



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court April 1, 2025 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on April 1, 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
Absent: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:
Laura Seaton, Administrative Associate, Information Technology Services

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The Colorado River Alliance and Travis County are partnering together to remove litter across seven parks in Eastern Travis County. The Eastside Spring Clean will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Visit coloradoriver.org to sign up.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.a, 18, and 19.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments on a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a section of right-of-way on Rinard Road, also known as Rinard Lane, located in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: 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

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

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a Proclamation recognizing April 2025 as Earth Month in Travis County. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Emily Ackland, Division Director, Environmental Quality, Transportation and
Natural Resources (TNR)
Kathleen Cane, Environmental Specialist, TNR

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

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing Pedro Villalobos for his unwavering leadership at AFSCME 1624 and his dedicated service to Travis County, and to express our deepest gratitude for his fearless advocacy, barrier-breaking achievements, and commitment to uplifting working people across our community. (Commissioners Travillion and Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Pedro Villalobos, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) 1624
Carol Guthrie, Business Manager, AFSCME 1624
Chris Blanton, Office Manager, AFSCME 1624
Laurie Eiserloh, Judge, Travis County 455th Civil District Court
Elisabeth Earle, Judge, Travis County Court #7

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

Auditor

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

Emergency Services

5. 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**
6. Consider and take appropriate action on a Program Letter Agreement between Travis County and Scott & White Memorial Hospital d/b/a Baylor Scott & White Medical Center-Temple to allow pathology residents to rotate through the Medical Examiner's office as part of their residency. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve traveler, Leo Rangel's mileage which exceeds 1,000 miles round-trip. Traveler's driving accommodation instead of flying was approved prior to trip taking place and traveler understands that if approved, he will only be reimbursed the coach fare airfare cost of \$272.96. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

8. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation, including: *(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)*

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office

- A. Discuss next steps regarding the Open Call for the Tenant Representative position and potential changes to the appointment process.

MOTION: Accept the incorrectly delivered emailed application for the Tenant Representative position.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

- B. Approve interview questions for the non-tenant position.

Judge Brown announced that Item 8.b 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.

MOTION: Approve Item 8.b

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

- C. Conduct interviews for the non-tenant position.

Members of the Court heard from:

Kerri Dorman, Candidate #1

Rajeev Jain, Candidate #2

Brandon King, Candidate #3

- D. Make a final selection. (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 8.d 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.

MOTION: Appoint Kerri Dorman to the non-tenant position on the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

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

Purchasing

11. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
12. Approve exemption and Contract No. 4400008160, with Datatude, Inc., for estimated requirements, for software and services from Datatude, Inc., from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Purchasing Act Section 262.024 (a) (7) (A). (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
13. Approve Modification No. 3 to Contract No. 4400007143 with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, up to \$200,000.00, for legal services. (County Attorney's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
14. Approve Modification No. 2 to Contract No. 4400001159 with Unum Life Insurance Company of America, for long-term care insurance. (Human Resources Management Department) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

15. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:

- A. Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

16. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a section of right-of-way on Rinard Road, also known as Rinard Lane, located in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Approve Item 16.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

17. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to approve a new License Agreement with Lara Ramey to conduct private small group yoga classes on a weekly basis at East Metropolitan Park. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)

Tim Speyrer, District Parks Manager, TNR

MOTION: Approve Item 17.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

18. Consider and take appropriate action on a Construction and Traffic Mitigation Agreement between Cirque Park SF Land Purchase LP, a Texas limited partnership, Bowen @ Cirque Land Purchase LP, a Texas limited partnership, BV Ellis Property Owner, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Cirque Estates development, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

19. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a license agreement for using public school buildings controlled by Leander ISD for Election Day on the May 3, 2025, General and Special Elections. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Receive 2024 Annual Report from Travis County Pretrial Services. (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Stacy Brown, Division Director, Travis County Pretrial Services
Rodolfo Perez, Director, Adult Probation, Community Supervision and
Corrections Department
Jacqueline van Wormer, County Executive, Innovative Justice and
Program Analysis

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

21. 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 21 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

22. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a possible acquisition of a property in central Austin, Texas.^{1&2} (Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 22 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.072, Real Property.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

23. Receive briefing and take appropriate action on the appointment, employment, and duties for the position of Travis County Fire Marshal including selecting finalists, approving interview questions, setting the interview schedule, and other matters related to appointing a Travis County Fire Marshal.^{1&3} (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 23 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.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

24. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding proposed Chapter 56 in Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, relating to reporting requirements for District Attorneys and County Attorneys presiding in a district or county with a population of 400,000 or more persons.¹ (Judge Brown)

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

MOTION: Authorize the Travis County Attorney to pursue litigation on behalf of Travis County and appropriate local officials challenging Chapter 56 in Title I of the Texas Administrative Code published in the Texas Register on March 28, 2025.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge