the qualified respondent, EXO, Group, LLC. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Approve contract award for professional engineering services for High Crash Locations Roadway Safety Study, RFQ No. 2209-005-TL, in the amount of \$224,243.00, to the most highly qualified respondent, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Approve contract award for Third Party Review Consultant, RFQ No. 2205-008-PH, an as needed basis contract, to the sole respondent, SE3, LLC. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Approve contract award for professional architectural services for the Travis County Correctional Complex Sally Port Door, RFQ 2209-005-TL, in the amount of \$126,915.00, to the most highly qualified respondent, CasaBella Architects Inc. (Travis County Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Approve contract award for professional engineering services for The Comanche Trail Structural Evaluation, RFQ 2209-005-TL, in the amount of \$333,360.10, to the most highly qualified respondent, Huitt-Zollars, Inc. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

30. Approve ratification and contract awards for Workforce Development Services, RFS No. 2301-003-JL, to the following eight (8) highest ranked respondents:
- A. Contract No. 4400007316 with American Youthworks, in the amount of \$229,850.00
 - B. Contract No. 4400007314 with Capital IDEA, in the amount of \$829,840.00
 - C. Contract No. 4400007315 with Youth and Family Alliance dba LifeWorks, in the amount of \$329,850.00
 - D. Contract No. 4400007317 with Skillpoint Alliance, in the amount of \$339,840.00
 - E. Contract No. 4400007331 with Todos Juntos Learning Center, in the amount of \$209,158.00
 - F. Contract No. 4400007330 with Goodwill Industries of Central Texas, in the amount of \$129,850.00
 - G. Contract No. 4400007318 with Worksource Greater Austin Area Workforce Board dba Workforce Solutions Capital Area, in the amount of \$200,000.00
 - H. Contract No. 4400007319 with Foundation Communities, in the amount of \$229,850.00
(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

31. Declare items surplus property and sell at public auction pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, § 263.152(a)(1). (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

32. Approve Modification No. 1 for extension to Contract No. 4400006463 with Red Line Parkway Initiative, no additional funding, for planning and development of the Red Line Trail and Parkway. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

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

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

34. Consider and take appropriate action to extend the Risk Management Program, authorized in Travis County Code Chapter 31 until December 31, 2033, to avoid expiration of its authority to operate at the end of this month. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

35. Consider and take appropriate action regarding amendment number ten to the lease agreement between Travis County and Murphy's Deli Franchising, Inc. to operate the deli located at 700 Lavaca Street, Suite 110, Austin, Texas 78701. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

36. Consider and take appropriate action on updating the Internship Process and Procedures Manual including updating official intern pay rates. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Todd Osburn, Assistant Director, Human Resources Management
Department (HRMD)

Stephanie Gharakhanian, Trustee, Austin Community College (ACC)

MOTION: Approve Item 36.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: Move community college interns from student intern level 1 to student intern level 3.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

37. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a License Agreement between Travis

County and Half Helen Foundation, a Texas nonprofit Corporation to use nineteen parking spaces in the Parking Lot of Precinct 2, which is located at 10409 Burnet Road, Austin, Texas, for the purpose of parking a mobile eye clinic trailer and to provide eye care services for the Community one day per week. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

38. Consider and take appropriate action to adopt a resolution authorizing the use of Eminent Domain to acquire a permanent easement on ± 0.0106 of an acre (± 461 SF), referred to as Parcel 44E, owned by Teri Denton and Jarrett A. Denton, located at 13002 Viento Del Sur Street, Manchaca, Travis County, Texas 78652, as described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A" attached to the Resolution, for the public use and purpose of providing essential services to the general public and promoting public safety in connection with the Arroyo Doble-Twin Creeks Drainage Project. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Adopt a resolution authorizing the use of Eminent Domain to acquire a permanent easement on ± 0.0106 of an acre (± 461 SF), referred to as Parcel 44E, owned by Teri Denton and Jarrett A. Denton, located at 13002 Viento Del Sur Street, Manchaca, Travis County, Texas 78652, as described by metes and bounds in Exhibit "A" attached to the Resolution, for the public use and purpose of providing essential services to the general public and promoting public safety in connection with the Arroyo Doble-Twin Creeks Drainage Project.

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

39. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to use a Cash Security Agreement for environmental fiscal security for the Manor Commercial Park project in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

40. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a Subdivision Construction Agreement between Whisper Owner, LP and Travis County for Whisper Valley Parcel 3-4 Final Plat. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

41. Consider and take appropriate action on a Traffic Mitigation Agreement between 10901 FM 812, LLC and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed FM 812 Gas Station and RV Park in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

42. Consider and take appropriate action for approval of a second amendment to the Agreement between Travis County and the University of Texas at Austin for a Sourcewater Study of Hamilton Pool Preserve and Reimers Ranch Park. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Vicky Kennedy, Hydrogeologist, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

MOTION: Approve Item 42.

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

Other

43. Approve order setting the meeting terms for the Travis County Statutory Courts, Travis County Probate Courts and Travis County Justice of the Peace Courts for calendar year 2024; and setting the meeting locations for the Justice of the Peace Courts. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

44. Consider and take appropriate action regarding an Order Designating Main Early Voting Polling Place, Temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Places, and Hours for Early Voting on Weekdays for the March 5, 2024 Primary Election. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

45. Consider and take appropriate action regarding an Order Designating Election Day Polling Place for the March 5, 2024 Primary Election. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

46. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Vincent Paul Leibowitz to the Travis County Historical Commission. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Item 46.

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

47. Approve the minutes for the Voting Sessions of November 28 and December 5, and the Special Voting Session of November 16, 2023

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

48. Consider and take appropriate action to approve submission of comments during the public comment period for the virtual SH 45 Gap Study Open House, which began on December 7, 2023 and closes on December 22, 2023, to express the Travis County Commissioners Court's opposition to the SH 45 Gap Study and any proposal to connect IH-35 to SH 45 in southwestern Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)

MOTION: Approve the submission of comments with the bolded content "and any proposal to connect IH-35 to SH-45 in southwestern Travis County" removed and add Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR) as Travis County's contact.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

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

49. Consider and take appropriate action regarding Primary Elections Services Contracts and a Joint Resolution with the Travis County Democratic and Republican Parties for the March 5, 2024 Joint Primary Election and the May 28, 2024 Joint Primary Runoff Election, if a runoff election is needed. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Dyana Limon-Mercado, Travis County Clerk
Katie Naranjo, Chair, Travis County Democratic Party (TCDP)
Cynthia Van-Maanen, Executive Director, TCDP

MOTION: Approve Item 49.
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

Executive Session

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

51. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the existing License Agreement between Travis County and Texas Disposal Systems Landfill, Inc. for use of real property located on R.M. 620 in Precinct Three.¹ & ² (Commissioner Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 51 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.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

52. Consider and take appropriate action on an offer received by Travis County for the purchase of: (1) a permanent utility easement for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an underground water transmission pipeline on, over and across approximately 2,130 square feet (roughly 0.0489 acres) of land; and, (2) a temporary construction easement for installation of the proposed waterline, on, over, and across approximately 9,736 square feet (roughly 0.2235 acres) of land – owned by Travis County, located at 14624 Hamilton Pool Road, and serving as the Travis County Parks West District Office – sought by the City of Bee Cave for a West Travis County Public Utility Agency waterline planned to serve properties in Precinct Three.¹ & ² (Commissioner Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 52 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 counter-offer 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

53. Consider and take appropriate action on an offer received by Travis County for the purchase of permanent utility easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an underground water transmission pipeline on, over and across three roughly 20-foot wide strips of land – totaling about 1.406 acres owned by Travis County and located adjacent to F.M. 969 – sought by Manville Water Supply to serve properties in Precinct One.¹ & ² (Commissioner Travillion)

Judge Brown announced that Item 53 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: Move to accept an offer received by Travis County for the purchase of permanent utility easements for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an underground water transmission pipeline on, over and across three roughly 20-foot wide strips of land - totaling about 1.406 acres owned by Travis County, and located adjacent to F.M. 969 - sought by Manville Water Supply to serve properties in Precinct One 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

54. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action concerning compliance under the Economic Development Agreement between Travis County and the following companies: ¹

A. East Blackland Solar Project 1 LLC

B. Colorado River Project, LLC

Judge Brown announced that Item 54.a-b would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

C. FRV AE Solar, LLC
(Commissioner Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

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

Judge Brown announced that Item 55 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

56. Receive briefing from outside counsel and take appropriate action regarding groundwater and land use issues, including permit applications submitted by Clancy Utility Holdings LLC to the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District and the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.^{1 & 2} (Commissioners Shea & Howard).

Judge Brown announced that Item 56 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 an Order of the Commissioners Court of Travis County opposing the applications of Clancy Utility Holdings LLC for Groundwater Production Permit and transport authorization from the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District and the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District and directing the Travis County Attorney's Office to formally protest the applications and request contested case hearings.

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

57. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the potential acquisition of approximately 1,600 acres of park land west of the City of Bee Cave, Texas and south of Hwy 71 west, in Precinct Three.^{1 & 2} (Commissioner Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 57 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 acquisition of approximately 1,600 acres of park land west of the City of Bee Cave, Texas and south of Hwy 71 west, in Precinct 3; and direct PBO to add \$30 million to the FY2024 Project List to be funded with Certificates of Obligation for Western Travis County Parkland acquisition as discussed in executive session.

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

58. Consider and take appropriate action on a request from the District Attorney for the reimbursement of legal expenses related to the District Attorney's defense.¹

Judge Brown announced that Item 58 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: I move the Court make the finding that the allegations in the pending suit are based on acts or omissions made in good faith in the scope of his official duties and the request to pay legal defense costs serves a legitimate public interest and not merely his private interest; and also move to authorize the reimbursement of legal defense costs of up to \$50,000 for Travis County District Attorney Jose Garza.

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