



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court September 9, 2025 Voting Session

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

Meeting called to order on September 9, 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
Virtual: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:

Brandon McNerney, Travis County Resident
John Joyner, Travis County Resident
Shonda Smith, Travis County Resident
Margie Medrano, Travis County Resident
Carrie King, Travis County Resident
Ethan McBride, Travis County Resident
Christina Destefano, Travis County Resident
Gabino Fernandez Jr., Member, El Concilio de East Austin
Mimi Lynn, Travis County Resident
Richard Franklin, Travis County Resident

Anna Bowlin, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range Planning,
Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
Chris Yanez, Division Director, TNR
Gary Howell, Travis County Fire Marshal, Emergency Services (ES)
Annelisa Gonzalez, Fire Education Outreach Coordinator, ES
Jason Estrella, Wildfire Mitigation Specialist, ES

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: Commissioner Howard extended the invitation to all county employees, friends, and family to the Round Rock Express Baseball Game happening on September 10th, 2025.

Clerk's Note Judge Brown announced the 31st annual Lake Travis Cleanup event taking place on Sunday, September 21st, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Visit laketraviscleanup.org to join.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 4, 6, 7, 8. a-e., 9, 10, 11, 12. a-c, e., 13. a., 14, 16, 17, 18. a., 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27. a-b., 28. a-c., 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on Finial Drive between Hillock Terrace and Flatbush Dr. for construction beginning on or about Wednesday, October 1, 2025, and continuing through Monday, June 1, 2026, or until work is complete, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

MOTION: Open 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

ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

Brian Burk, Senior Engineer, Public Works, 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, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard
ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion, Margaret Gómez

Resolutions & Proclamations

2. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing September as National Recovery Month in Travis County (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Aurora Martinez Jones, Judge, 126th District Court
Myron Burse, Travis County Resident
Robert Luckritz, Chief, Austin Travis County Emergency Services
Marcia Chaney, Senior Director of Development Austin, Santa Maria Hostel
Michelle Kimbrough, Social Services Manager, Travis County Health and Human Services

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

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing September 11, 2025, as National Day of Service and Remembrance (9/11 Day) in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Sara Millet, Justice Director, JustServe
Kris Vanderberg, 4443 Representative, Veterans of Foreign Wars

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

- B. County response to natural disaster or other emergencies, including but not limited to necessary measures and actions related to the July 2025 Severe Weather and Flooding Disaster, including Travis County's response, operations, policies, emergency assistance, agreements, and measures necessary to preserve public health and safety and rehabilitation of property, and applicable orders, declarations or resolutions, and authorization for expenditure of funds and contracts related to disaster response and recovery efforts (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services (ES)
Robert Valenzuelz, Public Works Director, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
Emily Ackland, Division Director, Environmental Quality Program, TNR
Pilar Sanchez, County Executive, Travis County Health and Human Services
Shawn Synder, Development Services Division Manager, TNR
Hector Nieto, Public Information Officer, Public Information Office
Eric Carter, Chief Emergency Management Coordinator, ES

RESULT: DISCUSSED

6. Consider and take appropriate action to approve setting a public hearing on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, to receive comments regarding the issuance of an Outdoor Music Festival Permit and a Mass Gathering permit for the Wicked Oaks Event, to be held on October 24-27, 2025, at 701 Dalton Ln., Austin, TX. 78742. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the fifth and final substantial amendments to the CDBG PY19–23 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) and the PY19 Action Plan. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

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. Award agreement for the Fiscal Year 2026 Other Victim Assistance Grant for the Travis County Attorney's Office
 - B. Closeout agreement for the OneStar National Service Commission for the Travis County Health and Human Services Department
 - C. Amendment agreement (extension) for the Flood Infrastructure Fund for the Travis County Transportation and Natural Resource Department
 - D. Closeout agreement for the Federal Voting Assistance Program for the Travis County Clerk's Office
 - E. Subrecipient agreement for the Public Assistance DR-4879 (July 4 Flood) grant for Travis County (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Innovative Justice & Program Analysis

9. Consider and take appropriate action on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Travis County, the Travis County Juvenile Board, and the following Independent School Districts: Austin, Del Valle, Eanes, Lake Travis, Lago Vista, Leander, Manor, Pflugerville, and Round Rock regarding the Travis County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) for School Year 2025-2026. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

10. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the First Amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Travis County and The University of Texas at Austin - Dell Medical School for Mental Health Diversion, to address the UT Austin obligation related to data access, transfer, storage, security, and ownership related to the Mental Health Diversion and Central Intake project. (Judge Brown)

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 discussions items, including but not limited to the following listed items, and any other necessary budget amendments and transfers attached to Commissioners Court backup for the agenda item:

- A. Request from Facilities Management Department (FMD) to transfer \$40,867 from the SMART Facility Reserve to the FMD maintenance budget related to eligible expenses for the SMART Building
- B. Request from Facilities Management Department to transfer \$86,800 of existing vacancy savings in its operating budget to install carbon air filters at the Medical Examiner's Office
- C. Request from Civil Courts to use \$87,098 in FY 2025 CAR savings within the Civil Courts budget from completed projects or projects that are no longer needed, to cover an expected funding shortfall for the CFCF Technology Needs project, including video conferencing equipment and network fiber redundancy

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- D. Request from the Human Resources Management Department (HRMD) to transfer \$13,666,906 from the Employee Health Benefit Fund's Allocated Reserve to pay for expected remaining FY 2025 health plan expenditures, of which an estimated \$3,198,577 will be reimbursed from stop loss coverage and pharmacy rebates

Members of the Court heard from:

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
 Latif Zaki, Analyst II, PBO
 Eric Stockton, Chief Deputy, Technology and Operations
 June Mighty, Director, Human Resources Management Department (HRMD)
 Shannon Steele, Benefits Manager, HRMD
 David Canales, Finance and Administration Manager, HRMD

MOTION: Approve Item 12.d.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard
ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

- E. Request from the County Judge's Office to use \$3,749 of existing internal resources to travel outside the continental United States per the requirements in the FY 2025 Budget Rules for County Judge Andy Brown to join the Austin Chamber's upcoming business delegation trip to Vancouver, Canada, to engage with leaders from a broad range of sectors, including established industries and high-growth startups (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the following tax collection agreement:
Creedmoor Municipal Utility District (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

14. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
15. Approve exemptions, ratifications, and contract awards for opioid abatement and harm reduction investment contracts as follows:
- A. Contract No. 4400008330 with Texas Harm Reduction Alliance, in the amount of \$175,000.00
 - B. Contract No. 4400008331 with Vivent Health, in the amount of \$175,000.00
 - C. Contract No. 4400008332 with Youth and Family Alliance dba Lifeworks, in the amount of \$175,000.00 (Health & Human Services) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, Health and Human Services (HHS)

Courtney Lucas Bissonnet, Strategic Advisor, HHS

LeShawn Arbuckle, Division Director, LifeWorks

Gaby Libretti, Capacity Building Manager, Texas Harm Reduction Alliance (THRA)

Lily Hughes, Outreach Team Lead, THRA

Cassandra Maybury, Director of Prevention Services, Vivent Health

MOTION: Approve Item 15.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard
ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion, Margaret Gómez

16. Approve termination of Contract No. 4400005402 with Scott & White Clinic for an Associate Medical Director of Division of Clinical Performance. (Emergency Services) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez).
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
17. Approve Modification No. 3, an assignment of Contract No. 4400006195, with Favorite Healthcare Staffing, LLC for nursing staff. (Sheriff's Office) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

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

A. Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Consider and take appropriate action regarding setting the salaries of elected officials for Fiscal Year 2026. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Stacey McClure, Assistant Director, Human Resources Management Department

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services

Alex Braden, Assistant Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

Jessica Rio, County Executive, PBO

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

MOTION: Increase the county supplement for District Judges from \$18,000 to the maximum of \$25,000.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

Clerk's Note: Judge Brown clarified that this supplement does not include the County Judge's salary.

MOTION: Approve the salaries of the elected officials set at the amounts shown in Attachment A, which reflect the 1% increase for elected official (and includes the maximum county supplement for judges) and the allowances described in the End Notes to Attachment A are authorized for each elected official named in the End Notes for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026.

RESULT: Passed (3-0)

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

ABSTAINED: Andy Brown

ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

20. Consider and take appropriate action on approval of international travel to Toronto, Canada, for the American Bar Association annual meeting by Judge Karen Sage. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the license agreement between Travis County Facilities Management and the Texas Historical Foundation (THF) to use space on November 20, 2025, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm, at the Probate Courts Building located at 200 W. 8th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Consider and take appropriate action on an update related to HMS Courthouse and other large facility projects. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Gabe Stock, Director, Facilities Management Department (FMD)

Christy Moffett, Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

Amy McWhorter, Managing Director, PBO

Aerin-Renee Pfaffenberger, Assistant Director, Administration and Planning, FMD

Paul Hopingardner, County Executive, Technology and Operations

Dyana Limon-Mercado, Travis County Clerk

RESULT: DISCUSSED

23. Receive an update and take appropriate action on compensation options for Fiscal Year 2026. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Stacey McClure, Assistant Director, Human Resources Management Department

Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office

MOTION: Approve the salary of Associate Judges/Magistrates under the Criminal and Civil District Judges going from \$150,100 to \$165,050 for FY 2026, which is the halfway point to \$180,000, with the remaining difference effective for FY 2027, to be funded over two years.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

Transportation & Natural Resources

24. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to approve a License Agreement with Gina Limon for purposes of having exclusive use of Webberville Park to host the annual Limon family reunion from October 10-12, 2025. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the approval of one (1) Agricultural Lease Amendment on Parks/Open Space. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Consider and take appropriate action on the Construction and Traffic Mitigation agreement between MS Joint Venture LLC, a Texas liability company, and Travis County for the traffic mitigation associated with the proposed Beacon Retail Center, in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Consider and take appropriate action on the following items regarding the Acceptance of the Dedication of Public Streets and Drainage Facilities within Ring Tract subdivisions, in Precinct Three:

- A. Acceptance of the Dedication of the Public Street and Drainage facilities within Ring Tract Phase 1 final plat
- B. Acceptance of the Dedication of the Public Street and Drainage facilities within Ring Tract Phase 2 final plat (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Consider and take appropriate action on the following items regarding the Acceptance of the Dedication of Public Streets and Drainage Facilities within Entrada subdivisions, in Precinct Two:

- A. Acceptance of the Dedication of the Public Street and Drainage facilities within Entrada Phase 3 final plat
- B. Acceptance of the Dedication of the Public Street and Drainage facilities within Entrada Phase 4 final plat
- C. Acceptance of the Dedication of the Public Street and Drainage facilities within Entrada Phase 6 final plat (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Consider and take appropriate action regarding Amendment No.3 and Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority for employee transit services. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

30. Approve the minutes for the August 19 and August 26, 2025, Voting Sessions. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

31. Authorize and approve the County Attorney to sign on behalf of Travis County joining a proposed joint Comment by local governments to be filed in response to a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking by the U.S. Department of Education to limit Public Service Loan Forgiveness. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
32. Consider and take action to approve a license agreement for use of Oak Meadows Baptist Church as an Early Voting and Election Day polling site for the November 4, 2025, Joint General and Special Elections. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
33. Consider and take appropriate action regarding an Order Designating Early Voting Polling Places and Election Day Polling Places for the November 4, 2025, General and Special Elections. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
34. Consider and take appropriate action to ratify an Interlocal Agreement with the Capital Area Council of Governments for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Solid Waste Grant program. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
35. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Board of Commissioners of Emergency Services District (ESD) No. 12 for the term September 2025 through December 31, 2026. (Commissioner Travillion)
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

36. 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 36 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

37. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding a settlement offer in *Travis County, Texas v. New Life Baptist Church of Pflugerville*, cause number C-1-CD-25-000011.^{1&2} (Commissioner Travillion)

Judge Brown announced that Item 37 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: Authorize the Travis County Attorney to take the necessary actions to accept the settlement offer and authorize the Travis County Attorney to finalize and sign the settlement as discussed in executive session.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard

ABSENT: Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez

38. Consider post-award appeal of HCS, Inc, and any related submission, regarding contract number 4400007900 and take appropriate action.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 38 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Uphold the purchasing agents and staff's decisions regarding the requested modifications to the contract.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard

ABSENT: Brigid Shea, Margaret Gómez

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge