



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court June 25, 2024 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on June 25, 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:

Laura Seaton, Administrative Associate, Travis County Information and Technology Services
Pat Valles-Trelles, Travis County Resident
Howard, Travis County Resident
Melanie Walter Mahoney, Travis County Resident
Peggy Morton, Member, Austin Sanctuary Network
Tim Mahoney, Travis County Resident

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: Commissioner Shea announced Travis County's fourth national award for the Resilience Initiative. This award was for Travis County's Purple Pipe Program, which has successfully improved the county's water conservation efforts by saving millions of gallons of water per year.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items: 6, 7, 9, 18, 19, 20, 22. A-B, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28. A-B, 29, 30, 31, 32. A, 33, 34. A-C, 35. A-B, 37, 38, 41, 42, 44, 45, and 46.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: Include items 15, 16, and 39 in the list of approved consent items.

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

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

Clerk's Note: The updated consent item list reads as follows: 6, 7, 9, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22. A-B, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28. A-B, 29, 30, 31, 32. A, 33, 34. A-C, 35. A-B, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 44, 45, and 46.

Public Hearings

1. 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)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Tim Speyrer, District Park Manager, Transportation and Natural Resources
Jeff Dunsworth, City Engineer, City of Pflugerville
Brandon Pritchett, Public Utility Director, City of Pflugerville

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
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

2. Receive comments regarding a resolution of no objection for Eagle's Landing Family Apartments, a project located at approximately 8000 Decker Lane, Austin, Texas 78724 in Precinct One. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
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

Members of the Court heard from:

Somchan (Ying) Vuthipadadon, Planning Manager, Health and Human Services

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
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

Resolutions & Proclamations

3. Approve a proclamation to honor and celebrate the career of Charles Bergh and express our special recognition and heartfelt thanks to him for his distinguished 39-year career as a dedicated, motivated, and determined public servant. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sydnia Crosbie Chief Deputy, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
Charles Bergh, Division Director (Succession), Parks, TNR
Robert Armistead, Assistant Director, Parks, TNR
Gerald Daugherty, Former Travis County Commissioner Pct. 3
Karen Sonleitner, Former Travis County Commissioner Pct. 2

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 the month of June 2024 as "Pride Month" in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

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

5. Approve a resolution recommending the implementation of Nature-based Solutions in Travis County Projects. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Marie Camino, Texas Chapter of Nature Conservancy
Joanna Wolaver, Executive Director, Travis County Parks Foundation
Jon White, Director, Natural Resources and Environmental Quality Division,
TNR

MOTION: Approve Item 5.
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

Auditor

6. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
7. Receive Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Audit Reports for Travis County Emergency Service Districts. (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**
9. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of the following individual to fill a vacancy on the Emergency Services Districts (ESDs) Board of Commissioners No. 6
- A. Angela Grossman (Commissioner Howard)
- RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

Health & Human Services

10. Consider and take appropriate action on a Resolution of No Objection for Eagle's Landing Family Apartments, a project located at approximately 8000 Decker Lane, Austin, Texas 78724 in Precinct One. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Travillion)
- MOTION:** Approve Item 10.
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
11. Receive a briefing from Austin Public Health on programs provided to County residents via the Public Health Interlocal Agreement which benefit County residents. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Ana Almaguel, Planning Project Manager, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)
Whitney Holt, Sr. Planner, HHS
Adrian Sturup, Director, Austin Public Health (APH)
Darrel Barnett, Health Equity Program Manager, APH
Janet Pichette, Chief Epidemiologist, APH
Desmar Walkes, Health Authority Medical Director, APH
Juanita Jackson, Business Process Consultant, APH
Saeed Azadi, Interim Assistant Director of Administrative Services, APH

RESULT: DISCUSSED

12. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a resolution approving tax-exempt bond financing by the Austin Affordable PFC, Inc. for Eagle's Landing Family Apartments, a project located at approximately 8000 Decker Lane, Austin, Texas 78724 in Precinct One. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Monique Coleman, Division Director, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)

Brad Fisher, April Housing

Bill Walter, Director of Affordable Housing and Community Development, Coats Rose

Christy Moffett, Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

MOTION: Approve Item 12.

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

13. Receive briefing and take appropriate action related to 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 with Attorney* (Judge Brown & Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)

Korey Darling, Division Director, HHS

Sarah Stone, Planner, HHS

Kathleen Haas, Financial Manager, HHS

Alison W., Travis County Resident

Liz Schoenfield, CEO, LifeWorks

Zenae Campbell, CEO, Boys and Girls Club of the Austin Area

Cynthia Smith McCollum, Executive Director, Open Door Preschools

MOTION: 1) Set August 13, 2024, as the date the Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025/ Tax Year 2024 tax rate.

2) Request that the County Attorney's office draft documents, including an election order for the Court's consideration relating to a potential election for November 5, 2024, for voter approval of a proposed 2.5 cent property tax increase for Fiscal Year 2025/Tax

Year 2024 to facilitate expanded access to affordable and high quality early childhood care, after-school/summer programming, and related social services and workforce development for low-income families in Travis County.

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

Intergovernmental Relations

14. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a resolution in support of the Great Springs Project submitting an application for the Environmental Protection Agency's Community Change Grant. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

 Mikey Goralnik, Trails and Transportation Planner, Great Springs Project
 Dashiell Daniels, Grants Administrator, Travis County General Administration

MOTION: Approve Item 14.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

15. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the City of Austin Animal Advisory Commission. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Justice & Public Safety

17. Consider and take appropriate action to name the Travis County Law Library in the Travis County Civil and Family Courts Facility "The Lora J. Livingston Law Library." (Commissioner Howard & Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

 Lisa Rush, Law Library Director, Community Legal Services
 Amy Clark Meachum, Judge, 201st District Court

Geoffrey Burkhart, County Executive, Community Legal Services

MOTION: Approve Item 17.
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

Planning & Budget

18. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
19. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers, and discussion items. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
20. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the assignment of Private Activity Bond authority by Travis County Housing Finance Corporation to Texas Department Of Housing and Community Affairs. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
21. Consider and take appropriate action regarding update on the development of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget and remaining key calendar dates. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve Item 21.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

22. Consider and take appropriate action on assumption for Travis County regarding the following:
- A. Tax Year 2024 County Exemptions
B. Tax Year 2024 Parcel Fee Rate (Tax Assessor-Collector) (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

23. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Approve Modification No. 7 to Contract No. 4400003941 with HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$129,466.00, for the Arroyo Doble/Twin Creeks Drainage Project. (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Approve sole source exemption and contract award for software, equipment, and technical services from Neogen Corporation, in the amount of \$83,690.80, a one-time purchase with yearly maintenance and support, from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024(a)(7)(A) and authorize Purchasing Agent to issue purchase orders. (Medical Examiner's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Approve contract award for Implementation Services for SAP SuccessFactors Employee Central, RFP No. 2311-008-LC, in the amount of \$1,370,500.00, to the highest-ranked respondent, EPI-USE America, Inc. (Auditor's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Approve Modification No. 11 to Contract No. 4500000480 with Metropolitan Parking, a revenue contract, for parking management services. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Consider and take appropriate action to:

A. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Travis County and Neil Reilly regarding the transfer of TCSO Canine Bodie to its handler.

B. Authorize Purchasing Agent to remove assets from inventory pursuant to Texas Government Code § 614.217 (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Approve order exempting service and preventative maintenance contract, from Renewal Biomedical Services LLC, for STAR Flight operations, a one-time purchase in the amount of \$45,000.00, pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024 (a)(2), and authorize Purchasing Agent to issue purchase orders. (Emergency Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

30. Approve Modification No. 9 to Contract No. 4400002492 with Center for Child Protection, in the amount of \$56,674.20, for office lease space. (Travis County Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
31. Approve Modification No. 4 to Contract No. 4400004516 with Council on At-Risk Youth, in the amount of \$70,000.00, for violence prevention services. (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

32. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:
- A. Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez) **RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**
33. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the license agreement amendment between Travis County and the Austin Fire Department for the use of specific space in the Ned Granger Building located at 314 W. 11th Street, Austin, Texas, 78701, in Travis County. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
34. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the following employee healthcare items for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) plan year, effective October 1, 2024.
- A. FY25 contribution levels for Travis County Health Plan
 - B. Fiscal Year 2025 Enhanced UHC programs, Optum Rx prescription plan opportunities and required plan design changes to High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) effective January 1, 2025
 - C. Annual Open Enrollment dates of August 1 - 31, 2024 (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
35. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the employee annual contribution limits for the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) for Healthcare for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Health Savings Account (HSA) for calendar year 2025.
- A. For Health Care FSA, update the employee annual contribution limit to \$3,200 from the current \$3,050 (\$150 increase) for the FY25 plan year

- B. For HSA, update the employee annual contribution limit to \$4,300 for single coverage (\$150 increase) and \$8,550 for family coverage (\$250 increase) for calendar year 2025

(Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

36. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to amend the FY 2024 Commissioners Court Order Setting Elected Official Salaries. (Commissioners Gómez and Travillion)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

37. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to amend the Fiscal Year 2024 Commissioners Court Order Setting Elected Official Salaries. (Commissioners Gómez and Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

38. Approve setting a public hearing on July 16, 2024, to receive comments regarding the release of the drainage easement and public utility easement associated with Austin Lake Hills Section 2 Lots 32 and 33, located at 1300 and 1302 Ogden Drive. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

39. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to release a drainage easement associated with the Moontower Apartments project, located at 10120 and 10212 Menchaca Road. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

40. Receive presentation on the First Annual East Side Spring Clean. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Amanda Kemp, Environmental Project Manager, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

Katie Bedrich, Program Director, Colorado River Alliance

Tim Speyrer, Parks District Manager, TNR

RESULT: DISCUSSED

41. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to approve a License Agreement with Lara Ramey to conduct private small group yoga classes on a weekly basis at East Metropolitan Park. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

42. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to use a Cash Security Agreement for right-of-way fiscal security for the IDV 130 development in Precinct One.
(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

43. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request from the City of Pflugerville for approval of a Temporary Construction Easement, a permanent easement, and waiver of some associated fees for installation of an additional raw waterline through Northeast Metropolitan Park. *This item may be taken into Executive Session under the Consultation with Attorney exception, Texas Government Code §551.071, and the Real Property exception under Texas Government Code §551.072* (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sydnia Crosbie Chief Deputy, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
Tim Speyrer, District Parks Manager, TNR

MOTION: Grant the requested easement without the fee waiver for fees associated with an additional raw waterline installation through Northeast Metropolitan Park.

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

44. Consider and take appropriate action on a construction and phasing agreement between Cantarra North LP, BB Land Holdings LP, Mountain Creek Land LP, Teal Land LP, Greenwood Land LP, Shoalwood Land LP, and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Weiss Tract Multifamily development, in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

45. Consider and take appropriate action on the Travis County Healthcare District DBA Central Health proposed 2024 Tax Year homestead, disabled, and over 65 property tax exemptions. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

46. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the minutes for the Voting Sessions of May 7th, May 14th, May 21st and the Special Voting Sessions of May 21st and May 23rd, 2024. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

47. Consider and take appropriate action to (1) transfer \$48,800 from the Allocated Reserve to the Tax Office to assist with a pilot for voter outreach services, and (2) earmark \$500,000 from the Allocated Reserve for the Tax Office so that funding may be available should Travis County decide to move forward with procuring additional services to assist with voter outreach. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)

Judge Brown announced that Item 47 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: (1) Approve a transfer of \$48,800 from the Allocated Reserve to the Tax Office to assist with a pilot for voter outreach services, and;
(2) earmark \$500,000 from the Allocated Reserve for the Tax Office so that funding may be available should Travis County decide to move forward with procuring additional services to assist with voter outreach.

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

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

48. 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 48 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

49. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding Senate Bill 2038 from the 88th Texas Legislative Session and a petition to release the County's Nootsie property from the City of Austin's extraterritorial jurisdiction in Precinct Three.^{1&2} (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge