



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court May 14, 2024 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on May 14, 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 3 Ann Howard
Virtual: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

Public Communication

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

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items: 7, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22.a, 23.a-c, 25, 27, 28, 29, and 30.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Approve a proclamation declaring May 14, 2024, as "Historically Underutilized Business Program (HUB) 30-Year Anniversary Celebration Day" in Austin/Travis County. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sylvia Lopez, HUB Director, Travis County Purchasing Office (Purchasing)
Randall Jackson, HUB Assistant Director, Purchasing
Nicholas Morrow, HUB Specialist, Purchasing
Crystal Bennett, HUB Specialist, Purchasing
Bonnie Floyd, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing
C.W. Bruner, Operation and Procurement Director, Purchasing

MOTION: Approve Item 1.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard,
Margaret Gómez

2. Approve a proclamation recognizing May 2024 as "Mental Health Awareness Month" in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Robert Lily, Participatory Defense Organizer, Grassroots Leadership
Sally Hernandez, Travis County Sheriff
Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)
Sonia Hartman, Social Services Program Administrator, HHS
Marlene Buchanan, Director, Systems of Care, Integral Care

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
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

3. Approve a proclamation recognizing the month of May as National Tennis Month in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Fernando Velasco, Capital Area Tennis Association

MOTION: Approve Item 3.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard,
Margaret Gómez

4. Approve a proclamation honoring and commemorating the 50th anniversary of Capital Area Tennis Association (CATA). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Approve Item 4.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard,
Margaret Gómez

5. Approve a proclamation recognizing the significant economic impact of Samsung Austin Semiconductor throughout the years. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Dana Harris, Director, Government Relations, Samsung

MOTION: Approve Item 5.
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

6. Receive a presentation recognizing employees who have achieved milestone years of service with Travis County Government. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Dr. June Mighty, Director, Human Resources Management Department
(HRMD)

Kim Austin-Smith, Assistant Director, Talent Planning and Engagement,
Development, HRMD

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Auditor

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**

Health & Human Services

9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a Subaward with Integral Care for the Crisis Care Diversion Pilot Program (Judge Brown & Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)
Courtney Lucas, Strategic Advisor, HHS
Marisa Malik, Director, Crisis Services and Justice Initiatives
Sonja Burns, Mental Health Advocate, Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health

MOTION: Approve Item 9.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

10. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the use of earmarked funds for opioid abatement to establish the Santa Maria Women and Children Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Program in Travis County and direct PBO to replace LFRF funds allocated to this project with General Fund earmarked opioid abatement funds. *This item may be taken into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071, Consultation with Attorney* (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)
Courtney Lucas, Strategic Advisor, HHS
Nadine Scamp, CEO, Santa Maria Hostel

MOTION: Approve the dollar amount of \$469,569.00 to come from the opioid abatement funding and direct staff to work with the Travis County Planning and Budget Office to determine exactly which of the earmarked opioid abatement fund sources to draw from.

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

11. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a no-cost extension modification to Contract No. 4400006285 with Workforce Solutions for the provision of Workforce Development Services. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

12. Consider and take appropriate action on a proposed tax rate election for Tax Year 2025 to increase access to early childhood care and afterschool/summer services for low-income families in Travis County. *This item may be taken into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 551.071, Consultation by Attorney* (Judge Brown & Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Rudy Metayer, Council Place 4, City of Pflugerville Council Member
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)

Korey Darling, Planning Manager, HHS

Hilda Rivas, Sr. Planner, HHS

Sarah Stone, Planner, HHS

Cathy McHorse, Director, Workforce Solutions Capital Area

Jamie Garcia, President and CEO, Andy Rodick Foundation

Mary Riggs, Chief Program Officer, Andy Rodick Foundation

Arati Singh, President, Austin Independent School District Board

Stephanie Gharakhanian, Attorney, Travis County District Attorney's Office

Hope Green, Travis County Resident

Jennifer Duc, Pediatrician, Dell Children's Medical Center

Jason Gindele, Vice President, Youth Development, Greater Austin YMCA

Sean Hassan, Board Vice Chair, Austin Community College
Board of Trustees

Barbara Grant Boneta, Director, Austin/Travis Co. Success By 6 Coalition

Ryan Pollack, Political Director, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

Tom Hedrick, Founder and Managing Director, Dillion Joyce Ltd.

Suki Steinhauser, Senior Director, Special Projects, Communities in Schools of Central Texas

Tamitha Blackmon, Childcare Provider, Nehemiah Christian School

Richard Tagle, President and Executive Director, E3 Alliance

Fannie Akinbala, Social Justice Advocate, Ebenezer Third Baptist Church

Lydia Moore, Social Justice Advocate, Ebenezer Third Baptist Church

Cody Summerville, Executive Director, Texas Association for the Education of Young Children

Robert Lily, Participatory Defense Organizer, Grassroots Leadership

Donald Zimmerman, Travis County Resident

MOTION: Instruct staff to prepare and provide information in a timely manner that leads to an option of holding a tax rate election at a 2.5% rate for the November 5th, 2024, ballot.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: In addition to what Commissioner Travillion stated, direct HHS staff to provide information detailing:

A) how the programs and strategies recommended by the Children's Funding Project Work Group will need to be modified to adhere to Travis County's statutory requirements;

B) how the early childhood care program will complement the Workforce Solutions Capital Area's childcare scholarships program to ensure this program adds capacity to the system;

C) a draft of the eligibility criteria for families and providers for both the early childhood care and after/summer programming;

D) an estimated annual administrative cost to the County to procure a vendor(s) to manage, administer, and evaluate these programs; and

E) the role of a ten-year sunset provision included in the ballot language.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

RESULT: **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ACCEPTED**

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

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, 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 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

Intergovernmental Relations

13. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Andy Smith to the Austin/Travis County Food Policy Board. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
14. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Travis County Civil Service Commission. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office

MOTION: Approve Item 14.

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

Planning & Budget

15. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
16. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers, and discussion items. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

17. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
18. Approve contract award for professional engineering services for the New Ranger Residence Building at Southeast Metro Park, RFQ No. 2209-005-TL, in the amount of \$53,252.67, to the most highly qualified respondent, MWM Design Group, Inc. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
19. Approve Contract Award for Professional Architectural and Engineering Services for the Travis County Jail Plumbing Assessment, RFQ No. 2209-005-TL, in the amount of \$124,640.00, to the most highly qualified respondent, CasaBella Architects, Inc. (Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY
20. Approve Contract award for professional consulting services, Hancock Ranchlands Erosion Improvement Project, RFQ No. 2304-008-TL, in the amount of \$431,118.83, to the most highly qualified respondent, Miller Gray LLC. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
21. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400006972 with Mazars USA LLP, in the amount of \$10,000.00, for an independent performance audit of Travis County Healthcare District d/b/a Central Health. (Health and Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

22. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:
 - A. Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez) **RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**
23. Consider and take appropriate action regarding three license agreements between Travis County and the City of Austin for WIC Services to use spaces approximately:
 - A. 2,315 square feet in the County building located at 15822 Foothill Farm Loop, Pflugerville, Texas, 78660
 - B. 1,257 square feet in the County building located at 3518 FM 973, Del Valle Texas, 78617

- C. 1,127 square feet in the County building located at 8656 Highway 71,
Austin, Texas, 78735
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

24. Consider and take appropriate action from Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA) staff regarding the ongoing MoPac South Environmental Assessment (EA). This item may be taken into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074, Consultation with Attorney. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

James Bass, Executive Director, Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority,
CTRMA

Charlotte Gilpin, Vice President, K Friese and Associates

Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, Transportation and Natural Resources

Judge Brown announced that Item 24 would be further considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

25. Consider and take appropriate action on the Acceptance of the Dedication of the public street and drainage facilities within West Cypress Hills Phase 2, Section 4, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Receive briefing on the County's fleet electrification effort. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sydnia Crosbie Chief Deputy, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

Chuck Schoenfeld, Division Manager, Fleet Division, TNR

Adele Noel, Environmental Project Manager, Air Quality, TNR

RESULT: DISCUSSED

27. Approve setting a public hearing on June 4, 2024, to receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located along the common lot line of Lots 30 and 275, Apache Shores Section 1, a subdivision in Precinct Three, (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Approve setting a public hearing on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, to receive comments regarding a proposed agreement to grant the City of Pflugerville a temporary construction easement and a permanent easement for a raw water pipeline at Northeast Metro Park. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

29. Consider and take appropriate action regarding an Order Modifying Designation of Temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Places for the May 28, 2024 Joint Primary Runoff Elections. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

30. Consider and take appropriate actions regarding an Order Modifying Designation of Election Day Polling Places for the May 28, 2024 Joint Primary Runoff Election. (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

31. 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 31 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

32. Consider and take appropriate action on potential acquisition efforts for future purchase of real property under the 2023 Bond program with regard to: (1) roughly 50 acres of undeveloped land located west of Old San Antonio Road near Onion Creek in Precinct Three; (2) an approximate one-acre residential lot with improvements, located on the north side of Pearce Lane between FM 973 and SH 130 in Precinct Four; and, (3) an undeveloped 90+ acre tract of land near Wilbarger Creek and Hibbs Lane, south of Littig Road in Precinct Four.^{1 & 2} (Judge Brown)

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. 551.072, Real Property.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

33. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action concerning Travis County's claim against Stantec for errors and omissions in its design services related to the Bee Creek Sports Complex project.¹ (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.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

34. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding a settlement offer from the Texas Department of Transportation to Travis County for a portion of property located at approximately 3800 Hudson Bend Rd, Austin, Texas 78734.^{1&2}
(Commissioner Shea)

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.

MOTION: Accept the Texas Department of Transportation's offer and authorize the County Attorney's office to take actions necessary to accept and finalize the settlement.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

35. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding a settlement offer from the Texas Department of Transportation to Travis County for a portion of property located at approximately 100 N. IH 35, Austin, Texas 78701.^{1&2} (Commissioner Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 35 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

36. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding claims for damage, including damage sustained during Winter Storm Uri.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 36 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Authorize the County Attorney's Office to take all actions necessary to settle and release claims against ServPro for work performed related to Winter Storm Uri.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

37. Consider and take appropriate action regarding recruitment, interview, and hiring process for County Executive, Community Legal Services.^{1&3} (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 37 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

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge