



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court October 29, 2024 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on October 29, 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:
Britty Mann, Travis County Resident
Annie Border, Travis County Resident

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent items 7, 10, 13, 15.a-c, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24.a-b, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32.a-c, 33, 34.a-b, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41.a, 43, 44, 45, and 46.

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

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding a resolution of no objection for Decker Lake Apartments to be located at 6200 Blue Bluff Rd, Austin, Texas 78724, in Precinct One.
(Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
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

Members of the Court heard from:

Somchan (Ying) Vuthipadadon, Planning Manager, Health and Human Services (HHS)
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, HHS
Christy Moffett, Assistant Secretary, Travis County Corporations
Blake Hopkins, Vice President, Lincoln Avenue Communities

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
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

2. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing November 2, 2024, as Austin Wildlife Rescue Day. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jules Maron, Executive Director, Austin Wildlife Rescue
Jennifer Edwards, Philanthropy Officer, Austin Wildlife Rescue

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation to declare the month of October 2024 as Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Month in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Ross Stephens, Division Director, Community Services, Travis County Health and Human Services

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

4. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing Erin Martinson for all her contributions to the community throughout her career. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

5. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing over 32 years of service of Diana R. Cantu on the occasion of her retirement. (Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Approve Item 5.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

6. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a resolution of Support for the Austin Travis County Food Plan. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Rachel Coff, Planning Project Manager, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)

Sarah Stone, Planner, HHS

Yaira Robinson, Environmental Program Manager, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

Max Morales, Environmental Specialist Sr., TNR

Larry Franklin, Founder, Black Lives Veggies

Robert Allen, Member, Community Advisory Committee

Joi Chevalier, Founder and CEO, The Cook's Nook

Andy Smith, Member, Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board

Andrea Abel, Member, Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board

MOTION: Approve Item 6.
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

Auditor

7. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Emergency Services

8. 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**
9. Receive an update from Travis County Emergency Services District Commissioners and Fire Chiefs regarding ESD statuses, activities, improvements, and other topics of interest to the Commissioners Court and ESD stakeholders. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services
Ken Bailey Chief, Emergency Services District #11 (ESD #11)
Gus Reyna, Travis County Fire Resource Coordinator
Tony Hayden, Fire Chief, ESD #8
Debra Opdahl, President, Board of Commissioners, ESD #8, ESD #16
Robert Turner, Assistant Board Treasurer, Board of Commissioners, ESD #2

RESULT: DISCUSSED

10. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Michael A. Trimble to the Board of Commissioners of Emergency Services District (ESD) No. 11 immediately through December 31, 2026. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

11. Consider and take action to authorize Mobile Loaves & Fishes, Inc. a Texas non-profit corporation to convey an electric utility easement to the City of Austin (dba Austin Energy), for a 75.285 acre of land out of the Santiago Del Valle, situated in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas. Being a portion of the property described in Special Warranty Deed recorded in Document No. 2022173559 in the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

12. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a draft of the CDBG Office Home Rehabilitation ("Home Rehab") program. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Monique Coleman, Division Director, Supportive Housing Travis County
Health and Human Services (HHS)

MOTION: Approve Item 12.

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

13. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a budget revision request from a Supportive Housing Subrecipient, Integral Care. (Commissioners Howard & Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Intergovernmental Relations

14. Consider and take appropriate action on adoption of the Travis County Legislative Agenda for the upcoming Regular Session of the 89th Texas Legislature. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental
Relations Office (IGR)
Cicely Kay, Intergovernmental Relations Specialist, IGR

MOTION: Adopt the Texas County Legislative Agenda for the upcoming Regular Session of the 89th Texas Legislature and the related priorities.

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

15. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant programs, applications, contracts and related special budgets, letters of support, memorandum of understanding, and permissions to continue:

- A. Contract agreement for the Enhancing Youth Defense grant from the US Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for \$403,126 in the Public Defender's Office
- B. Contract agreement for the Statewide Automated Victim Notification Service program from the Texas Office of Attorney General for \$35,936.72 in the Information Technology Services department
- C. Contract agreement for the Specialty Courts Program grant from the Texas Office of the Governor for \$153,000 in the Health and Human Services department. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

16. Consider and take appropriate action on the reappointment of Amy Patillo to the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board for a term to expire December 31, 2026. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Consider and take appropriate action to approve recommended Fiscal Year 2025 Broker/Dealer Applicants for conducting investment business with Travis County. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a resolution consenting to the issuance of the “Travis County Development Authority Contract Assessment Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 (Longview 71 Public Improvement District Improvement Area #1 Project)”; resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance of such bonds; and providing for an effective date. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Blake Roberts, Managing Director, PFM Financial Advisors LLC

Michael Slack, Director, Development, Taylor Morrison

MOTION: Approve Item 20.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

Purchasing

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Approve Modification No. 4 to Contract No. 4400005990 with McGriff Insurance Services, Inc., in the amount of \$615,168.00, for excess workers' compensation insurance coverage. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Approve Change Order No. 1 to Contract No. 4400006661 with Sundt Construction, in the amount of \$597,216.20, for Balcones Canyonland Preserve Road Maintenance. (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

24. Approve contract award for disaster pouches (body bags) and autopsy gowns, IFB No. 2408-009-SK, estimated requirements, to the lowest responsive bidders:

A. Contract No. 4400007930 (Lines 1, 2 and 3) with Frontier Mortuary Supply, Inc.

B. Contract No. 4400007931 (Lines 4 and 5) with Salam International, Inc.
(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Approve Modification No. 6 to Contract No. 4400004769 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., a \$0.00 change, for the design of the Springdale Road Sidewalk. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
26. Approve Modification No. 30, to Contract No. 4400000257 with SAP Public Services, Inc., in the amount of \$15,048.00, for SAP ERP Software and Maintenance Support. (Auditor's Office & Purchasing Office) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
27. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400000383 with Austin Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation dba Integral Care for In-Home Counseling and Education Services for the Family Preservation Program. (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
28. Approve Modification No. 30 to Contract No. 4400000914 with Openwork LLC, as needed, for Temporary Personnel Services. (Countywide) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
29. Approve exemption and ratification of Contract No. 4400005881 with LCP Tracker Inc., estimated requirements, for Labor Compliance Software, from the competitive procurement process pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024 (a)(10). (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
30. Approve Modification No. 15 to Contract No. 4400003924 with Election Systems and Software, LLC, for estimated requirements, for Voting System and Services. (County Clerk) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
31. Declare items surplus property and sell at public auction pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 263.152(a)(1). (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
32. Approve Modification No. 1 to the following estimated requirements contracts for electronic monitoring services:
- A. Contract No. 4400007555, Victim Safety First, LLC
 - B. Contract No. 4400007556, Americans Justice Solutions Inc, dba CorrectiveSolutions

- C. Contract No. 4400007557, Recovery Monitoring Solutions Corp (CSCD)
(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

33. Consider and take appropriate action on the Technology and Operations HIPAA Compliance and Privacy (CAP) Office request to use existing departmental funds for an employee education and awareness campaign. (Commissioners Travillion & Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

34. 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

35. Consider and take appropriate action to revise sections 110.0451 through 110.0454 of the Travis County Code. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Shannon Steele, Benefits Manager, Human Resources Management
Department

Paul Hopingardner, County Executive, Technology and Operations

MOTION: Approve Item 35.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

Transportation & Natural Resources

36. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to approve a License Agreement with Pride Athletics and Recreation of Texas for Austin Gay Bowl 2024 at Northeast Metropolitan Park from October 31, 2024, to November 4, 2024. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

37. Consider and take appropriate action on an Interlocal Agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority regarding road maintenance within the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve. (Commissioner Shea)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
38. Consider and take appropriate action 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)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
39. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the total plat vacation of Mike Johnson Addition (Final Plat Vacation- 1 lot – 30 acres – E Howard Lane – water provided by the City of Austin and wastewater provided by OSSF – City of Austin's Two-mile ETJ) in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Shea)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
40. Consider and take appropriate action on a Construction and Mitigation agreement between LDG Development, LLC and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Clovis at McKinney Falls development in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

41. Consider and approve of tax resale deed and take appropriate action on the following offer for Tax Resale Deed:
- A. Travis County, et al v. Colby Wilson (Honest Land, LLC Resale Deed)
(Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
42. 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)

Members of the Court heard from:

Elisabeth A. Earle, Judge, Travis County Court #7

Alex Garcia, Assistant Director, Diversion Programs and Specialty Courts,
Travis County Attorney's Office

MOTION: Approve Item 42.
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

43. Consider and take appropriate action on the establishment of a Central Counting Station and appointment of Central County Presiding Judges. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

44. Appoint the Travis County Risk Manager James Alvarez as mediation representative in Civil Action No. 1:21-CV-01558-DII, *Mark Bell, as independent administrator of and on behalf of the Estate of Jared Jon Bell and Jared Jon Bell's heir(s)-at law v. Travis County, Texas*, in the Western District Court of Texas (Austin Division) (Item may be taken into executive session under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney) (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

45. Appoint the Travis County Risk Manager James Alvarez as mediation representative in Cause No. *D-1-GN-17-000943, Tricia Forrester vs. Travis County, et al.*; In the 200th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas. (Item may be taken into executive session under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney) (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

46. 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: 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

47. 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 47 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

48. Receive briefing from outside counsel and take appropriate action regarding groundwater, wastewater, surface water, land use, and water availability issues, including permit applications submitted by Clancy Utility Holdings LLC to the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District, the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and a service extension request submitted by Mirasol Capital to the West Travis County Public Utility Agency to provide water service to the Mirasol Springs development.¹ (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Bill Bunch, Save Our Springs Alliance
Bobby Levinski, Save Our Springs Alliance
Joshua Bennett, Travis County Resident
Victoria Rose, Travis County Resident
Elaine Davenport, Travis County Resident
Blaine Williams, Travis County Resident
Thomas Smith, Travis County Resident
Joe Allen Askins, Travis County Resident
Kelly Z., Travis County Resident

RESULT: DISCUSSED

49. Receive legal briefing on Tex. H.B. 19, 88th Leg., R.S. (2023) and Tex. S.B. 1045 88th Leg., R.S. (2023).¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 49 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

50. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action on whether Travis County may make an award, using State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("SLFRF") or general funds to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas.¹ (This item may be taken into executive session pursuant to Texas Gov't Code §551.071, Consultation with Attorney.) (Judge Brown and Commissioner Gomez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 50 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

51. 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)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

52. 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)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge