



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court January 30, 2024 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on January 30, 2024, in the Travis County Administration Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca Street, 1st Floor, Austin, TX, Dyana Limon-Mercado County Clerk, was represented by Deputy 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 Gómez

Public Communication

Clerk's Note: No speakers addressed the Court during public communication.

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: January 29th- February 2nd is Heart Health Awareness Week. The public is invited to wear red on Friday, February 2nd, 2024 to raise heart health awareness.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent items 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a-c., 13, 14a-b., 15a-b., 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25a-b., 27.
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 a public utility easement located along the side and rear lot lines of Lot 32A of the amended plat of Comanche Trail No. 3, 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

2. Receive comments regarding the release and modification of the drainage easement associated with Barton Creek Section H, Phase 2, Block B, Lot 45, located at 8528 Calera Drive. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
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

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

- B. County response to natural disaster or other emergency (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Gabe Stock, Director, Facilities Management Department (FMD)

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an agreement with Texas Health and Human Services Commission authorizing Travis County as a “Provider” in the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership, allowing the County to seek reimbursement from Medicaid for qualifying STAR Flight transports. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

6. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the Second Amendment and Fifth Renewal of the Amended and Restated Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Austin and Travis County for Animal Services Contract #4400001725. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Pat Valles-Trelles, Travis County Resident

Ana Almaguel, Planning Project Manager, Health and Human Services (HHS)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the Child Care Local Match Contribution Agreement for the Workforce Solutions Capital Area Workforce Board for FY24. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. 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 spring and summer 2024. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

- A. Application to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for \$290,137 to purchase 38 bullet-resistant shields for use by TCSO law enforcement and Travis County Constable Deputies in Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4
- B. Application to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for \$456,916.18 to purchase 742 rifle-resistant body armor plates for use by TCSO law enforcement and specific identified corrections officers
- C. Annual application to the Office of the Governor, Specialty Courts grant for \$153,000 to enhance the existing Parenting in Recovery program in Health and Human Services (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Consider and take appropriate action regarding public improvement districts, including the adoption of amendments to Travis County Code, Chapter 481, the County's policy regarding public improvement districts, and lifting a moratorium on the creation of new public improvement districts. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Christy Moffett, Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments,
Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Julie Joe, Assistant County Attorney

MOTION: Approve Item 12.
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

Purchasing

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

14. 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

15. Consider and take appropriate action for the following items related to the composition of the Travis County's Compensation Committee

A. Approved functional area representatives Victoria Ramirez (DA), Susan Welbes (TNR) and Jennifer Kraber (Criminal Courts)

B. Approve authorization to allow representatives in expired terms to continue to serve on the committee until such time as they are officially replaced by the Commissioners Court. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Receive an update on the Travis County Employee Health Care Fund for the period October 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. (Commissioners Gómez and Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the license agreement between Travis County and the YMCA Texas Youth & Government State Conference to use Travis County courtrooms to conduct mock trials. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

18. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located along the side and rear lot lines of Lot 32A of the amended plat of Comanche Trail No. 3, a subdivision in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range Planning, TNR

MOTION: Approve Item 18.
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

19. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the release and modification of the drainage easement associated with Barton Creek Section H, Phase 2, Block B, Lot 45, located at 8528 Calera Drive. (Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range Planning, TNR

MOTION: Approve Item 19.
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

20. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Travis County and the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District (District) for funding of operational expenses of the District for fiscal year 2024. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action on a Construction and Mitigation Agreement between WS-COS Investments, LLC, and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Sweetwater Crossing Phase 1 Lot 5 development in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Consider and take appropriate action on a Construction and Mitigation Agreement between JCI Residential, LLC and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed 6120 Kellam Road Multifamily development in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gomez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
23. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to use the Cash Security Agreement for a fiscal surety posting for site improvements within the Trails End Road Widening project in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
24. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to use an Alternative Fiscal Agreement for Turner's Crossing South Phase 3, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

25. Consider and take appropriate action to approve two license agreements for the use of Early Voting and Election Day polling sites for the March 5, 2024 Joint Primary Election. (Judge Brown)
- A. Genesis Presbyterian Church
- B. Westminster Presbyterian Church
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
26. Discuss and take action on Commissioners Court appointments to the Travis County Boards, Commissions, and Committees. (Judge Brown)
- Members of the Court heard from:
- Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Paul Hopingardner, Executive Director, Technology and Operations
Vicki Ashley, Interim County Executive, Justice and Public Safety (JPS)
Christy Moffett, Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments, PBO
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, (HHS)
RESULT: DISCUSSED
27. File certification of completion of continuing education for Bruce Elfant, Tax Assessor Collector in court records for year 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

Note 8: Gov't Code Ann 551.089, security personnel/critical infrastructure

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

29. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors, including the reappointment of Ben Thompson to a term set to expire February 1, 2026.¹ & ⁷ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 29 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.

MOTION: Reappoint Ben Thompson and David Armbrust to serve on the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board of Directors.

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

30. Consider and take appropriate action regarding an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the City of Austin in the amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the City of Austin to assess the homelessness strategies of Travis County, the City of Austin, and other agencies.¹ (Judge Brown & Commissioner Howard)

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Yasmine Smith, Vice President of Justice and Advocacy, Austin Area Urban League

MOTION: Direct staff to conduct a review of Travis County's homeless-related policies, strategies, programs, and contracts using a variety of methodologies, and convene work sessions and collaborative discussions to begin June 2024 or soon thereafter with the City of Austin, Central Health, Integral Care, and other parties to develop a framework to assess and advance homelessness strategies.

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

31. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action concerning HID Global's compliance under its Economic Development Agreement with Travis County.¹ (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

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

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. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

A. East Blackland Solar Project 1 LLC

B. Colorado River Project, LLC (Commissioner Travillion & Gómez)

MOTION: Direct staff to send the letter as discussed in executive session to East Blackland Solar Project 1, LLC.

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

33. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding the duties, performance, and appointment of the Travis County Fire Marshal and environmental assessment.¹ & ³ (Judge Brown)

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. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

34. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a possible acquisition of a lot in central Austin, Texas.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.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge