



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court October 22, 2024 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on October 22, 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 3 Ann Howard
Virtual: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
Absent: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

Public Communication

Clerk's Note: There were no speakers for Public Communication.

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: Judge Brown encourages the public to help protect migratory birds and reduce hazardous light pollution by turning off all non-essential lights from 11 pm – 6 am every night during migration season. Migration season began on August 15 and will continue until November 30, 2024, and peak bird migration will continue until October 29, 2024. For more information, please visit <https://travisaudubon.org/lights-out-texas>.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20.a-g, 21, 22, 23.a, 24, 25, 26, 27.a-b, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 36, and 37.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on Springdale Road beginning on or about November 4, 2024, and continuing through November 8, 2024, or until work is complete, in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

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, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

John Routh, Assistant Director, Public Works, Transportation and Natural Resources

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing October 2024 as Hill Country Night Sky Month in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Dawn Davies, Night Sky Program Manager, Hill Country Alliance
Michael Brewster, Parks Manager, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

Tommy Cude, Division Assistant Director, Parks, TNR
Amy Jackson, Director, Night Sky Program, Travis County Parks Foundation

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

3. Consider and take appropriate action on a Proclamation for Prescription Drug Take Back Day in Travis County. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Kiersten Ivy, Environmental Project Manager, Transportation and Natural Resources

Chris Beasley, Lieutenant, Constable Precinct 4 Office

Robert Cantu, Sergeant, Constable Precinct 5 Office

Florita Coakley, Constable Deputy, Constable Precinct 1 Office

MOTION: Approve Item 3.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Auditor

4. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

5. Receive revenue and expenditure reports, and other statutorily required reports, for the month of August 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

6. 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, including to approve a resolution and order to continue the Declaration of Disaster issued by the Travis County Judge on October 17, 2024 related to Wildfire danger. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services

Eric Carter, Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Services

MOTION: Continue the order of the County Judge and extend the disaster declaration made on October 17, 2024.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

Health & Human Services

7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a Professional Services Subaward with Ascension Seton, Contract No.4600000841, for the provision of Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Services. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

David Hogg, Gun Control Advocate

Bill Wallace, Founder, Tomorrow's Promise Foundation

Ana Almaguel, Division Director, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)

Alice Navarro, Sr. Planner, HHS

Jenny Lang, Director, Strategic Operations, Ascension Seton

José Garza, Travis County District Attorney

José Alfaro, Executive Director, Community Director

Eddie Franz, Executive Director, Jail to Jobs

Sherwynn Patton, Life Anew Restorative Justice

Anthony Smith, Executive Director, Cities United

MOTION: Approve Item 7.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

8. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a resolution to the Texas Department of Agriculture in support of a grant application for Meals on Wheels and More, Inc. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve In-kind printing and ASL services for Foundation Communities' tax preparation assistance program. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: **ADDED TO CONSENT**

Innovative Justice & Planning Analysis

10. Consider and take appropriate action on an Amendment to the interlocal agreement between Travis County and the City of Austin to provide Travis County Sheriff's Office with connectivity to the Austin Police Department's Gemalto Cogent Live Scan Automated Biometric Identification System. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Receive briefing and presentation from the Department of Innovative Justice & Program Analysis, providing an overview of the programs and divisions within IJPA. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Vicki Ashley, Interim County Executive, Innovative Justice and Program Analysis (IJPA)

Reyda Taylor, Strategic Advisor, IJPA

Cynthia Simons, Planning Manager, Justice Planning, IJPA

Cathy Mcclaugherty, Planning Manager, Justice Planning, IJPA

Corey Bryks, Director, Travis County Counseling and Education Services

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Consider and take appropriate action on an order accepting and approving an annual service plan update to the original service and assessment plan and a revised Improvement Area #1 assessment roll for the Longview 71 Public Improvement District. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Consider and take appropriate action on the following:

- A. Approve order exempting the purchase of FalconV+ scanner and maintenance with OPEX Corporation from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Purchasing Act 262.024 (a)(7)(A)
- B. Approve contract award to OPEX Corporation for the purchase of FalconV+ scanner and maintenance
- C. Declare OPEX Falcon V (Serial # EV01389) scanner as surplus property and authorize trade-in for the purchase of the new FalconV+ scanner, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Section 263.152(a)(2) (Information Technology Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 17. Approve contract award for professional engineering services for the Bee Creek Sports Complex Phase II, RFQ No. 2209-005-TL, in the amount of \$296,489.00, to the most highly qualified respondent, Halff Associates, Inc. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 18. Approve contract award for aircraft maintenance management system, RFP 2401-006-CM, in the amount of \$204,330.11, to the sole bidder, AV-BASE Systems Inc. (STAR Flight) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

- 19. Approve contract award for professional architectural services for the Balcones Canyonland Preserve Equipment Storage Building, RFQ No. 2209-005-TL, in the amount of \$176,708.03, to the most highly qualified firm, Huitt-Zollars, Inc. (Facilities Management) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 20. Approve ratification and contract awards for Supportive Services for Community Living, RFS No. 2402-006-JL, as follows:

- A. Contract No. 4400007860 with Any Baby Can of Austin, in the amount of \$250,000.00
- B. Contract No. 4400007861 with The Arc of the Capital Area for Case Management Services, in the amount of \$150,000.00
- C. Contract No. 4400007862 with The Arc of the Capital Area for Guardianship Services, in the amount of \$20,000.00
- D. Contract No. 4400007863 with Easter Seals Central Texas, in the amount of \$100,000.00

- E. Contract No. 4400007864 with Foundation Communities, in the amount of \$147,149.00
- F. Contract No. 4400007865 with Meals on Wheels Central Texas for Congregate Meals Services, in the amount of \$160,000.00
- G. Contract No. 4400007866 with Meals on Wheels Central Texas for Home Delivered Meals Services, in the amount of \$250,000.00 (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 21. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400006800 with Eternal Peace Funeral Services for Indigent Cremation and Burial Services. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 22. Approve exemption and Contract No. 4400007731 with Foundation Communities, in the amount of \$300,000.00, for supportive residential services. (Innovative Justice & Program Analysis) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

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

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 24. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the space allocation of 137sf in the 8110 FM 620 Tax Office for the District Clerk's Office. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 25. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the First Amendment to the license agreement between Travis County and Integral Care to reduce the square footage of the County property located at 502 Highland Mall and include (3) parking spaces at the Executive Office Building. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

- 26. Consider and take appropriate action on a Construction and Mitigation Agreement between HSRE Partnership #10, LLC, and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Highside Slaughter Subdivision in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Consider and take appropriate action on the following items regarding the Acceptance of the Dedication of public streets and drainage facilities within Sweetwater Ranch Section 2, Villages M and Q subdivision, in Precinct Three:
- A. Acceptance of dedication of the public street and drainage facilities within the Sweetwater Ranch Section 2, Villages M and Q final plat License Agreement between Sweetwater Master Community, Inc. and Travis County for private retaining wall encroachment within the public right of way of Brady Clearing Lane. (Commissioner Howard)
- RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**
28. Consider and take appropriate action on the Acceptance of the Dedication of the public street and drainage facilities within Turner's Crossing North Phase 2, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)
- RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**
29. Consider and take appropriate action on a proposed License Agreement with Shady Hollow Municipal Utility District for speed feedback signs within Travis County right of way in the Shady Hollow subdivision, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)
- RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**
30. Consider and take appropriate action on the Acceptance of the Dedication of the public street and drainage facilities within Easton Park Section 4B-East, Phase 1, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)
- RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

Other

31. Consider and take appropriate action to approve \$5000 from Allocated Reserve to pay for an engineering report of the water improvements necessary and critical in the Summervale Neighborhood in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)
- RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**
32. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to direct the Economic Development & Strategic Investments team to conduct a Socioeconomic Survey to determine if the Summervale Neighborhood in Precinct Three qualifies as an economically distressed area, which bolsters grant applications under consideration by the Texas Water Development Board. (Commissioner Howard)
- RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

33. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the First Amendment to the Interlocal between Travis County and the City of Austin regarding the DWI Court program, to extend the term to September 30, 2025, and expand the scope of the Agreement and funds received by the City of Austin to support Travis County's Transformative Youth Justice Program and utilize funding to address gaps identified within Travis County's diversion programs. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

34. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a license agreement between Travis County and the Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas, to use the 12th floor at 1700 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas 78701. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

35. Consider and take appropriate action on interlocal agreement with Del Valle Independent School District (DVISD) regarding truancy reduction and case management services. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: POSTPONED

36. Consider and take appropriate action on the nomination of Chief Robert Luckritz as the Prehospital Representative of the Capital Area of Texas Regional Advisory Council. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

37. Consider and take appropriate action on a salary supplement and any other needed expenses to support the execution of duties of the Custodian of the Keys for the November 2025 election. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Approve a salary supplement of \$100 per person per day to be paid from the Auditor's Office and the Office of Emergency Management's salary savings to support the execution of duties of the Custodian of the Keys for the November 2024 election.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

38. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing October 20th – 26th, 2024 as National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (NLPPW). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Mikaela Manion, Planner, HHS

MOTION: Approve Item 4.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, 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

39. 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 39 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

40. Consider and take appropriate action on an offer received by Travis County for the sale of private property totaling approximately 23.3 acres of undeveloped land located between Burleson Road and Onion Creek, west of U.S. 183 South in Travis County, and within Precinct Four.^{1&2} (Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 40 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: Accept the offer received by Travis County for the sale of private property totaling approximately 23.3 acres of undeveloped land located between Burleson Road and Onion Creek, west of U.S. 183 South in Travis County, and within Precinct Four.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown

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

41. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action in Skylor Johnson v. Travis County; 1:24-cv-0386 in the Western District of Texas (Austin Division).¹ (Judge Brown).

Judge Brown announced that Item 41 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

42. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding a settlement offer in *Travis County, Texas, v. Amplus LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company, et al.*; Cause No.C-1-PB-23-001158 In the Probate Court No. 1, Travis County, Texas.^{1&2} (Commissioner Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 42 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: Move that the County Attorney take the necessary actions to make a counteroffer and, if it is accepted, finalize settlement as discussed in executive session.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown

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

43. 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 Gómez Travis County Commissioner.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 43 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

44. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding Cause no. D-1-GN-24-007778; In the 455th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas; *Ken Paxton, Attorney General, et al. v. Travis County Commissioners Court, et al.*¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 44 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

45. Consider and take appropriate action to approved recommended questions to be asked of applicants during interviews for the position of County Executive, Innovative Justice & Program Analysis.^{1&3} (Judge Brown and Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 45 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

46. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding Travis County security, specifically the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices and arrangements in any location necessary to address specific threats and general ongoing security risks, as necessary for the public purpose of protecting and preserving County government functions and protecting county officials and employees responsible for those County functions, and to be made available to Travis County District Judges, County Court at Law judges, Probate Judges, County Judge, Commissioner Pct. 1, Commissioner Pct. 2, Commissioner Pct. 3, Commissioner Pct. 4, District Attorney, County Attorney, County Clerk, and Tax Assessor-Collector.^{1,4&6} (Judge Brown & Commissioner Travillion)

Judge Brown announced that Item 46 would be further 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.

Members of the Court heard from:

Paul Hopingardner, County Executive, Technology and Operations

Julie Kocurek, Judge, 390th District Court

Maya Guerra Gamble, Judge, 459th District Court

MOTION: Earmark funding in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for Travis County District Judges, County Court at Law judges, Probate Judges, County Judge, Commissioner Pct.1, Commissioner Pct.2, Commissioner Pct.3, Commissioner Pct. 4, District Attorney, County Attorney, County Clerk, and Tax Assessor-Collector for the purpose of providing security enhancements at locations necessary for the security of officials and performance of official duties, which serves the public purpose of protecting public officials and public safety, and ensuring continuity of County government functions and official duties.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

MOTION: Approve funding in the amount of \$115,000 to the District Attorney for necessary security enhancements taken to address threats and security risks at locations determined by a security assessment that are necessary to protect the District Attorney and preserve his ongoing County functions and duties.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge