



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

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on July 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: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
Virtual: County Judge Andy Brown
Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

Clerk's Note: The Court observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims and families impacted by the severe flooding that occurred throughout Central Texas on July 4, 2025.

Signature Motion

MOTION: Each Commissioner not physically present delegates the authority to Commissioner Shea to sign any documents, including orders related to items before the court today, on their behalf.
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

Public Communication

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

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 1, 5.a, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11,12, 13.a, 15, 16.a-b, 17, 18.a, 19, and 20.
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

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services

Gary Howell, Travis County Fire Marshal

Hector Nieto, Public Information Officer, Public Information Office

MOTION: Approve an order prohibiting outdoor burning for 30 days in Northwest Austin.

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

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

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services

Eric Carter, Chief Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Services

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

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range Planning, TNR

Shawn Snyder, Division Manager, Development Services, TNR

Jay Alexander, Division Assistant Director, Parks, TNR

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office

Ann-Marie Sheely, Division Director, Travis County Attorney's Office

MOTION: Move forward with the contracts to pick up debris and heavy items from areas in Travis County impacted by flooding.
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

FRIENDLY

AMENDMENT: 1) Move forward with the contracts to pick up debris and heavy items from areas in Travis County impacted by flooding; 2) direct staff to transfer up to \$4,000,000 from the Emergency Reserve, with the understanding that any unused funds will be appropriately returned to the Emergency Reserve; and 3) waive fees for trash and debris disposal at the FM 1431 Transfer Station until further notice.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

MOTION: Waive the Travis County permitting fees in areas identified as damaged for homeowners who need to rebuild due to flood damage and can prove that their insurance will not cover the cost of the fees.

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

MOTION: Approve the order to continue the Disaster Declaration issued by County Judge Andy Brown on July 5, 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, Margaret Gómez

Health & Human Services

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a subaward modification to Contract No.4400007614 with SAFE Lancaster Court, LLC. (*This item may be taken into*

Executive Session under Government Code section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney exception) (Commissioners Howard & Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

4. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Subaward and related Loan Documents for Affordable Housing for individuals experiencing homelessness between County of Travis and Urban Empowerment Zone I, LLC (Subrecipient) for the Urban Empowerment Zone I development, Contract No. TBD 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 \$11,503,016 (*This item may be taken into Executive Session under Government Code section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney exception*). (Commissioners Howard & Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Intergovernmental Relations

5. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant applications, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:

- A. Application from the Emergency Services Department for the Firehouse Subs Grant Program solicited by the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

6. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Travis County Child Protective Services Board. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

7. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Consider and take appropriate action on the (1) Amendment Three of the Amended and Restated Contract for Depository Services between Travis County and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Purchasing

9. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

10. Approve ratification of Modification No. 7 to Contract No. 4400007327 with Garda CL Southwest, Inc, in the amount of \$75,038.87, for Armored Truck Services. (Treasurer's Office) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
11. Approve Modification No. 43 to Contract No. 4400000567 with TriTech Software Systems, in the amount of \$144,300.00, for Extended Services for the Integrated Justice System. (Information Technology Services) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
12. Declare items surplus property and sell at public auction pursuant to Local Government Code § 263.152(a)(1). (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

13. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments:
 - A. Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
14. Consider and take appropriate action on the approval of the renewal of the cyber security contract from Beazley Cyber Insurance through Alliant Insurance Services. (Commissioners Travillion & Howard)
RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Transportation & Natural Resources

15. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to use a Cash Security Agreement for environmental fiscal security for the 9705 Capitol View Dr. project, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
16. Consider and take appropriate action on the following items regarding the Acceptance of the Dedication of Public Streets and Drainage Facilities within Gilbert Lane subdivisions, in Precinct One:
 - A. Acceptance of the Dedication of the Public Street and Drainage facilities within Gilbert Lane Phase 2A final plat.
 - B. Acceptance of the Dedication of the Public Street and Drainage facilities within Gilbert Lane Phase 3A final plat. (Commissioner Travillion)**RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT**

Other

17. Approve the minutes for the May 13, May 20, June 3, June 10, June 17, and June 24, 2025, voting sessions. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
18. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the termination of the tax collection agreement and services:
 - A. Southeast Travis County Municipal Utility District No. 2 (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
19. Appoint the Travis County Risk Manager James Alvarez as mediation representative in Cause No. D-1-GN-25-001066, Santos Mendez vs. Travis County, Texas; In the 98th District Court, Travis County, Texas. (*This item may be taken into Executive Session under Government Code section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney exception*) (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
20. Approve the payment of legal defense costs of \$45,356.36 on behalf of Travis County District Attorney Jose Garza in D-1-GN-24-002191; The State of Texas, Ex Rel Mary Dupuis v. Jose Garza, in his Official Capacity as District Attorney of the 53rd Judicial District; In the 455th Travis County Judicial District Court. (*This item may be taken into Executive Session under Government Code section 551.0714, Consultation with Attorney Exception*) (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
21. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action on enforcement of the Travis County Fire Code. (*This item may be taken into Executive Session under Government Code section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney exception*) (Commissioners Shea & Howard)
RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Clerk's Note: The Court introduced two interns, Maya Hay and D'Angelo Colter, from Commissioner Travillion's Precinct 1 office.

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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

23. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding outdoor burning in the unincorporated areas of Travis County.¹ (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

24. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding Travis County Supportive Housing Initiative.¹ (Commissioners Howard & Gómez)

Commissioner Shea 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 on board appointments, duties, and authority for ESD 12.¹ (Commissioner Travillion)

Commissioner Shea announced that Item 25 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