



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court September 17, 2024 Voting Session

**Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on September 17, 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:
Peggy Morton, Member, Austin Sanctuary Network
Sophia, Travis County Resident
Melanie Walter-Mahoney, Project Coordinator, Austin Child Guidance Center

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation to celebrate Election Worker Appreciation Day. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:
Dyana Limon-Mercado, Travis County Clerk

MOTION: Approve Item 1.
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

2. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing the month of September 2024 as National Preparedness Month in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Eric Carter, Chief Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Services
Blake Clampffer, Chief Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator,
Emergency Services
Tania White, Office Supervisor, Emergency Services
Eva Zapata, Community Engagement Specialist, Emergency Services
Leanne Kelley, Community Engagement Services, Emergency Services
Fabio Santos, Planner II, Emergency Services
Jessie Mars, Financial Manager, Emergency Services

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
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

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 July 2024 from the County Auditor's Office. The reports are submitted electronically as allowed by 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

6. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Mike Akard to the Board of Commissioners of Emergency Services District (ESD) No.13 immediately through December 31, 2025. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sobering Center for the placement of Sharp Disposal Kiosk. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Subaward and related Loan Documents for Affordable Housing for individuals experiencing homelessness between County of Travis and FC Burleson Housing, LP (Subrecipient) for the Burleson Studios development, Contract No. 4400007820 under the federal grant award to the County from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) for provision of loan funds in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000.00. *(This item may be taken into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 551.071, Consultation by Attorney)* (Commissioners Howard & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Nathan Fernandes, Planner Sr., HHS

Tillie Croxdale, Director, Real Estate Development, Foundation Communities

MOTION: Approve Item 8.

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

9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Subaward and related Loan Documents for Affordable Housing for individuals experiencing homelessness between County of Travis and The Works III at Tillery, LLC (Subrecipient) for The Works III at Tillery development, Contract No. 4600000840 under the federal grant award to the County from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) for provision of loan funds in an amount not to exceed \$12,992,103. *(This item may be taken into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 551.071, Consultation by Attorney)* (Commissioners Howard & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)
Nathan Fernandes, Planner Sr., HHS
Susan McDowell, LifeWorks
Liz Schoenfeld, Chief Executive Officer LifeWorks
Conor Kenny, Capital A Housing

MOTION: Approve Item 9.
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

Intergovernmental Relations

10. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Travis County Children's Protective Services Board. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
11. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Sobering Center Board of Directors. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office

MOTION: Approve Jimmy Anderson to serve for one full term and Jana Ortega to serve a one-year term on the Sobering Center Board of Directors.
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

12. Consider and take appropriate action to extend the deadline for the Call for Applications to the Integral Care Board of Trustees through October 18, 2024. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

Judge Brown announced that Item 13 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.

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office

MOTION: Approve interviewing Ashley Huddleston, Jason Denny, and Jordan Byrd for an appointment to the Strategic Housing Finance Board of Directors.

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

Innovative Justice & Program Analysis

14. Consider and take appropriate action to approve both internal and community advisory members to conduct panel interviews for the position of County Executive, Innovative Justice & Program Analysis. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gomez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Consider and take appropriate action on follow-up items for transitioning from operational test shifts to phased implementation of Counsel at First Appearance (CAFA) in Fiscal Year 2025. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Gabby Douthitt, Planning and Budget Analyst I, PBO
Vicki Ashley, Interim County Executive, Innovative Justice and Program Analysis, Justice and Public Safety (JPS)
Cliff Brown, Judge, 147th District Court
Julie Kocurek, Judge, 390th District Court
Jesse Valdez, Project Manager, Information and Technology Services
Bob Batlan, Member, Advocates for Social Justice Reform
Robert Lilly, Participatory Defense Organizer, Grassroots Leadership

MOTION: Approve Item 15.
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: Change the name of the Budget Stabilization Reserve to the Diversion Center Reserve.

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

Planning & Budget

16. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

17. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers, and discussion items. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office

Shannon Steele, Benefits Manager, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD)

Stephanie Holder, Finance and Administration Manager, HRMD

Todd Osburn, Assistant Director, Total Rewards, HRMD

MOTION: Approve Item 17.T1.

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

Clerk's Note: Item 17 (Budget Amendments N1, A1, A2, A3, A4, T2, O1, O2, and O3) were approved on consent.

18. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:

- A. Annual application for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program grant from AmeriCorps Seniors for \$82,855, including a County match of \$24,860, to continue an existing program in the Health and Human Services Department
- B. Annual contract with the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, for the General Victim Assistance Grant for \$134,016.65, including a County match of \$35,491.25, to continue an existing program in the District Attorney's Office
- C. Annual contract with the State of Texas for the Fiscal Year 2025 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant for \$1,029,884, including a County match of \$125,341, in the Travis County Sheriff's Office
- D. New contract with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the Onion Creek Confluence grant to amend grant language for a previously awarded grant to reflect updated requirements and project plans for \$333,333, including a County match of \$83,333, in the Transportation and Natural Resources Department (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve order affirming Chapter 23 (Investment Policy and Procedures) of the Travis County Code. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. 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. Receive an annual update on fees to be charged by towing companies called by the Sheriff's Office for non-consent towing and approve updated fees for Fiscal Year 2025 (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Alex Braden, Assistant Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office

Tommy Cude, Assistant Division Director, Parks, Transportation and Natural Resources

MOTION: Approve Item 20. a-d.
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

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO
Michelle Surka, Planning and Budget Analyst Sr., PBO

MOTION: Approve Item 21.
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

22. Consider and take appropriate action on an order accepting and approving an annual service plan update to the 2024 amended and restated service and assessment plan and a corrected assessment roll for the Bella Fortuna Public Improvement District. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Consider and take appropriate action on an order accepting and approving an annual service and assessment plan update and updated assessment rolls for Improvement Area #1, Improvement Area #1 Commercial Lot 98, and Improvement Area #2 of the Turner's Crossing Public Improvement District. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Consider and take appropriate action on an order accepting and approving an annual service plan update to the service and assessment plan and an updated Improvement Area #1 assessment roll for the WildHorse Ranch Public Improvement District. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Receive an update on the Collaborative Northeast District Plan with the City of Austin. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

John Lawler, Policy Strategist, Office of City Council Member Harper-Madison

RESULT: DISCUSSED

26. Consider and take appropriate action on Fiscal Year 2025 budget issues, including:

A. Changes after Mark-Up list

B. Other remaining items (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

Alex Braden, Assistant Budget Director, PBO

MOTION: Approve Item 26. a-b.

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

Purchasing

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Approve Contract No. 4400007765 with International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), in the amount of \$49,375.00, for consulting services to assist with the Travis County Community Climate Action Plan. (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Approve Modification No. 5 to Contract 4400006150 with Qtrac, LLC, for estimated requirements, for Customer Flow Management System. (Tax Assessor-Collector) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

30. Approve Contract Modification No. 5 to Contract No. 4400005641 with HMG & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000.00, for consulting services related to the evaluation of the Medical Examiner's Office. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

31. Receive and accept a police service dog pursuant to Local Government Code, § 81.032. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
32. Declare the list of Travis County equipment as missing and authorize removal from the SAP Asset Inventory, pursuant to Purchasing and Procedures Guide § 22.003. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

33. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:
- A. Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
34. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Second Amendment to the license agreement between Travis County and The SAFE Alliance to use the County property located at 1101 Nueces Street. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
35. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the license agreement between Travis County and Disco Presents Inc to use the County property located at the Exposition Center on 7311 Decker Lane, Austin, Texas. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
36. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the first amendment to the Oak Hill Wellness Center License Agreement between Travis County and Travis County Central Health Care District dba Central Health to use the West Healthcare Clinic located at 8656 State Highway 71 West, Austin, Texas. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
37. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the fourth amendment to the license agreement between Travis County and the Texas Department of Insurance to increase their parking spaces from two to three parking spaces at Ned Granger and/or Lavaca parking garages. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

38. Consider and take appropriate action to approve amendments to Title 30, Travis County – City of Austin Subdivision Regulations. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

39. Consider and take appropriate action on the use of funds for the purchase of food and beverages for use at the 1st Annual TNR Equipment Rodeo employee recognition event during First Year 2025. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
40. 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
41. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to use a Cash Security Agreement for environmental fiscal security for John Deere Test Farm in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
42. Consider and take appropriate action on a Construction and Traffic Mitigation Agreement between SW Travis South Owner, LLC, and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Stillwater Development in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY
43. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA) for the design and construction of select 2023 Travis County Bond Road Projects. (Commissioner Gomez)
RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY
44. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to accept William Cannon Drive Phase 3, from 1,316 feet east of McKinney Falls Parkway to U.S. Highway 183, as the County maintained system in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
45. Consider and take appropriate action on the Acceptance of the Dedication of the public street and drainage facilities within Easton Park Section 3A Phase 2, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gomez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

46. Appoint the Travis County Risk Manager James Alvarez as mediation representative in Cause No. D-1-GN-24-002209, Patricia Munoz Garza vs. Travis County; In the 201st Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas. (Item may be taken into Executive Session under Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 (1)(A) and/or 551.071(B)(Consultation with Attorney) (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

47. Consider and take appropriate action on using funds to purchase food and beverages for Tax Office employee training and office-wide team building. (Commissioner Shea)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
48. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the District Clerk's Office occupancy of Tax Office space at 8110 N FM 620, Austin, Tx 78726 (Northwest 620). (Judge Brown)
RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY
49. Consider and take appropriate action on the Travis County Healthcare District DBA Central Health property tax rates for the 2024 tax year. (Judge Brown)

Clerk's Note: Items 49 and 50 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from:

Perla Cavasos, Deputy Administrator, Central Health
Patrick Lee, President and Chief Executive Officer, Central Health
Jeff Knodel, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Central Health
Snehal Patel, Associate Director, Post Acute Care, Central Health
Ann Kitchen, Chair, Board of Managers, Central Health
Joshue Collier, Patient Advocate and Travis County Resident
Julie Weeks, Director, Family Resource Centers, Austin Voices
Juan Benitez, Chief Advancement Officer, Texas Health Action
Barbara Chang, Travis County Resident
Divya Diwan, Chief Operations Officer, People's Community Clinic
Ofelia Zapata, Client Representative and Travis County Resident
Jaeson Fournier, Chief Executive Officer, Community Care
Larry Wallace Jr., Co-Founder and Board President, Black Men's Health Clinic
Rachel Blair, Chief Operating Officer, Health Alliance for Austin Musicians
Cynthia Valadez, Member, Board of Managers, Central Health
Michael Lofton, President, African American Youth Harvest Foundation
Peck Young, Co-Founder, Coalition for Central Health Audit
Amit Motwani, Manager, Board of Managers, Central Health
Andi Brauer, Neighbors Program Manager, Central Presbyterian Church
William "Kirk" Kuyendall, Business Development Consultant, J.L. Powers & Associates

Judge Brown announced that Items 49 and 50 would be considered in Executive Session for further discussion pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

50. Consider and take appropriate action on the Travis County Healthcare District DBA Central Health Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. (Judge Brown)

Clerk's Note: Items 49 and 50 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion. Please refer to Item 49 for a summary of the action taken by the Court.

51. Consider and take appropriate action to approve five license agreements for the use of the following Early Voting and Election Day polling places:

- A. Balcones Woods Shopping Center
- B. Christ Episcopal
- C. RRISD Hartfield Performing Arts Center
- D. St. Mark United Methodist Church
- E. Typhoon Texas Waterpark (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

52. Consider and take appropriate action on request from the District Judges for flexibility to set the Travis County Auditor's compensation as set forth and authorized in the Order of the District Judges and Texas Local Government Code §152.032. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

53. Approve the minutes for the Voting Sessions of August 13, August 20, and August 27, 2024. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

54. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an Order Modifying Designation of Early Voting Polling Places for the November 5, 2024, Joint General and Special Elections. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

55. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Immigrant Affair Commission. (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

56. 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 56 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

57. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a possible acquisition of a property in central Austin, Texas.^{1&2} (Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 57 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

58. Consider and take appropriate action to approve slate of candidates recommended for panel interviews for the position of County Executive, Innovative Justice & Program Analysis; and, consider and take appropriate action to approve recommended questions to be asked of candidates during the panel interviews.^{1&3} (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 58 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.

MOTION: Direct staff to conduct interviews from the list presented to the Judge and Commissioners and ask the reviewed questions that were proposed by the consultants.

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

59. Receive briefing from County Attorney and/or authorize County Attorney to hire outside counsel and/or take appropriate action in *Willie Simmons, Jr., et al vs. Stephen Broderick, Travis County, Sheriff Sally Hernandez, Advocate for All, LLC, Sherita Lynch and Akeel Broderick*; No. 1:23-CV-00432-DAE; In the Western District of Texas (Austin Division).¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 59 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Approve hiring of Bridget Robinson as Outside Counsel for Defendant Akeel Broderick in *Willie Simmons, Jr., et al vs. Stephen Broderick, Travis County, Sheriff Sally Hernandez, Advocate for All, LLC, Sherita Lynch and Akeel Broderick*; No. 1:23-CV-00432-DAE; In the Western District of Texas (Austin Division); with billing not to exceed \$50,000.00 prior to obtaining additional approval from the Commissioners Court.

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

60. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding Cause no. D-1-GN-24-005849 In the 200th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas; *State of Texas v Bruce Elfant Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar*; Andy Brown Travis County Judge; Jeff Travillion Travis County Commissioner; Brigid Shea Travis County Commissioner; Ann Howard Travis County Commissioner; Margaret Gomez Travis County Commissioner.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 60 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

61. Approve the payment of legal defense costs of \$97,670.31 on behalf of Travis County District Attorney Jose Garza in D-1-GN-24-002191; *The State of Texas, Ex Rel Mary Dupuis v. Jose Garza*, in his Official Capacity as District Attorney of the 53rd Judicial District; In the 455th Travis County Judicial District Court.¹
(Commissioner Ann Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Adjourn

**Minutes Approved by the Commissioners
Court**

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge