



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court September 10, 2024 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on September 10, 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
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:

Robert Battaile, Travis County Resident
Adeline Bui, Funeral Director, Eternal Peace Funeral and Cremation Services
Eric Carter, Chief Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Services
Cortland Ballou, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator,
Emergency Services
Eva Zapata, Community Engagement Specialist, Emergency Services
Leanne Kelley, Community Engagement Specialist, Emergency Services
Fabio Santos, Planner II, Emergency Services

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12.a-c, 14, 16.a-c, 17, 18.a-b, 19, 20.a, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 33.
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

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a portion of a drainage easement located in Lot 4A of Austin Lake Hills Section 1, Block 41 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

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

2. Receive a report and public comments on the Central Health Performance Audit conducted by Mazars USA, LLP. (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:

Steve Herbst, Principal Engagement Lead, Forvis Mazars
Jacki Jacox, Director, Engagement Oversight, Forvis Mazars
Fred Lewis, Attorney and Public Interest Advocate
Patrick Lee, President and CEO, Central Health
Gonzalos Barrientos, Former Texas Senator
Nelson Linder, President, National Association for the Advancement of
Colored People, Austin Chapter
Peck Young, Co-Founder, Coalition for Central Health Audit
Ann Kitchen, Chair, Board of Managers, Central Health
Cynthia Valadez, Member, Board of Managers, Central Health

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing and keep Item 2 open for later discussion in the Executive Session.
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

Resolutions & Proclamations

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing September 12, 2024 as Tonkawa Friendship Day. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:
Bob Ward, Texas Historical Committee

Auditor

4. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (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

MOTION: Extend the Outdoor Burn Ban until September 24, 2024.
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

B. County response to natural disaster or other emergencies (Judge Brown)
RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

6. Consider and take appropriate action on an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Medical Examiner Services between Travis County and Lampasas County. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify the Fiscal Year 2024 interlocal agreement between Travis County and Prairie View A&M for extension agent services. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

8. Consider and take appropriate action on a nomination to the Travis Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Innovative Justice & Program Analysis

9. Consider and take appropriate action on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Travis County, the Travis County Juvenile Board, and the following Independent School Districts: Austin, Del Valle, Eanes, Lake Travis, Lago Vista, Leander, Manor, Pflugerville, and Round Rock regarding the Travis County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) for School Year 2024-2025. (Judge Brown)
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.
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:
 - A. Annual contract with the Office of the Attorney General for the Other Victim Assistance Grant for \$82,813, including a County match of \$33,313, to partially support a Victim Counselor position to assist with work in the Family Violence Division in the Travis County Attorney's Office

- B. Annual contract with the Corporation for National and Community Service for the FY 2025 Travis County CAPITAL AmeriCorps Project for \$1,121,366, including a County match of \$693,868 to support AmeriCorps positions in HHS
- C. New contract with the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for \$932,000 for the Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant to fund peer recovery coaches in Health and Human Services.
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Consider and take appropriate action on proposed County fee changes for Fiscal Year 2025 and Calendar Year 2025, including:

- A. Approve an order setting Calendar Year 2025 Sheriff's and Constables' fees
- B. Approve updated fees for the Medical Examiner for Calendar Year 2025
- C. Approve updated park user fees for the Transportation and Natural Resources Department for Calendar Year 2025
- D. Approve updated fees for the Travis County Sheriff's Office Impound Lot for Fiscal Year 2025
- E. Receive an annual update on fees to be charged by towing companies called by the Sheriff's Office for non-consent towing
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

14. Consider and take appropriate action on proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Rules.
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Receive LFRF update and associated recommended actions. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Consider and take appropriate action on the following related to the Palm School Steering Committee and the Palm School Concept Planning process:

- A. Request to add the Save Palm School Coalition as a partner entity to the Palm School Steering Committee
- B. Request to approve the appointment of Maria Solis as the representative of the Save Palm School Coalition

- C. Request to approve available Fiscal Year 2024 internal resources for anticipated consultant costs for the Concept Planning Process in Fiscal Year 2025. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Consider and take appropriate action to:

- A. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Travis County and Brad Heard regarding the transfer of TCSO Canine Roki 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

19. Approve Modification No. 3 to Contract No. 4400006421 with Palladium Media, LLC, in the amount of \$749,834.00, to provide additional marketing and advertising services. (Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

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

- A. Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve exhibits, parking, and refreshments for "Travis County History Day" November 19, 2024 (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

22. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to accept Austin's Colony Phase 2 and Forest Bluff Section 2 roads specifically identified in Exhibit A. All roads are located in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Consider and take appropriate action for approval of the Travis County Subdivision Construction Agreement with LSMA WEST ELM, LLC, for Elm Creek Northwest Phase 2 in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
24. Consider and take appropriate action on the First Amendment to Sidewalk, Trail, and Recreational Easement with the Las Entradas Development Corporation and City of Manor for construction of a trailway within the Las Entradas tracts as part of the Gilleland Creek Greenway Improvements Project in Precinct One and Two. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
25. Consider and take appropriate action on the acceptance of the dedication of the public street and drainage facilities, substandard roads, within various locations in Travis County identified in Exhibit A-roads not included on 8/6/24 shortlist, locations, Precincts Two and Three. (Commissioner Shea & Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
26. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a portion of a drainage easement located in Lot 4A of Austin Lake Hills Section 1, Block 41 a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
27. Consider and take appropriate action on a Third Amendment to the Construction Agreement between Rastegar Related Fund Management Infinity Park Property Owner L, RPC F1 Once LLC, and Travis County for the McAngus Industrial Development project, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
28. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all thru traffic due to construction on Turnersville Road N from the intersection of State Highway 45 to Turnersville Rd. beginning on or about Tuesday, September 17, 2024, and continuing through Wednesday, September 17, 2025, or until work is complete, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

29. Consider and take appropriate action regarding an Order Modifying Designation of Election Day Polling Places for the November 5, 2024, Joint General and Special Elections. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

30. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a license agreement for the use of the UT Texas Union as an Early Voting and Election Day polling site for the November 5, 2024, Joint General and Special Election. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
31. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the use of funds to cover the expenses related to a Passenger Rail Advisory Committee meeting. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
32. Receive a briefing and discuss the proposed Central Health Fiscal Year 2025 proposed budget and associated tax rate and receive an update on Central Health's joint initiatives with partners including Sendero Health Plans. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Patrick Lee, President and CEO, Central Health
Sharon Alvis, CEO, Sendero Health
Jeff Knodel, Chief Financial Officer, Central Health
Jon Morgan, Chief Operating Officer, Central Health
Ann Kitchen, Chair, Board of Managers, Central Health
Kimberly Johnson, Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Community Care
Nick Yagoda, Interim Chief Medical Officer, Community Care
Paul Ballard, Member, Board of Directors, Community Care
Tara Trower, Chief Strategy Officer, Community Care
Barbara Brooks-Shirley, Member, Board of Directors, Community Care

Judge Brown announced that Item 32 would be considered in Executive Session for further discussion pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

33. Consider and take appropriate action on submitting comments to the SH 45 Gap Study project team by September 13, 2024. (Commissioner Shea)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
34. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing September 13 - 22, 2024 as Welcoming Week in Travis County. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Representative, YMCA Town Lake

MOTION: Approve Item 34.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

35. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing 2024 as Central Market's 30th anniversary year in Travis County. (Commissioner Shea)

MOTION: Approve Item 35.
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

36. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation honoring the life of Jacob James Tyler Loehr. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:
Family of Jacob James Tyler Loehr

MOTION: Approve Item 36.
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

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

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

Judge Brown announced that Item 37 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

38. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action concerning compliance under the Economic Development Agreement between Travis County and Colorado River Project, LLC. ¹ (Commissioner Travillion)

Judge Brown announced that Item 38 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

39. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding online access to Travis County's permitting and inspection databases.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 39 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