



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court November 21, 2024 Special Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on November 21, 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 3 Ann Howard
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
Virtual: County Judge Andy Brown
Absent: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:
Samuel Rosenblatt, Travis County Resident

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.a, 17, 18, 19.a-h, 20, and 21.
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 public comments regarding the Travis County CDBG Program Year 2023 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (PY23 CAPER). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

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:

Somchan (Ying) Vuthipadadon, Planning Manager, Health and Human
Services
Stuart Hersh, Travis County Resident

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing December 1, 2024 as "Rock the Ribbon Day" in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Joe Anderson Jr., Director of Community Engagement, Kind Clinic

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Signature Motion

MOTION: Each Commissioner not physically present, delegates the authority to Commissioner Gómez to sign any documents, including orders related to items before the court today on their behalf.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation to recognize the Month of November as "Native and Indigenous Heritage Month" in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Approve Item 3.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

4. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing November 30, 2024, as "Small Business Saturday" in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

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

Auditor

5. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (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 (Judge Brown)
- RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY**

Health & Human Services

7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve two (2) CDBG-CV subrecipient agreements for the preparation, prevention, or response to COVID-19 with: Foundation Communities and Sunrise Homeless Navigation Center ("SUN")- Sunrise Homeless Response Initiative. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Monique Coleman, Division Director, Health and Human Services

MOTION: Approve Item 7.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

8. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify the Fiscal Year 2025 Specialized Program Investment Services interlocal agreement with Integral Care, the Travis County Local Mental Health Authority. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

9. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
10. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers, and discussion items. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
11. Receive update regarding Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (LFRF) and associated recommended actions *(This item may be discussed in executive session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney)*. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Approve the recommendation to no longer proceed with expending \$5,815,363.71 for the Workforce Solutions - Workforce Development project and reallocate \$4,000,000 of the \$5,815,363.71 to the Austin Area Urban League and Mobile Loaves and Fishes. From the reallocated \$4,000,000, \$3 million will be allocated to the Austin Area Urban League, and \$1 million will be allocated to Mobile Loaves and Fishes.

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

MOTION: Authorize Emergency Services to repurpose existing project savings of \$816,064.76 available within the Emergency Services District (ESD) Enhancements project with \$460,154.79 remaining in the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (LFRF) to amend agreements with the ESD's to reimburse for additional equipment and the remaining \$355,909.97 to be moved to the Revenue Replacement expenditure category, resulting in available General Fund resources of \$355,909.97 to purchase additional radio equipment for Travis County.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

ABSENT: Andy Brown

MOTION: Move \$5,153,469.28 of LFRF funds to the revenue replacement category and use the funds for previously incurred General Fund public safety personnel expenses, making a commensurate amount of General Fund resources available for previously approved LFRF projects.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

ABSENT: Andy Brown

MOTION: Move to no longer proceed with Ronald McDonald House (\$1,000,000) and First Tee of Greater Austin (\$500,000) LFRF projects, reallocate \$3,456,827.62 of LFRF funds to revenue replacement and use the funds to pay for already-incurred public safety salaries, and re-budget \$3,456,827.62 of now-available General Fund resources to the Allocated Reserve Earmark for future LFRF expenses.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

ABSENT: Andy Brown

Commissioner Gomez announced that Item 11 would be further considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney. No further action was taken on Item 11 after returning from Executive Session.

Purchasing

12. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
13. Approve exemption and award of Contract No. 4400007850 with ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc., in the amount of \$49,715.00, for US Fish and Wildlife Service's Permitting Options for At-Risk Species. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
14. Approve Modification No. 6, to Contract No. 4400004924 with Fibertown DC, LLC, in the amount of \$5,500.00, Secondary Data Center Lease. (Information Technology Services) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
15. Reject all bids received for IFB 2407-001-TL, for the Collier East Command Estray Barn Construction Services, and resolicit. (Facilities Management) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

16. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:
 - A. Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

17. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Travis County and the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District for operational expenses. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
18. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Interlocal Agreement between the West Travis County Public Utility Agency (WTCPUA) and Travis County to adjust the waterline and appurtenances as part of the construction contract of the Fitzhugh Road Safety Improvement Project in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

19. Consider and take appropriate action to approve 8 (eight) license agreements for the use of the following as Early Voting and Election Day polling sites for the December 14, 2024, Runoff Election. (Judge Brown)
- A. Balcones Woods Shopping Center
 - B. Ben Hur Shrine Center
 - C. Genesis Presbyterian Church
 - D. Peace Lutheran
 - E. Riverbend Centre
 - F. Shops at Arbor Walk
 - G. St Mark United Methodist Church
 - H. upRising Austin (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the license agreement to use Sawyer Hall as an election worker training site for the December 14, 2024, Runoff Election. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the space allocation and renovations to support magistration in the Criminal Justice Center. (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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge