



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court January 7, 2025 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on January 7, 2025, 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

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

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: Commissioner Travillion expressed his gratitude for being re-elected as Commissioner of Precinct 1.

Clerk's Note: Judge Brown announced that Travis County residents can give their Christmas trees another life by bringing them to one of five free recycling drop-off locations. The County drop-off sites will be open until January 12, 2025. Please visit [Free Christmas Tree Recycling](#) for more information on recycling locations and disposal requirements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items: 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.a-c, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21. a, 22, 23, and 25.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Public Hearings

1. Receive public comments regarding the release of the drainage easement and public utility easements associated with Austin Lake Hills Section 1 Lots 12 and 13, located at 1903 and 1905 Lipan Trail. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
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 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Auditor

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

Emergency Services

3. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following:
 - A. Outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

- B. County response to natural disasters or other emergencies. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Eric Carter, Chief Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Services

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Health & Human Services

4. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a subrecipient agreement (“subaward”) with Meals on Wheels and More, Inc., to serve as the Travis County CDBG Home Rehab Program Administrator. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
5. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the modification of CDBG-CV subrecipient agreement for the preparation, prevention, or response to COVID-19 with: Sunrise Homeless Navigation Center (“SUN”) - Sunrise Homeless Response Initiative. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
6. Consider and take appropriate action to reapprove the Program Year 2024 (PY24) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Grant Agreement to include a selection as required on Addendum #1 to the Agreement. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
7. 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 0.695 acre and 75.285 acre of land out of the Santiago Del Valle, situated in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas. Being the same 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: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

8. 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. Letter of intent to apply for the General Traffic Safety Program grant from the Texas Department of Transportation for \$142,943.27 in the County Attorney's Office for the Underage Drinking Prevention Program, which includes a grant match of \$174,747.14
 - B. Contract amendment for the FY 2024 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act Weatherization Assistance Program grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in the Health and Human Services department

- C. Contract agreement for the 2023 National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture for \$31,000 in the Juvenile Probation Department (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Central Health Board of Managers. *(This item may be taken into Executive Session under Government Code section 551.074 Personnel Matters exception and Government Code section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney exception).* (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 9 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 Item 9.
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

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. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
12. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to authorize the County Judge to sign a TEFRA certificate approval for tax-exempt financing to be undertaken by the Arlington Higher Education Finance Corporation for the benefit of the Austin International School. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
13. 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

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

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Purchasing

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Approve order exempting purchases of vendor excluded costs associated with orders against Contract No. 4400007576, from Pratt & Whitney Canada Corp for Travis County STAR Flight, for an initial cost of \$2,646,459.00 then for estimated requirements, from the competitive procurement process pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024 (a)(11) and authorize Purchasing Agent to issue purchase orders. (STAR Flight) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Approve Contract No. 4400008005 for law enforcement Taser equipment for Travis County Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$10,952,124.71, from Axon Enterprise, Inc. through Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program. (Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Approve and Ratify Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400007668 with Atchley & Associates, LLP, in the amount of \$1,275.00, for Annual Independent Audit Services. (Auditor's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Approve order exempting purchases of vendor excluded costs associated with orders against Contract No. 4400007355, from AgustaWestland Philadelphia Corporation, for an initial cost of \$1,618,693.00 then for estimated requirements, for Travis County STAR Flight from the competitive procurement process pursuant to County Purchasing Act § 262.024 (a)(11), and authorize Purchasing Agent to issue purchase orders. (STAR Flight) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Approve exemption of Contract No. 4400007680 with Veridicus, Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$50,000.00, for bilingual polygraph services. (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Approve Modification No. 2 to Contract No. 4400004891 with Miller Gray, LLC, as needed, for Supplementary Drainage Consultation. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

21. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:
- A. Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

22. Consider and take appropriate action on the Acceptance of the Dedication of the Public Street and Drainage Facilities within Provence Phase 1, Section 7, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
23. Consider and take appropriate action on the Acceptance of the Dedication of the Public Street and Drainage Facilities within Provence Phase 1, Section 8, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
24. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the release of the drainage easement and public utility easements associated with Austin Lake Hills Section 1 Lots 12 and 13, located at 1903 and 1905 Lipan Trail. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Approve Item 24.

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

Other

25. Consider and take appropriate action on the use of Fiscal Year 2025 general funds for the purchase of food and beverages, and other related costs associated with the Travis County Juvenile Board's annual February Juvenile Board meeting. (Commissioner Gómez)

26. Appoint the Travis County Risk Manager James Alvarez as mediation representative in Cause No. C-1-CV-24-003810, DeMarris Jackson AKA, DeMarris Jackson, JR. vs. Travis County, Texas; In the County Court at Law No. 1, Travis County, Texas. (Items 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: NO ACTION NECESSARY

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

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

Judge Brown announced that Item 27 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: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge