



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court February 4, 2025 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on February 4, 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 4 Margaret Gómez

Virtual: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

ABSENT: Brigid Shea

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:
Anthony Walker, Travis County Juvenile Probation
Scott Johnson, Travis County Resident

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, and 23.

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

Auditor

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

Emergency Services

2. 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: ADDED TO CONSENT**

Health & Human Services

3. Receive an update on the revisions to the Travis County CDBG Office Resolution of No Objection (RONO) application process. The application has transitioned from a PDF fillable form to the Smartsheet platform. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Somchan (Ying) Vuthipadadon, Planning Manager, Health and Human Services, HHS
Monique Coleman, Division Director, HHS

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Consider and take action to authorize SAFE Lancaster Court, LLC. a Texas limited liability company to convey an electric utility easement to the City of Austin (dba Austin Energy), upon Lot(s) 6, 7, & 8, Block 2, of Ridgetop Gardens, a resubdivision of all of lots 6 and 7, and the west 1/2 of lot 8, a subdivision in Travis County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 4, Page 58 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)
- RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

Intergovernmental Relations

5. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the joint appointment to the Central Health Board of Managers on their appointment, duties, and evaluation. (*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 5 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

6. Receive update on recent actions by the federal government affecting grants. (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 6 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

7. 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 amendment for the 2024 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program #2 IIJA grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- B. Letter of Intent to apply for the Governmental Alternative Fuel Fleet Grant Program solicited by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for \$202,400 in the Transportation and Natural Resources department, which includes a match of \$356,000.
- C. Letter of Intent to apply for the Specialty Courts Grant Program, Fiscal Year 2026 solicited by the Texas Office of the Governor for \$153,000 in the Health and Human Services department

- D. Letter of Intent and a resolution to apply for the General Victim Assistance Grant Program, Fiscal Year 2026 solicited by the Texas Office of the Governor for \$65,683.60 in the District Attorney's Office, which includes a match of \$13,136.72 (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Innovative Justice & Program Analysis

8. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a Data Sharing Agreement between Travis County District and County Criminal Courts and Southern Methodist University, by and through the Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an Interlocal Agreement Between Travis County and the City of Austin for Booking and Related Services at the Travis County Central Booking Facility and Criminal Justice Center for a term of February 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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

Purchasing

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Approve contract award for Aviation Fuel, Jet A, IFB No. 2410-004-SK, for estimated requirements, to the low bidder, Eastern Aviation Fuels, Inc., dba Titan Aviation Fuels. (STAR Flight) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

14. Approve the following contract awards for Residential Roofing Services, IFB No. 2411-002-TL, as needed, to the qualified bidders: (Health and Human Services)

- A. Contract No. 4400007953, Piatra, Inc., Residential Roofing Services

- B. Contract No. 4400008020, Crowned Eagle Construction, Residential Roofing Services (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Approve contract award for Septic System Inspection Services, RFQ No. 2310-003-GC, in the amount of \$170,000.00 to the sole, qualified respondent, Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (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

17. Consider and take appropriate action to fill a vacancy on the Travis County Deferred Compensation Oversight Committee with Kenneth Evans, District Attorney's Office. (Commissioners Gómez and Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

18. Consider and take appropriate action to adopt a resolution authorizing the use of Eminent Domain to acquire fee simple title to $\pm 41,629$ SF (± 0.9557 acre), referred to as Parcels 1 and 2, owned by the City of Austin, located at 6315 and 5903 Spicewood Springs Road, Austin, Texas 78759, as described respectively by metes and bounds in Exhibits "A" and "B" attached to the resolution, for the public use and purpose of providing essential services to the general public in connection with the Spicewood Springs Low Water Crossing Project. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Adopt the resolution exercising Travis County's Power of Eminent Domain and authorize the County Attorney to take the necessary legal action to acquire fee simple title to $\pm 41,629$ SF (± 0.9557 acre), referred to as Parcels 1 and 2, as described in Exhibits "A" and "B" attached to the resolution, for the public purpose of providing essential services to the public and promoting public safety in connection with the Spicewood Springs Low Water Crossing Project.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

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

19. Consider and take appropriate action on Traffic Mitigation Agreement between Clayton Properties Group, Inc, doing business as Brohn Homes and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Orchard Ranch, in Precinct Three.
(Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all thru traffic due to construction on Siesta Shores Drive from the intersection with Rod and Gun Club Rd. to approximately 3,500 feet Northeast beginning on or about Monday, March 3, 2025, and continuing through Monday, October 6, 2025, or until work is complete, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Brian Burk, Senior Engineer, Public Works, Transportation and Natural Resources

MOTION: Approve Item 20

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

21. Consider and take appropriate action on the Acceptance of the Dedication of the Public Street and Drainage Facilities within Quad Park Section 3B-3a, in Precinct Four.
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

22. Consider and take appropriate action on amendments to the Order of the Travis County Commissioners Court on Financial Policies regarding Travis County Healthcare District d/b/a Central Health (*This item may be discussed in executive session pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney*). (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 22 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Direct County staff to collaborate with Central Health staff, share the draft policies, and return to Commissioners Court for approval of the draft policies by February 25, 2025.

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

23. Consider and take appropriate action to authorize the expenditure of County funds for the County's primary researcher to attend an out-state-conference to present an abstract in connection with work the researcher is performing for the County pursuant to an agreement between Travis County and the University of Texas at Austin for a sourcewater study of Hamilton Pool Preserve and Reimers Ranch Park.
(Commissioner Howard)
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

24. 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 24 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

25. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action related to real estate issues regarding the property located at 2501 South Congress Ave., Austin, Texas, and future actions impacting property.^{1 & 2} (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 25 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

26. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action on Travis County Code section 1.017 related to Commissioners Court Appointments to Committees and Boards. (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 26 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

27. Receive legal briefing regarding Travis County's purchase of harm reduction services (storage or distribution of opioid antagonist, such as naloxone/Narcan) in accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code Sec. 483.104. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Howard).

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge