



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court March 25, 2025 Voting Session

**Minutes Prepared by the Travis County Clerk
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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on March 25, 2025, in the Travis County Administration Building, Commissioners Courtroom, 700 Lavaca Street, 1st Floor, Austin, TX, Dyana Limon-Mercado County Clerk, was represented by Deputies Lola Ogunro and Alicia Tovar.

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

MOTION: Approve shortening the public comment time limit from three minutes to two minutes for each speaker for the March 25, 2025, voting session.

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

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:

June Mighty, Director, Human Resources Management Department
Angel Caamano, Austin Sanctuary Network
Joan Grace, Austin Sanctuary Network
Viridiana Hernandez, Austin Sanctuary Network
Carol Lewis-Zavala, Austin Sanctuary Network
Lilly Ortiz, Austin Sanctuary Network
Chidi Okoli, Student, Huston-Tillotson University
Robert Saulter, Travis County Resident
Suzanne Wallen, Travis County Resident
Peggy Morton, Austin Sanctuary Network
Alicia Danze, Austin Sanctuary Network
Zenobia Joseph, Travis County Resident

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items: 3, 5, 7, 8.a, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13.a-e, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37.
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 during a public hearing regarding community needs for the Travis County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships ("HOME") Program PY25 Action Plan. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
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

Members of the Court heard from:

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

MOTION: Motion to table the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

MOTION: Motion to re-open the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:
Monique Coleman, Division Director, HHS

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing March 25th, 2025, as Gideon Day in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
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

Auditor

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

Emergency Services

4. 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**
5. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the amount of \$1,500 for purchase of snacks and refreshments for STAR Flight to host an open-house event during “EMS Week” and to recognize STAR Flight’s fortieth year of service to our community. (Commissioner Shea & Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

6. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Subaward and related Loan Documents for Affordable Housing for individuals experiencing homelessness between County of Travis and Cairn Point Montopolis, LP (Subrecipient) for the Cairn Point Montopolis development, Contract No. 4600000960 under the federal grant award to the County from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) for provision of loan funds in an amount not to exceed \$4,474,947 (*This item may be taken into Executive Session under Government Code section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney exception*). (Commissioners Howard & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, Travis County Health and Human Services (HHS)

Nathan Fernandes, Planner Sr., HHS

Aaron Alarcón, CEO, Family Eldercare

MOTION: Approve Item 6.

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

7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the Fifth Amendment and Eighth Renewal of the Amended and Restated Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Austin and Travis County for Public Health Services, Contract #4400001726 for a term beginning April 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

8. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant Letters of Intent, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:

- A. Permission to Continue the Fiscal Year 2024 RSVP CNCS within Health and Human Services for 3 months and a total of \$14,564.53 (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Community Legal Services

9. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to change the name of The Travis County Office of Child Representation to Travis County Child Representation. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

10. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and ratify a grant subaward for an Education Advocacy Program to Disability Rights Texas. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

11. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
12. Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers, and discussion items. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
13. Consider and take appropriate action on a resolution relating to the WildHorse Ranch Public Improvement District, including:
- A. Determining the costs of certain public improvements to be financed within Improvement Area #2 of the WildHorse Ranch PID
 - B. Approving a preliminary amended and restated service and assessment plan, including an updated Improvement Area #1 assessment roll and a proposed Improvement Area #2 assessment roll
 - C. Directing the filing of the proposed assessment roll with the Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector to make available for public inspection
 - D. Setting a public hearing for April 15, 2025, to consider an order levying assessments on Improvement Area #2 of the WildHorse Ranch PID and other matters related thereto
 - E. Directing County staff to publish and mail notice of the April 15, 2025, public hearing (Commissioner Travillion)
- RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

Purchasing

14. Approve Modification No. 8 to Contract No. 4400004572 with MWM Design Group, Inc., in the amount of \$49,890.00, for the Onion Creek Greenway III Improvements. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
15. Approve Modification No. 5 to Contract No. 4400002425 with RPS Infrastructure, Inc., in the amount of \$1,626,206.70, for the Onion Creek Greenway II. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. Approve Modification No. 1, an Assignment of Contract No. 4400006570, for STAR Flight Helicopter Hoist Repair Services, from Goodrich Corporation to Hornet AcquisitionCo, LLC dba Onboard Systems. (STAR Flight) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
17. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400006980 with Truth Be Told with Aj, LLC for Pre-Employment Polygraph Services. (Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
18. Approve exemption and Contract No. 4400008080 with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (Esri), in the amount of \$720,400.00 for the Small Municipal and County Government Enterprise Agreement (SGEA), maintenance and support, from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Purchasing Act Section § 262.024(a)(7)(A). (Information Technology Services) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
19. Approve exemption and Contract No. 4400008140 with David R. Senn, D.D.S., Forensic Dentistry, as needed, for forensic odontology services. (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
20. Approve exemption, ratification, and Contract No. 4400007706 with Child, Inc., in the amount of \$250,000.00, for Early Head Start Services. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
21. Approve exemption, ratification, and Contract No. 4400008112 with the Center for Child Protection, in the amount of \$100,000.00, for the Children's Advocacy Center Program. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
22. Approve exemption and Contract No. 4400008100 with Billy James McCloskey, Jr. dba Validator Polygraph, as needed, for pre-employment polygraph services. (Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
23. Approve contract award for the Wilson Parke 2nd Floor Remodel, IFB No. 2412-002-TL, in the amount of \$3,736,554.00 to the low bidder, HCS, Inc. (Facilities Management) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
24. Approve contract award for Landfill Operation and Maintenance Services, IFB 2411-008-CM, in the amount of \$439,000.00, to the sole bidder, Stearns, Conrad & Schmidt Consulting Engineers, Inc. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Approve exemption and Contract No. 4400008073 with Van Dyck Earthworks & Design LLC, in the amount of \$50,000.000, for Conservation Terrace Services. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
26. Approve exemption and Contract No. 4500001110, with Gaston & Sheehan Auctioneers, Inc., revenue generating, for Auctioneer Services for Surplus, Salvaged, Seized, and Abandoned Property (Rolling Stock and Equipment), from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to Local Government Code § 262.024 (a) (4). (Purchasing Office) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
27. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Geoffrey Burkhart, County Executive, Community Legal Services
June Mighty, Director, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD)
Todd Osburn, Assistant Director, Total Rewards, HRMD
Paul Hopingardner, County Executive, Technology and Operations
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office
Ann-Marie Sheely, Division Director, Travis County Attorney's Office
Peggy Morton, Austin Sanctuary Network
Adeola Ogunkeyede, Chief Public Defender, Travis County Public Defender's Office (TCPDO)
Raiza Rivera Concepcion, Legal Secretary, TCPDO
Cecil Mattson, Attorney, TCPDO
Dex Parra, Administrative Investigator, TCPDO
Sydney Mwakutuya, Social Worker, TCPDO
Arielle Lewis-Zavala, Investigations Supervisor, TCPDO
Melissa Lebet, Social Worker, TCPDO
Valerie Clemente, Social Worker, TCPDO
Amalia Beckner, Attorney I, TCPDO
Blue Ware, Attorney II, TCPDO
Annie Brodsky, Attorney, TCPDO
Kaylee Brilhart, Attorney I, TCPDO
Cassandra Champion, Attorney V, TCPDO
Josue Teniente, Attorney II, TCPDO

Evan Snyder, Attorney I, TCPDO
Rochelle Vasquez, Attorney III, TCPDO
Seth Manetta-Dillion, Attorney V, TCPDO
Ben Suddaby, Purchasing Operations Specialist II, Travis County
Purchasing Office
Chantel Pridgon, Participatory Defense and Bail Organizer,
Grassroots Leadership
Robert Lilly, Organizer, Grassroots Leadership
Melissa Shearer, Travis County Mental Health Public Defender

MOTION: Approve Phase I of a plan to bring Attorney I, II and III positions in the Public Defender's Office in parity with the County Attorney's Office and District Attorney's Office effective March 1, 2025, in the amount of \$146,107 that will be internally funded and approve Phase II of the plan in the amount of \$132,295 to be effective March 2, 2025, and direct the Planning and Budget Office to return in April with a recommended funding source for Phase II.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: Approve Item 28 in its entirety, which includes Phase I of a plan to bring Attorney I, II and III positions in the Public Defender's Office in parity with the County Attorney's Office and District Attorney's Office effective March 1, 2025, in the amount of \$146,107 that will be internally funded and approve Phase II of the plan in the amount of \$132,295 to be effective March 2, 2025, and direct the Planning and Budget Office to return in April with a recommended funding source for Phase II.

MOVER: Judge Andy Brown

RESULT: **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ACCEPTED**

Clerk's Note: A Vote on the Standing Motion was taken.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

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

29. Receive adaptive workplace and space modernization initiative update from consulting partner, Deloitte Consulting, LLP. Consider and approve implementation plan based on Deloitte's recommendations. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

June Mighty, Director, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD)
Sam Renaut, Deloitte Consulting
Jessica Coxson, Deloitte Consulting

Kate Mechum, Deloitte Consulting
Gene Holloway, Director, Organizational Culture, HRMD
Joyce Miller, Project Manager, Information Technology Services
Paul Hopingardner, County Executive, Technology and Operations
Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office

MOTION: Adopt the proposed recommendations that Deloitte Consulting has provided for culture, direct HRMD to develop an action plan based on the proposed recommendations and return to Commissioners Court in May 2025.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

30. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a license agreement between Travis County and the Travis County Credit Union, to use the 1st floor multi-function rooms for the Annual Board of Directors Meeting at 700 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas 78701, on April 17, 2025, from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

31. Receive update and take appropriate action for overtime incentive program for various positions within the Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO). (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

32. Receive briefing on broadband needs assessment for Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Chloe Mun, Application Manager, Information and Technology Services
Jesse Rodriguez, Program Manager, Community Technology, City of Austin
Rita Taylor, Strategic Advisor, Justice Planning, Innovative Justice Planning Analysis (IJPA)
Paul Hopingardner, County Executive, Technology and Operations

Transportation & Natural Resources

33. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to use a Cash Security Agreement for environmental fiscal security for 2200 Caldwell Ln, a site plan in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

34. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to approve an Agreement to reimburse Creedmoor-Maha Water Supply Corporation for the design of the relocation plans for a portion of its waterline from its easement to accommodate the County's proposed improvements to Old San Antonio Road in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
35. Consider and take appropriate action on a Phasing Agreement between Twin Creek Land Development, LLC, Zen Development LLC, Manor Texas LLC, Manor 100 LLC and Travis County for the proposed Fuchs Grove Subdivision, in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

36. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the amount of \$3,700 from the general funds for the purchase of food and beverages for the Sheriff's Office Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet with jail programs to be held in April 2025. Due to the anticipated amount being over the budget threshold, the department requests an exception for the event. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
37. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a license agreement between Travis County and the LBJ School of Public Affairs, to use the 2nd floor at 700 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas 78701. (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

38. 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 38 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

39. Receive a legal briefing and take appropriate action on the Economic Development Agreement between Travis County and the Colorado River Project, LLC.¹ (Commissioner Travillion)

Judge Brown announced that Item 39 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Motion for Commissioners Court to approve sending a response to the Colorado River Project, LLC's proposal of compliance regarding the Economic Development Agreement between Travis County and the Colorado River Project, LLC as discussed in executive session.

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

40. 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 granted to Mirasol Springs, LLC by 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 40 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge