



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court February 20, 2024 Voting Session

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

Meeting called to order on February 20, 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 4, Margaret Gómez

Virtual: County Judge Andy Brown

Absent: Commissioner Precinct 3, Ann Howard

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:
Michael Lofton, Executive Director, African American Youth Foundation

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11.a-d., 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.a-b., 17.a., 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.a., and 25.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: Remove item 24 from the consent item list to approve and ratify separately.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

RESULT: **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ACCEPTED**

Clerk's Note: A Vote on the Standing Motion was taken.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez

Clerk's Note: The updated consent item list reads as follows: 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11.a-d., 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.a-b., 17.a., 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 25.

Public Hearing

1. Receive comments regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for the Luck Reunion event to be held on March 14, 2024, at 1100 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, TX. 78669. (Judge Brown)

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, Margaret Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

Tony Callaway, Travis County Fire Marshal
Melissa Pollard, Travis County Resident

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez

2. Receive comments regarding the issuance of an Outdoor Music Festival permit for Illfest 2024 to be held on March 9 – 10, 2024, at 8509 Burleson Rd., Austin, TX. 78719. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Andy Brown

Members of the Court heard from:

Tony Callaway, Travis County Fire Marshal
Scott Davidson, Promoter, Illfest
Brian Burk, Senior Engineer, Public Works, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Andy Brown

Auditor

3. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
4. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of December 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
5. Receive briefing on Telework Dashboard. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Robyn Wright, Chief Assistant II, County Auditor
John Rabb, Business Support Director - ERP, County Auditor
Josh Dunlap, Architect I, County Auditor
Paiton Upshaw, Environmental Specialist Sr., TNR
Patti Smith, Travis County Auditor

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Emergency Services

6. 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**

7. Consider and take action regarding the issuance of an Outdoor Music Festival permit for Illfest 2024 to be held on March 9 and 10, 2024, at 8509 Burleson Rd., Austin, TX. 78719. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve Item 7 with conditional approval.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Andy Brown

Justice & Public Safety

8. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the receipt and payment for goods related to the 20th Annual Juvenile Law Attorney Certification Seminar using the FY 2023 budget for the Juvenile Public Defender's Office (previously Dept 143) and request for ongoing permission to purchase same. (Judge Brown)
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. Annual contract with Reliant Energy for \$5,000 for the Reliant Energy Care program in Health and Human Services
 - B. Contract amendment to the Low-Income Housing Water Assistance Program grant to extend the existing grant period from December 15, 2023 to March 15, 2024 for a no- cost extension in Health and Human Services to allow the Department to fully expend the grant
 - C. Contract amendment to the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program grant to extend the existing grant period from December 31, 2023 to March 31, 2024 and to move funds between allowable grant expenditure categories in Health and Human Services to allow the Department to fully expend the grant

- D. Ratification of an amendment to the annual application to the Office of the Governor for the General Victim Assistance Grant in the District Attorney's Office which was originally approved by Commissioners Court on February 6, 2024 (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 13. Approve contract award for Online Tax Sales Auction Software, RFP # 2301-008-SK, an estimated requirements contract, to the highest-ranked respondent, Realauction.com, LLC. (Tax Assessor-Collector) (Commissioner Travillion).

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 14. Approve Modification No. 4 to Contract No. 4400006400 with Jackson & McElhaney Architects, Inc., in the amount of \$138,581.00, for the Balcones Canyonland Preserve Visitor Center Building Remodel and Landscape Design. (Facilities Management) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 15. Approve Modification No. 1, an assignment of Contract No. 4400006942, for Tax Office Extension, Pflugerville, MEP Engineering, from IMEG Consultants Corp, Inc. to IMEG Consultants Corp. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 16. Approve Memorandums of Agreement for Preparedness Training, to Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service as follows: (Office of Emergency Management)

- A. Memorandum of Agreement No. 4400007535, in the amount of \$25,546.77

- B. Memorandum of Agreement No. 4400007536, in the amount of \$75,546.77 (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 Palm School insurance proceeds and directions on how to proceed. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: POSTPONED

Transportation & Natural Resources

19. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a Lease Amendment with Nantz Land & Cattle, LLC for use of Travis County School Lands in Throckmorton County for grazing purposes. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
20. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on Windmill Ranch Avenue at the intersection of Steeds Xing for construction 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
21. Consider and take appropriate action to waive Fire Marshal permit fees for the Travis County Parks Foundation, For the Love of Parks, event at Richard Moya Park. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
22. Consider and take appropriate action on a Construction Agreement between Carma Easton LLC and Travis County for the construction of a portion of E. Slaughter Lane as part of the First Amendment to the Easton Park Phasing Agreement in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

23. Consider and take appropriate action to direct staff to explore various options for Travis County to access new state funds and federal tax credits, as well as other opportunities, to acquire alternative backup power using solar panels, batteries, and natural gas generators. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
24. Consider and take appropriate action to approve one license agreements for the use of Early Voting and Election Day polling sites for the March 5, 2024 Joint Primary Election
- A. LBJ School of Public Affairs (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Ratify and approve item 24.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Andy Brown

Late Item

25. Consider and take appropriate action regarding an Order Modifying the Designation of Election Day Polling Places for the March 5, 2024 Joint Primary Election
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

26. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding Travis County information security issues^{1 & 6} (Commissioners Travillion & Howard)
RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

27. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the donation of a conservation easement over approximately 32 acres of land in Precinct Three to the Conservation Easement Program.^{1 & 2} (Commissioner Howard)

Commissioner Gómez announced that Item 27 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: Accept the donation of 32 acres of land in Precinct Three to the Conservation Easement Program as discussed in executive session.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez

ABSENT: Andy Brown

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge