



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

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on July 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: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

Virtual: County Judge Andy Brown
Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:

Sonya Burns, Travis County Resident
Robert Battaile, Travis County Resident

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items: 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. A-D, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24. A-B, 25, 26, 27, and 29. A.

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

1. Approve a proclamation recognizing the week of July 21-27, 2024, as Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week in Travis County. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Rodolfo Pérez, Jr., Director, Travis County Pre-Trial Services

MOTION: Approve Item 1.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSENT: Andy Brown

2. Approve a proclamation recognizing Sergeant Jose Escribano for his selection to receive a 2024 State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement Award for Professional Achievement from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Stacy Suits, Constable, Travis County Precinct 3

Jose Escribano, Constable Sergeant, Travis County Precinct 3

MOTION: Approve Item 2.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

ABSENT: Andy Brown

Auditor

3. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
4. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of May 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

Emergency Services

5. 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

6. Approve setting a public hearing on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, to receive a report and comments on the Central Health Performance Audit conducted by Mazars USA, LLP. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Justice & Public Safety

7. Receive briefing and update from Innovative Justice & Program Analysis Workforce Development/Reentry Resources program. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Vicki Ashley, Interim County Executive, Innovative Justice & Program Analysis, Justice and Public Safety (JPS)
Cynthia Simons, Planning Manager, JPS
Chris Fortunes, Sr. Planner, JPS
Albert Garcia, Planner, JPS
Jamie Velazquez, Planner, JPS
Tikela Gage, Planner, JPS
Shadrick Patrick, Planner, JPS
Melissa Nettle, Sr. Planner, JPS

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Community Legal Services

8. Consider and take appropriate action on adding County Executive Geoff Burkhardt to the Public Defender Office Organizational Development Committee.
(Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
9. Consider and take appropriate action on adjustment to Law Library cash fund balance.
(Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

10. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
11. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers, and discussion items. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
12. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:

Members of the Court heard from:

Bob Ward, Chair, Texas Historical Commission

- A. New contract for the Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant with the Texas Historical Commission for \$30,000, including a County match of \$15,000, to fund the San Bernard Historical District Project in the Travis County Historical Commission.
- B. New contract for the Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant with the Texas Historical Commission for \$50,000, including a County match of \$22,500 and in-kind match of \$2,500, to fund the East Travis County & Settlement Counties African American Freedom Colony/Settlement Survey in the Travis County Historical Commission.
- C. Annual contract with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program grant for \$24,800.47 to fund the existing engAGE program in HHS

- D. Annual contract with the Capital Area Trauma Regional Advisory Council for pass-through funds for Emergency Medical Services totaling \$8,012.87 for STAR Flight to offset the cost of medical equipment purchases.
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Receive LFRF update and take appropriate action on associated recommendations.
(Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Michelle Surka, Planning and Budget Analyst III, PBO
Nathan Fernandes, Sr. Planner, Health and Human Services (HHS)
Korey Darling, Division Director, HHS

MOTION: 1) Approve ending the Economic Development & Strategic Investments Financial Analyst Senior position as of July 23, 2024.
2) Approve ending the Attorney II and Attorney VII positions in the County Attorney's office as of December 31st, 2024.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSENT: Andy Brown

MOTION: Approve the recommendation to allocate vacancy savings from the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (LFRF) reserved for Special Project Workers to extend 27 Special Project Workers through September 30, 2025, the end of Fiscal Year 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSENT: Andy Brown

MOTION: Approve the recommendation to reallocate \$1,500,000 of approved LFRF funds from Workforce Solutions - Workforce Development project to Workforce Solutions - Child Care Services Project.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSENT: Andy Brown

Purchasing

14. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
15. Approve Modification No. 8 to Contract No. 4400004022 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., in the amount of \$17,000.00, for the design of the Wyldwood Road Drainage Improvements Project. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
16. Approve contract award for High Density Mineral Bond, IFB No. 2402-016-PH, in the amount of \$774,103.50, to the sole bidder, Andale Construction, Inc. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
17. Approve Modification No. 2, an Assignment of Contract No. 4400006343, for Prepared Meals Services, from Chisos Star, LLC, dba The Cook's Nook to TCN-ATX Corp., dba The Cook's Nook. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
18. Approve Modification No. 7 to Contract No. 4400004613 with Falcon Insurance Agency, Inc., in the amount of \$844,080.00, for aviation insurance coverage. (Human Resources Management) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
19. Approve Exemption and Contract No. 4400007641 with Ellis Glass Harty, in the amount of \$18,000.00, for adult education instructor services. (Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
20. Approve Modification No. 56 to Contract No. 4400000562 with Easy Access, Inc., in the amount of \$13,050.00, for Tax Office Computer System. (Tax Office) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
21. Approve contract award for annual independent audit services, RFQ No. 2402-012-BB, in the amount of \$295,625.00, to the most highly qualified respondent, Atchley & Associates, LLP. (Auditor's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
22. Approve Modification No. 28, to Contract No. 4400000257 with SAP Public Services, Inc., in the amount of \$39,131.67 for 4.5 years, for SAP ERP Software and Maintenance Support. (Auditor's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. 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) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Technology & Operations

24. 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

Transportation & Natural Resources

25. Approve setting a public hearing on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, to receive comments regarding the temporary restriction of all traffic and detour along Bob Johnson Rd. at the intersection of Johnson Ln./Black Bear Dr. to Koala St. beginning on or about Tuesday, August 20, 2024, and continuing through Tuesday, February 4, 2025, or until work is complete, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
26. Consider and take appropriate action on the acceptance of the dedication of the public street and drainage facilities within Kara Drive Bridge final plat in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
27. Consider and take appropriate action on an amendment to an Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas at Austin for invertebrate research and management services on the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. (Commissioner Shea)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
28. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the proposed fee increases and new fees associated with development review. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Approve fee recommendation and implement the third-party expeditor process.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: Approve the new fees to begin on September 1st, 2024.

MOVER: Jeffrey Travillion

RESULT: **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ACCEPTED**

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

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

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

ABSENT: Andy Brown

Other

29. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following tax collection agreement:

A. City of Mustang Ridge-Durango Public Improvement District. (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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

31. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action on a proposed 2024 tax rate election to increase access to affordable and high-quality early childhood care and after-school/summer programming and related social services for low-income families and to develop and administer related workforce development and economic development programs.¹ (Judge Brown and Commissioner Travillion)

Commissioner Gómez announced that Item 31 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

32. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding Senate Bill 2038 from the 88th Texas Legislative Session and petitions to release County-owned property from the City of Austin's extraterritorial jurisdiction.^{1 & 2} (Judge Brown)

Commissioner Gómez 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.

MOTION: Authorize submitting a petition for release of County property, including County right-of-way and drainage easements, and authorize Cynthia McDonald, County Executive of the County's Transportation and Natural Resources Department, to sign the petition on the County's behalf

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

ABSENT: Andy Brown

33. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Housing Authority of Travis County and discuss appointments to other County boards and commissions.⁷ (Judge Brown)

Commissioner Gómez announced that Item 33 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't Code Ann 551.0745, Deliberations by Commissioners Court about the County Advisory Body.

MOTION: Appoint Judith Flores to fill the vacancy in Place 2 of the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and for Laura Goettsche to Place 4 for terms that will expire on December 31, 2025.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

ABSENT: Andy Brown

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge