



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court June 4, 2024 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on June 4, 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

Clerk's Note: There were no speakers for Public Communication.

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The County Judge announces the Summer 2024 Class of interns that will be working with the Judge's office.

Clerk's Note: The Court welcomes Geoffrey Burkhart, the new County Executive for Community Legal Services.

Clerk's Note: The County Judge announces that Commissioner Shea and Commissioner Howard will be throwing out the first pitch at the Round Rock Express game on June 26th, 2024 at 7:00 pm. Gates will open at 6:00 pm. There will be \$1 hot dogs and discounted tickets for all Travis County employees.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. A-E, 18, 19, 20. A-B, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29. A, and 31.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
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 Hearings

1. 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)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range Planning, Transportation and Natural Resources

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Ann Howard, Andy Brown, Margaret Gómez, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Approve a proclamation recognizing June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Approve Item 2.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

3. Approve a proclamation recognizing the week of June 8th through 15th as a “Week Of Sports” for Austin area women and gender-expansive sports leagues. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Bethany Cyrtmus-Davaul, Founder, Austin Rise FC

Caitlin Curley, President, Austin Valkyries Rugby

Loni Oglewood, Executive Assistant, Commissioner Precinct 2 Office

Lillie Messina, Coach and President, Austin Outlaws

Debra Hallum, Co-Founder, ATX Women's Sports Hub

Elise Bjork, Player, Austin Torch

MOTION: Approve Item 3.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

4. Approve a proclamation recognizing and honoring Susan McDowell for her twenty-nine year career with LifeWorks. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Susan McDowell, CEO, LifeWorks

MOTION: Approve Item 4.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

Auditor

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

6. Receive the FY 2023 Travis County Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) and brief Commissioners Court on the external audit and the Popular Annual Financial Report for the FY 2023. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Patti Smith, Travis County Auditor

Cameron Von noy, Financial Audit Manager, County Auditor's Office

David Jungerman, Chief Auditor, Internal Audit Division, County Auditor's Office

Kathryn Madden, Chief Assistant County Auditor

Jeremy Myers, External Auditor, Atchley & Associates, LLP

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Emergency Services

7. 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

8. Consider and take appropriate action to ratify approval of the required, posted bond for Gary Howell, Travis County Fire Marshal. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve funding in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for a consultant to assist in determining options for funding emergency medical response throughout Travis County, outside the City of Austin, that is high-quality, equitably accessible, efficient, and cost-effective. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office

MOTION: Approve the earmarked budget for this year and next year's budget, per the recommendations from the Planning and Budget Office.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Health & Human Services

10. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between HHSC and Travis County under the Community Partner Program and Acknowledgment of Completion of Cybersecurity Training Program. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
11. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an amendment to the FY 2024 Interlocal Agreement with Integral Care for substance use disorder managed services (SAMSO). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
12. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the exception to Budget Rules to allow the purchase of food and beverages for two programs serving Youth. Existing department resources will be used to cover these costs which will cater to approximately 400+ youth participants. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
13. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an exception to Budget Rules to allow the purchase of food and beverages for meetings of the Joint Subcommittee which include the City of Austin, Austin Independent School District, and Travis County; exemption to be effective May 2024 through May 2025. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Justice & Public Safety

14. Consider and take appropriate action on acceptance of all FY 2025 donations related to the use of County vehicles by off-duty Travis County Sheriff's Office peace officers for other employment that serves as a public purpose. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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
17. 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 U.S. Department of Justice Byrne Discretionary Community Projects Grant for \$932,000 to fund two positions and three contracted positions to act as peer recovery coaches in hospital emergency rooms and the Travis County Drug Court in HHS.
 - B. Annual award for the FY 2023 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant for \$111,810 to purchase law enforcement equipment in the Travis County Sheriff's Office.
 - C. Annual award for the FY 2022 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant for \$97,223 to purchase law enforcement equipment in the Travis County Sheriff's Office.
 - D. Contract amendment for the Travis County CAPITAL AmeriCorps Project through the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to de-obligate funds.
 - E. Status report on changes to budget category allocations in the FY 2021 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in the Travis County Sheriff's Office (Commissioner Gómez)
- RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

Purchasing

18. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
19. Approve exemption and Modification No. 2 to Contract No. 4400006503 with Gloria Oyeniyi, M.D., as needed, for psychological services. (Criminal Courts) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
20. Approve contract award to the following as-needed contracts for Residential Electrical Services, IFB No. 2403-002-TL (Health and Human Services):
- A. Contract No. 4400007610, JS Electric, Inc., Residential Electrical Services

B. Contract No. 4400007672, Z-NON Electric, Inc., Residential Electrical Services (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve Modification No. 1, an assignment of Contract No. 4400005945, for group and individual counseling, from South Austin Counseling Services, PC to A New View Counseling and Psychological Services. (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Approve Modification No. 8 to Contract No. 4400003954 with Front Line Advisory Group, LLC, an as-needed amount, for Program Manager Consultant. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Approve Modification No. 2 to Contract No. 4400006410 with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc., in the amount of \$234,000.00, for eviction prevention support services. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Ratify and approve Modification No. 3 to Contract No. 4400003226 with Winstead PC for outside counsel services for real estate development projects. (County Attorney's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Approve Modification No. 3 to Contract No. 4400006480 with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc., in the amount of \$76,000.00, for eviction prevention support services. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Approve contract award for Glass Beads for Traffic Paint, IFB No. 2402-011-CM, for estimated requirements, to the low bidder, Potters Industries, LLC. (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Approve contract award for Flexible Base Material, IFB No. 2402-009-CM, estimated requirements to the sole bidder, Green Dream International, LLC. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

28. Consider and take appropriate action on a total loss claim for the date of loss of June 6, 2023. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:

A. Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

30. Receive latest update from Segal Consulting on Market Salary Survey Project.
(Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Todd Osburn, Assistant Director, Total Rewards, HRMD

T.L. Cox, Vice President, Segal Consulting

Pedro Villalobos, Member, American Federation of State, County & Municipal
Employees

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Transportation & Natural Resources

31. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to terminate the Restrictive Covenants associated with the 130 RV Storage and Warehouse. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

32. Consider and take appropriate action 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)

MOTION: Approve Item 32.

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

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

33. 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 33 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

34. Consider and take appropriate action on a newly revised offer received by Travis County for the sale of private property totaling approximately 137.5 acres of undeveloped land located in northeast Travis County, south of U.S. 290 East and near Wilbarger Creek within Precinct One.^{1&2} (Commissioner Travillion)

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 revised offer received by Travis County for the sale of private property totaling approximately 137.5 acres of undeveloped land located in northeast Travis County, south of U.S. 290 East and near Wilbarger Creek within Precinct One.

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

35. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding Senate Bill 2038 from the 88th Texas Legislative Session and its potential impact on land use and development projects.^{1&2} (Judge Brown)

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 briefing from outside counsel and take appropriate action regarding groundwater and land use issues, including permit applications submitted by Clancy Utility Holdings LLC to the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District, the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.¹ (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

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

RESULT: DISCUSSED

37. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding *In re Rogers*, No. 23-0595, 2024 WL 2490520 (Tex. May 24, 2024).¹ (Commissioner Travillion)

Judge Brown announced that Item 37 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