



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court April 16, 2024 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on April 16, 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

Virtual: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

Signature Motion

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

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:
Robert Battaile, Travis County Resident

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The Eastside Spring Cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 20th, 2024, from 9am to 11am. Travis County and the Colorado River Alliance have partnered together to clean up seven Travis County parks throughout East Austin, Manor, Del Valle, Pflugerville, and Webberville. All ages are welcome and pre-registration is required. Please visit <http://www.coloradoriver.org/events> to register and for additional details.

Clerk's Note: The County Judge announced Lights Out Texas, which is an initiative to save birds, conserve energy, and reduce light pollution. The spring migration season began on March 1st and ends June 1st. Peak migration will be from April 22nd to May 12th. The Court urges Travis County residents to turn off all nonessential lighting from 11 pm to 6 am to help protect the billions of migratory birds that fly over Texas each year.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 2, 3.b., 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.a-c., 10, 11, 12.a-b., 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19.a-b., 20.a-d., 21 and 22.
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 honoring Peg Liedtke recognizing her retirement and her 24 years of service in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Judge Amy Clark Meachum, District Judge, Travis County 201st Civil District Court
Judge Lora Livingston, Former Local Administrative Judge, Travis County Civil Courts
Judge Tim Sulak, Local Administrative Judge, Travis County Civil Courts
Peg Liedtke, Successive Director of Court Administration, Travis County Civil Courts

MOTION: Approve a proclamation honoring Peg Liedtke's retirement and 24 years of service in Travis County.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
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Auditor

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

Emergency Services

3. 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 emergencies including terminating local disaster order related to the April 8th solar eclipse event. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Justice & Public Safety

4. Consider and take appropriate action on the Modification of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, United States Marshals Service related to inmate housing. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
5. Consider and take appropriate action on a management control agreement regarding Texas Department of Public Safety and FBI Criminal Justice Information Systems. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
6. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the re-naming of the Justice & Public Safety Department to the Department of Innovative Justice & Program Analysis following the reorganization of the department. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

7. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
8. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers, and discussion items. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
9. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:
 - A. New contract with the Center for Justice Innovation for a technical assistance grant in Community Legal Services to provide staff time to develop case load measures for the Public Defender's Office.

- B. Annual contract with United Way for the Maternal, Infant, and Childhood Home Visiting Program grant for \$553,659 in Health and Human Services
- C. Contract amendment to the Detection and Mitigation of COVID-19 in Confinement Facilities grant to transfer funds between allowable categories in the Travis County Sheriff's Office to allow the Office to more fully expend the grant. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 11. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400006982 with CGL Facility Management, LLC, in the amount of \$5,910,299.20, for the Travis County Civil and Family Courts Facility maintenance. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

- 12. 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

- 13. Consider and take appropriate action on an automobile repair claim for the date of loss of December 17, 2023. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

- 14. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a Subdivision Construction Agreement between Travis County and RH Pioneer North, LLC for the plat of East Village RA – 18 & 22 (Long Form Final Plat – three commercial lots, one open space/drainage easement lot, and 858 linear feet of streets – 38.73 acres – Hulsey Road - City of Austin's two-mile ETJ) in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Fiscal Year 2023 Internal Travis County Sustainability Report. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jon White, Director, Natural Resources and Environmental Quality Division,
Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
Paiton Upshaw, Environmental Specialist Sr., TNR
Amanda Kemp, Environmental Project Manager, TNR
Paul Hopingardner, County Executive, Technology and Operations

RESULT: DISCUSSED

16. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to use an Alternative Fiscal Agreement for The Grove at Blackhawk Section 3 plat for subdivision construction fiscal security in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to use an Alternative Fiscal Agreement for The Grove at Blackhawk Section 4 plat for subdivision construction fiscal security in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Consider and take appropriate action for approval of a first amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Travis County and the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

19. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the two (2) attached License Agreements for Early Voting and Election Day polling sites for the May 4, 2024 Joint General and Special Election.

A. Big V/Southpark Meadows

B. Genesis Presbyterian Church (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the four (4) attached License Agreements for Early Voting and Election Day polling sites for the May 28, 2024 Joint Primary Runoff Election.

A. Big V/Southpark Meadows

B. Riverbend Centre

C. TriMarsh Realty, LLC/Shops at Arbor Walk

D. Unity Church of the Hills (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the License Agreement to use Sawyer Hall as an election worker training for the May 28, 2024 Joint Primary Runoff Elections. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Consider and take appropriate action on a supplemental request from the District Attorney for reimbursement of legal expenses related to the District Attorney's defense in the amount of \$4,099.11. (Commissioner Howard)

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.

23. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding Travis County security and information security issues.^{1,4 & 6} (Commissioner Travillion & Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 23 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, Gov't. Code Ann. 551.076, Security, and Gov't Code Ann 551.089, IT Security.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

24. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding recruitment, interview, and hiring process for County Executive, Community Legal Services and for County Executive, Justice & Public Safety.^{1&3} (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 24 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

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

Judge Brown announced that Item 25 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 the acquisition of a property in Central Austin, Texas as discussed in executive session.

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

26. Receive legal briefing on a proposal for continuity of childcare services program to support childcare programming for low-income families.¹

Judge Brown announced that Item 26 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge