



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

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on July 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:
David Mckeand, Attorney, Mckeand Law Firm

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items: 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37. A-B, 38, 39, 40, 42, 44, and 45.

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

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement and drainage easement located along the common lot line of Lots 32 and 33, Austin Lake Hills Section 2, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.

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

MOTION: Close 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

2. Receive public comments on the public comment draft of the PY24-28 Consolidated Plan and PY24 Action Plan. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

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:

Monique Coleman, Division Director, Travis County Health and Human
Services (HHS)
Somchan Vuthipadadon, Planning Manager, HHS

Clerk's Note: The public comment deadline for the draft of the PY24-28 Consolidated Plan and PY24 Action Plan has been extended to 5:00 pm, July 22nd, 2024.

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

3. Receive public comments on the substantially amended public comment draft of the PY19-23 Consolidated Plan and CDBG PY19 Action Plan. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

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:

Monique Coleman, Division Director, Travis County Health and Human
Services (HHS)
Somchan Vuthipadadon, Planning Manager, HHS

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

4. Approve a proclamation recognizing the week of July 15-19 as Summer Learning Week in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Amber Aiken, Project Director, ACE Program

Mary Riggs, Chief Program Director, Andy Roddick Foundation

MOTION: Approve Item 4.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSENT: Ann Howard

5. Approve a Proclamation to designate July 2024 as Park and Recreation Month.
(Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Robert Armistead, Parks Division Director, Transportation and Natural
Resources

MOTION: Approve Item 5.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown

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

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. Approve an Interlocal Cooperation Subaward Agreement (ILA) between Travis County and Emergency Services District No. 03 (ESD) to utilize the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for reimbursements related to qualifying public safety communications equipment. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Approve an Interlocal Cooperation Subaward Agreement (ILA) between Travis County and Emergency Services District No. 04 (ESD) to utilize the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for reimbursements related to qualifying public safety communications equipment. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
10. Approve an Interlocal Cooperation Subaward Agreement (ILA) between Travis County and Emergency Services District No. 05 (ESD) to utilize the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for reimbursements related to qualifying public safety communications equipment. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
11. Approve an Interlocal Cooperation Subaward Agreement (ILA) between Travis County and Emergency Services District No. 12 (ESD) to utilize the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for reimbursements related to qualifying public safety communications equipment. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
12. Approve an Interlocal Cooperation Subaward Agreement (ILA) between Travis County and Emergency Services District No. 14 (ESD) to utilize the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for reimbursements related to qualifying public safety communications equipment. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

13. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Amendment 1 to the revenue contract with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) for the provision of after-school programs. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
14. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Travis County Health and Human Services (TCHHS) request to approve a subaward for professional services with A New Entry, Inc. (Commissioners Travillion & Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
15. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the CDBG program cooperation agreement with the City of Sunset Valley for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
16. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a contract modification for the Supportive Housing Initiative Pipeline subrecipient, Mobile Loaves & Fishes, contract number 4400006882. (Commissioners Howard & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

17. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Housing Authority of Travis County:

A. Approve questions for finalist interviews.

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office (IGR)

RESULT: DISCUSSED

B. Conduct interviews with finalists.

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, IGR
Mayra Lopez Lucia, Interview Finalist #1
Jules Franklin, Interview Finalist #2
Judith (Judy) Flores, Interview Finalist #3
Laura Goettsche, Interview Finalist #4
Joseph C. McCormick, Interview Finalist #5
Kimberly Patterson Wright, Interview Finalist #6

Judge Brown announced Item 17. B would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney, Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters, and Gov't Code Ann 551.0745, Deliberations by Commissioners Court about County Advisory Body.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

C. Discuss and take appropriate action on an appointment (Judge Brown)

RESULT: POSTPONED

18. Consider and take appropriate action to reappoint Lauren Donder to the Travis County Children's Protective Services Board for a term set to expire on June 30, 2027, and issue an extension of the Call for Applications to fill vacancies on the board.
(Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Commissioner Jeffrey Travillion to the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors for a term to expire on June 1, 2027. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

20. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
21. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers, and discussion items. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
22. 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 Bureau of Justice Assistance's Second Chance Act Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes grant for \$900,000 to expand existing reentry services with vocational training in the Innovative Justice and Program Analysis Department (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Purchasing

23. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
24. Approve order exempting the purchase of repair service and a subsequent annual preventative maintenance and parts agreement for the Sally Port doors at the Central Booking Facility from Hydraulic Supply & Service Co., in the amount of \$56,037.09, from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024(A)(2) and authorize Purchasing Agent to issue purchase orders. (Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion).
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
25. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400007576, with Pratt & Whitney Canada Corp, a reduction in the amount of \$179,613.79. (STAR Flight) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
26. Approve Contract Award for Professional Structural Engineering Services for the TCCC Range Roof Awning, RFQ No. 2209-005-TL, in the amount of \$53,400.00, to the most highly qualified respondent, StructuresPE, LLP. (Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400006840 with Salas O'Brien, LLC., in the amount of \$10,000.00, for the Travis County Correction Complex Retro-Commissioning Services. (Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
28. Approve exemption, ratification, and award of Contract No. 4400007684 with American Youthworks, in the amount of \$110,000.00, for Hands-On Job Skills Services for Travis County Metro Park Program. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
29. Approve Change Order No. 5 to Contract No. 4400005403 with Jordan Foster Construction LLC, in the amount of \$621,621.84, for the Cameron Road Improvements. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
30. Approve Modification No. 6 to Contract No. 4400004305 with Doucet & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$87,410.00, for the Fitzhugh Road Bicycle Safety Improvements. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
31. Approve Modification No. 3 to Contract No. 4400004267 with Huitt-Zollars, Inc., in the amount of \$456,287.00, for the Thoroughbred Farms Drainage Project. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
32. Approve Modification No. 7 to Contract No. 4400003860 with Cobb, Fendley & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$554,855.80, for Wells Branch Parkway Extension 3. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
33. Reject all bids received for IFB No. 2401-002-TC, for Locksmith Services, and resolicit. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
34. Approve Modification No. 5 to Contract No. 4400006400 with Robert Jackson & Michael McElhaney Architects, Inc., in the amount of \$37,900.00, for the Wilson Parke 1st floor Visitor Center. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
35. Approve contract award for consulting services for deferred compensation plan, RFS No. 2311-009-BB, in the amount of \$30,000.00, to the highest-ranked respondent, Mariner Institutional, LLC. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

36. Approve Modification No. 1 for Contract No. 4400007555 with Victim Safety First, LLC, an estimated requirements contract, for a price reduction for Electronic Monitoring Services. (Community Supervision & Corrections Department) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: POSTPONED

Technology & Operations

37. 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
38. Consider and take appropriate action on a total loss claim for the date of loss of May 7, 2024. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
39. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a proposed electric utility easement for provision of service by the City of Austin at 3614 Bill Price Road, Del Valle, Texas 78617. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

40. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement and drainage easement located along the common lot line of Lots 32 and 33, Austin Lake Hills Section 2, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
41. Approve setting a public hearing on August 6, 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 18 and 19, Austin Lake Estates Section 3, Block 30, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Approve Item 41.
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

42. Approve setting a public hearing on August 6, 2024, to receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a 0.101-acre public utility easement located along the lot lines of Lots 1, 2, and 3, and a 0.212-acre public utility easement located along the boundary of Lots 3 and 11, Flaniken's Subdivision, a subdivision in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

43. Receive presentation and take appropriate action on the Travis County Parks Foundation Annual Update of Foundation activities throughout the County. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Robert Armistead, Division Director, Parks, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

Janet Coles, Planning Project Manager, TNR

Joanna Wolaver, Executive Director, Travis County Parks Foundation

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Other

44. Receive revised Fiscal Year 2024 Forfeited Property Account budget from the District Attorney's Office in accordance with the provisions of Article 59.06(d) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

45. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the minutes for the Voting Sessions of June 4th, June 18th, June 25th, July 9th and the Special Voting Session of June 27th, 2024. (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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

47. 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)

Judge Brown announced that Item 47 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

48. Receive Legal briefing from County Attorney, and authorize County Attorney and/or Risk Manager to accept, reject, or counter settlement offer, and/or take appropriate action in Cause No. D-1-GN-23-002854, *Fernando Reyes Galindo vs. Robert Michael Cantu and Travis County*; In the 98th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 48 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Accept the Plaintiff's settlement offer of \$85,000.00 and authorize the Risk Manager and/or the County Attorney to sign and file any necessary documents to effectuate the settlement.

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

49. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action in *In re Dallas County, Texas and Marian Brown, in her official capacity as Dallas County Sheriff*, Cause No. 24-0426 in Texas Supreme Court.¹ (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

50. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action in *Cecile Erwin Young, in her Official Capacity as Executive Commissioner of HHSC, et.al v. Dallas County, Texas and Marian Brown, in her official capacity as Dallas County Sheriff*, Cause No. 03-24-00023-CV in the Court of Appeals for the Third Judicial District.¹ (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

51. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding the MoPac South project.¹ (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

52. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action regarding the duties, performance, and appointment of the Travis County Fire Marshal, including an environmental assessment of that office. ^{1 & 3} (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 52 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