



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

Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on April 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: County Judge Andy Brown
Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
Absent: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:

Robert Battaile, Travis County Resident
Bobby Levinsky, Attorney, Save Our Springs Alliance
Adam Greenfield, Rethink 35
Miriam Schoenfield, Rethink 35
Joanna Wolaver, Executive Director, Travis County Parks Foundation
Scott Johnson, Founder, Central Texas Electric Lawnmowers Program

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The City of Creedmoor is holding a free bulk item cleanup day on Saturday, April 27th, 2024, from 9am to 1pm. Residents of Southeastern Travis County are encouraged to bring large items for drop off, such as flat screen TVs, mattresses, lumber, scrap metal, furniture, and appliances. Those residing in Creedmoor, Mustang Ridge, and surrounding southeast Travis County areas must bring proof of residence (i.e., state ID, utility bill, etc.). The following items will not be accepted: paint, tires, hazardous items, motor oil, gasoline, and old-style TVs.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items: 6, 7, 9, 10, 11.a, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20.a-b, 21, 22, 23.a, and 24.a.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Approve a proclamation honoring and commemorating the 75th birthday of Ms. Barbara Faye Hayes Foreman, a trailblazer who has made many outstanding contributions to Travis County, the State of Texas, and the United States.
(Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Approve a proclamation commemorating Ms. Barbara Faye Hayes Foreman's 75th birthday.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

2. Approve a proclamation recognizing April 27, 2024, as Prescription Drug Take Back Day in Travis County. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Kathleen (Katie) Cane, Environmental Technician, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
Mauricio Gonzalez, Sr. Environmental Specialist, TNR
Edward Oshay Garden, Sergeant, Travis County Constable Precinct 2
Gabriel Padilla, Chief Deputy, Travis County Constable Precinct 4
Kasbin Harris, Sergeant, Travis County Constable Precinct 5

MOTION: Approve a proclamation recognizing April 27, 2024, as Prescription Drug Take Back Day in Travis County.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

3. Approve a proclamation honoring Bill Wallace and the Tomorrow's Promise Foundation for their outstanding contributions to Travis County and for his many years of advocacy for a safer and higher quality of life for all Travis County residents. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Bill Wallace, Executive Director, Tomorrow's Promise Foundation

MOTION: Approve a proclamation honoring Bill Wallace and the Tomorrow's Promise Foundation.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

4. Approve a proclamation recognizing the week of April 21-27, 2024 as Crime Victims' Rights Week in Travis County. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sally Hernandez, Sheriff, Travis County Sheriff's Office

Verna Lee Carr, Advocate, People Against Violent Crimes

Cathy Collins, Crime Victim Advocate, Christi Center

Elizabeth Whited, Division Director, Travis County District Attorney's Office

Heather Bellino, Chief Executive Officer, Texas Advocacy Project

MOTION: Approve a proclamation recognizing April 21-27, 2024, as Crime Victim's Rights Week in Travis County,

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

5. Approve a proclamation honoring and recognizing the retirement of Dr. Molly Beth Malcolm. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: **NO ACTION NECESSARY**

Auditor

6. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of February 2024 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**

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

Emergency Services

8. 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 emergencies. (Judge Brown)
- RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY**

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. New application to the Enhancing Investigation and Prosecution of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (EIP) Initiative grant through the Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women for \$500,000 to fund two positions in the District Attorney's Office (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 Safe Street and Roads for All (SS4A), RFQ No. 2310-002-GC, in the amount of \$349,561.00 to the most highly qualified respondent, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Approve Modification No. 3 to Contract No. 4400007017 with Athens Insurance Services, Inc. DBA Athens Administrators, in the amount of \$467,055.00, for third party administrative & medical bill audit & case management services for workers' compensation & liability claims. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
15. Approve exemption and contract award of Contract No. 4400007412 with QS Healthcare LLC, as needed, for Temporary Healthcare Staffing Services. (Travis County Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
16. Approve order exempting the roof repairs and fire remediation from Blackmon Mooring of Austin, Inc., in the amount of \$242,414.80, from the competitive bidding process, pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code § 262.024 (a)(2) and authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order. (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
17. Approve exemption and contract award of Contract No. 4400007603 with Practical Shooting and Defense, LLC, in the amount of \$74,865.00, for a Tactical Operations Course. (Travis County Constable's Office Precinct Three) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
18. Approve exemption and contract award of Contract No. 4400007577 with Samaritan Center for Counseling & Pastoral Care, Inc., as needed, for the Proactive Officer Wellness and Reset (POWR) Program. (Travis County Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
19. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding current challenges of affirmative action programs and how they might impact Travis County. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sylvia Lopez, HUB Program Director, Travis County Purchasing Office
Colette Holt, Attorney, Colette Holt & Associates

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Technology & Operations

20. 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

Other

21. Consider and take appropriate action regarding an Order designating the Main Early and Temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Places for the May 28, 2024, Joint Primary Election. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Consider and take appropriate action regarding an Order designating Election Day polling places for the May 28, 2024, Joint Primary Runoff Election. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of the following individual to fill a vacancy on the Emergency Services Districts (ESDs) Board of Commission No.16 to be effective on April 23, 2024, through December 19, 2024:

- A. Christopher Wood (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of the following individual to fill a vacancy on the Emergency Services Districts (ESDs) Board of Commission No.8 to be effective on April 23, 2024, through December 19, 2024:

- A. Bruce Goodhartz (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.

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

Judge Brown announced that Item 25 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

26. Approve an agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation and the Travis County Hospital District d/b/a Central Health for the transfer of real property.^{1, 2, 3, 7} (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 26 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.

Clerk's Note: This item was announced for executive session only under the consultation with attorney and real property exemptions to the Open Meetings Act, and not under the personnel matters and personnel matters affecting County Advisory Board exemptions to the Open Meetings Act as noted on the Agenda.

MOTION: Consider and take appropriate action to approve the sale of real property owned by Central Health to the Texas Department of Transportation, as required by Texas Health & Safety Code § 281.050.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

27. Consider and take appropriate action regarding an offer received for purchase of approximately .9113 of an acre of land designated as excess, unused right-of-way, owned by Travis County to support a former alignment of Burleson Road within the City of Austin, east of Montopolis Drive in Precinct Four.^{1&2} (Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown 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.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

28. Receive legal briefing on a proposal for continuity of childcare services program to support childcare programming for low-income families.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 28 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