



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court April 8, 2025 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on April 8, 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

Public Communication

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

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The County Judge announced Lights Out Texas, which is an initiative to bring attention to bird migration, conserve energy, and reduce light pollution. Light pollution in Texas is hazardous and can cause large scale collisions and fatalities amongst birds. The Spring migration season began on March 1st and ends June 15th. Peak migration will begin on April 22nd. The Court urges Travis County residents to turn off all nonessential lighting from 11pm to 6am to help protect the billions of migratory birds that fly over Texas each year.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 4, 8. b-c, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15. a-b, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 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

Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation for the retirement of Vicki Ashley. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Vicki Ashley, Division Director, Criminal, County Attorney's Office
Cynthia Simons, Planning Manager, Justice Planning
Jacqueline van Wormer, County Executive, Innovative Justice and Program Analysis
Corey Bryks, Counseling and Educations Services Director, Counseling and Education Services (CES)
Cathy McClaugherty, Planning Manager, Justice Planning
Elisabeth A. Earle, Judge, Travis County Court #7
Bob Ward, Advocate for Social Justice Reform

MOTION: Approve Item 1.
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

2. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Macy Alonzo, Coordinator, Travis County Sexual Assault Response and Resource Team (SARRT)
Hanna Senko, Sexual Assault Advocate
Shelli Egger, Managing Attorney, Legal Aid for Survivors of Sexual Assault

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
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

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing the week of April 5 – 11, 2025 as Week of the Young Child in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Korey Darling, Division Director, Health and Human Services (HHS)

Hilda Rivas, Planner Sr., (HHS)
Barbara Grant Boneta, Director, Success By Six
Laura Olson, Organizing Director, Go Austin/Vamos Austin

MOTION: Approve Item 3.
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

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 the appointment, duties and performance of the Travis County Fire Marshal, including conducting interviews, appointment, determination of the term, approval of the bond for the Fire Marshal, and other matters associated with that position. (*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 6 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

Health & Human Services

7. Receive briefing and provide direction regarding a request for a potential contract modification for the Development and Construction of the Camp Esperanza Emergency Shelter Complex and Supportive Services Between Travis County and The Other Ones Foundation, Inc. (Judge Brown and Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

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

Nathan Fernandes, Planner Sr., HHS

Michelle Surka, Senior Capital Analyst, PBO

MOTION: Approve Item 7.

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

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. Letter of Intent from Transportation and Natural Resources to apply for the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership grant program solicited by Texas Parks and Wildlife

Members of the Court heard from:

Dashiell Daniels, Travis County Grants Administrator

MOTION: Approve Item 8.

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

- B. Status update regarding the DR 4850-0318 Fuel Reduction grant application submitted to the Texas Department of Emergency Management
- C. Letter of Intent from the Travis County Sheriff's Office to apply for the Fiscal Year 2026 MVCPA grant program solicited by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Civil Service Commission for Sheriff's Employees. (*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)
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 exemption and contract award of Contract No. 4400007831 with Travis Transportation Partners, as needed, for General Engineering Consultant for 2023 Bond Program and Capital Improvement Projects services, from the competitive procurement process, pursuant to County Act § 262.024(a)(4). (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
14. Approve exemption and contract award of Contract No. 4400008081 with Patricia Jackson, in the amount of \$60,480.00, for Chaplain Services. (Sheriff's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Technology & Operations

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

Transportation & Natural Resources

16. Consider and take appropriate action on a request for variance from parkland dedication requirements found in Section 30-2-214 of Title 30 for the Collins Preliminary Plan, S-24-204, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
17. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for safety improvements to Old Kimbro Rd (CSJ 0914-04-370) and Dessau Rd (CSJ 0914-04-371) in Precinct One, including a Resolution that authorizes the Travis County Judge to execute the AFA after TxDOT approves the AFA and directs that the Resolution be included as Attachment C to the AFA. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY
18. Approve setting a public hearing on April 29, 2025, to receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located within Tract 1, Bothmer Addition, a subdivision in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

19. Consider and take appropriate action on the addition of a vehicle to the SCATTF Fleet as a bait vehicle. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
20. Appoint the Travis County Transportation & Natural Resources Real Estate Division Manager Gregory Chico as mediation representative in Cause No. C-1-CV-23-002176, *Travis County, Texas v. Surangi L. Widyaratne, et vir and Nation Star Mortgage, LLC. (This item will be taken into Executive Session under the Consultation with Attorney exception under Texas Government Code § 551.071 and the Real Property exception under Texas Government Code § 551.072)* (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
21. Approve the minutes for the February 25, March 11, March 18, and March 25, 2025, Voting Sessions. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
22. Approve the minutes for the February 27 and March 13, 2025, Special Voting Sessions. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
23. Disbursement of Travis County Available School Funds 2023-2024. (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*

- 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 and Gov’t Code Ann 551.089, IT Security.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

- 25. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a proposed agreement for termination of occupancy of real property owned by Travis County located on Double Elm Drive, within the Arroyo Doble subdivision in Precinct Three.^{1&2} (Commissioner Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 25 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.

- MOTION:** Accept the offer for termination of occupancy in that real property owned by Travis County on Elm Drive as discussed in executive session.
- 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

26. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a counter-offer received for the sale of parcel #4 – a proposed acquisition within the Strategic Parkland 2023 Bond Program, and comprising approximately 45 acres of undeveloped land located near Onion Creek and Old San Antonio Road in Precinct Three.^{1&2} (Commissioner Howard)

Judge Brown announced that Item 26 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

MOTION: Make counter-offer for the sale of parcel #4 as discussed in executive session.
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

27. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding legal representation for Central Health.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 27 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