



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court January 23, 2024 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on January 23, 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: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret J. Gómez

Virtual: County Judge Andy Brown

Signature Motion

Clerk's Note: The members of the Commissioners Court discussed the voting session being held by video conference and that several Commissioners are not physically present.

MOTION: Each Commissioner not physically present delegates the authority to the Commissioner Pct. 4 Margaret Gómez to sign any documents, including orders related to items before the court today on their behalf.

RESULT: **Passed (4-0)**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:

Mary Moran, Executive Director, On-Point Reentry Consortium
Blanca Marta Ortega, Member, College Access Program (CAP)
Luis Acosta, Member/Interpreter, CAP
Lupe Garcia, Member, I Moms
Gavino Fernandez, Member, El Concilio

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13a-b., 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31a., 32, 33, 34, 35, 36a-c., and 37.

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

Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Approve a proclamation recognizing the month of January as "National Stalking Awareness Month" in Travis County. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Kirsha Haverlah, Chair, Austin Family Violence Task Force

Caitlyn Sulley, Director of Research and Operations, Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Michelle Hallee, Assistant Director of the Special Victims Unit, Travis County Attorney's Office

Delia Garza, Travis County Attorney

Elizabeth Whited, Director of Family Violence, Travis County Attorney's Office

MOTION: Approve Proclamation to recognize January as National Stalking Awareness Month.

RESULT: **Passed (4-0)**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSENT: Andy Brown

Auditor

2. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Health & Human Services

5. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to approve public hearing dates, public comment periods, and advertisements for the CDBG PY24 Action Plan, the PY24-28 Consolidated Plan and the CDBG PY23 CAPER. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

6. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to approve public hearing dates, public comment periods, and advertisements for the fourth substantial amendment to the CDBG PY19-23 ConPlan and PY19 Action Plan. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

7. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to cancel CTAHI's CDBG-CV subrecipient agreement (Contract No. 4400006717). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Receive a briefing on the Crisis Care Diversion Pilot Program. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Courtney Bissonett Lucas, Planning Project Manager, HHS

Tyrone Jolly, Senior Program Manager, Travis County Justice Planning

Robert Kingham, Court Administrator, City of Austin Downtown Austin Community Court

Alan Schlascha, Chief Medical Officer, Central Health
Monica Crowley, Chief Strategy and Planning Officer, Central Health
Dawn Handley, Chief Operations Officer, Integral Care
Melissa Hargis, County/District Division Director, Travis County Attorney
Cynthia Simons, Board Member, We Got This TX
Sergeant King, Austin Police Department
Chioma Okora, Community Member
Bob Batlan, Travis County Resident and Member, Advocates for Social Justice
Robert Lilly, Participatory Defense Organizer, Grassroots Leadership
Melissa Shearer, Director, Mental Health Public Defender Office
Sanja Purns, Community Member

RESULT: DISCUSSED

9. Consider and take appropriate action to accept and approve the CDBG-DR Closeout Report for Contract No. 19-281-000-B780 with the Texas General Land Office (GLO), which terminated on December 3, 2023. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Justice & Public Safety

10. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an amendment to the current Interlocal Agreement with the City of Austin for central booking and related services. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers, and discussion items.

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. Revised application for \$333,330, including an \$83,333 grant match, to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for a Boating Access Grant for the Planning Grant - Onion Creek Confluence Program in the Transportation and Natural Resources Department

- B. Revised application for \$1,055,400, including a \$263,850 grant match, to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for a Boating Access Grant for the Construction Grant - Onion Creek Confluence Program in the Transportation and Natural Resources Department
(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)

Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez announced that Item 14 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Rick Rosenberg, Managing Principal, Development Planning and Finance
Group (DPFG)

Sharon Smith, Attorney, Amburst & Brown

MOTION: Approve Item 14.

RESULT: **Passed (4-0)**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

ABSENT: Andy Brown

Purchasing

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Approve exemption order and contract award of Contract No. 4400006721 with The W-T Group, LLC, in the amount of \$134,287.50, for ADA Transition Plan consultative services, from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024(a)(4). (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Approve Modification No. 4, an assignment of Contract No. 4400005700, for MEP Engineering for the Nelda Wells Spears Building, to IMEG Consultants Corp. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400005721 with Shanti Duncan, Ph.D., for Sex Offender Treatment, Assessment, and Evaluation Services. (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Approve contract award for Armored Car Services, RFP # 2305-001-SK, an estimated requirements contract, to the sole respondent, Garda CL Southwest, Inc. (Countywide) (Commissioner Travillion)

Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez announced that Item 19 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't Code Ann 551.089, security personnel/critical infrastructure.

MOTION: Approve Item 19.

RESULT: **Passed (4-0)**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

ABSENT: Andy Brown

20. Approve Change Order No. 6 to Contract No. 4400006843 with M.A. Smith Contracting Company, Inc., an overall decrease of \$98,725.25, for the Steiner Ranch Emergency Evacuation Route. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve Modification No. 3 to Contract No. 4400005591 with NFP Corporate Services (TX), LLC, in the amount of \$86,250.00, for benefits consultant services. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Approve ratification, exemption, and contract award of Contract No. 4400007332 with Meridell Achievement Center, as needed, for residential treatment services. (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Approve contract award for flooring services, IFB No. 2311-005-TL, an as needed contract, to the sole bidder, CDC Carpets & Interiors, LLC. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Approve contract award for the Expo Banquet Hall new HVAC, IFB No. 2309-002-TL, in the amount of \$949,700.00 to the low bidder, FIDIS Logistics Solutions, LLC. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Approve Modification No. 3, an assignment of Contract No. 4400005100, for new emergency generator for the Nelda Wells Spears Building, to IMEG Consultants Corp. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
26. Approve ratification of Modification No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement No. 4400006473 with the City of Austin, in the amount of \$180,755.00, for WIC Shopping and Delivery Services. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
27. Approve contract award for plumbing services, IFB No. 2311-003-LM, an as needed contract, to the sole bidder, Coppera, LLC. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
28. Approve contract award for electrical services, IFB No. 2311-004-LM, an as needed contract, to the low bidder, Z-Non Electric. (Facilities Management) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
29. Approve contract award for structural repairs to the Granger Garage, IFB No. 2311-001-TL, in the amount of \$262,026.03 to the low bidder, Restek, Inc. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
30. Approve ratification of Modification No. 6 to Interlocal Agreement No. 4400001753 with Austin Travis County Integral Care, in the amount of \$74,906.00, for Community Action Network (CAN) Coordinator. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

31. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:
- A. Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
32. Consider and take appropriate action on an automobile total loss claim recommendation for the date of loss of September 2, 2023. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
33. Consider and take appropriate action on an automobile total loss claim recommendation for the date of loss of November 12, 2022. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

34. Approve setting a public hearing on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, to receive comments regarding the temporary restriction and detour of all traffic on Windmill Ranch Ave. at the intersection of Steeds Xing beginning on or about Monday, March 18, 2024, and continuing through Monday, April 22, 2024, or until work is complete, in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

35. Authorize and approve the County Attorney to sign on behalf of Travis County joining as a signatory to a proposed amicus brief to be filed in support of the Plaintiffs in *Food and Drug Administration, et al. v. Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine, et al.*, No. 23-235 (5th Cir.). (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
36. Consider and take appropriate action to approve three license agreements for the use of Early Voting and Election Day polling sites for the March 5, 2024 Joint Primary Election
- A. Balcones-Wilshire LLC (Balcones Woods Shopping Center)
 - B. Riverbend Centre, LLC
 - C. Peace Lutheran Church (Judge Brown)
- RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**
37. Consider and take appropriate action to pay a travel/training invoice for Sam Houston University not paid through the established process via the SAP travel module. (Commissioner Gómez)
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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

39. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a possible acquisition of a lot in central Austin, Texas.^{1 & 2} (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: POSTPONED

40. 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)

RESULT: POSTPONED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge