



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court January 20, 2026 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on January 20, 2026, 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

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The court held a moment of silence for Tommie Lee Wyatt, co-founder and publisher of the East Austin newspaper The Villager.

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:

Celia Israel, Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector
Christy Moffett, Director, Economic Development and Strategic Investments
Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
James Matlock, Chief Investment Officer, Economic Development & Strategic Investments, PBO

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 3, 5, 6, 7.a-b, 8.a-e, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.a, 16, 17, 18.a-e, 19, 20, and 21.
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

Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Approve resolution recognizing Debbie Laudermilk on her retirement and for 16 years of service to Travis County and its residents. (Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)

Christy Moffett, Director, Economic Development and Strategic Investments,
PBO

Debbie Laudermilk, Former Chief Investment Officer, Economic Development
and Strategic Investments, PBO

MOTION: Approve Item 1.

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

2. Approve a proclamation honoring the life and legacy of the late Bob Kafka and recognizing his lasting contributions to justice, human dignity, and the Travis County community. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Stephanie Thomas, ADAPT of Texas

Nancy Crowther, ADAPT of Texas

Ron Cranston, ADAPT of Texas

Thor Armbruster, ADAPT of Texas

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

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, 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)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Intergovernmental Relations

- 5. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Civil Service Commission. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 7. 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 Health and Human Services to establish a New Budget in Fund 2034 of \$14,619.69 for Revenue Received by Health and Human Services related to the Texas Gas Service – Share the Warmth.
- B. Request from the Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) to use up to \$1,200 of existing internal departmental resources to purchase food/beverages for volunteers assisting with the Victim Services Unit as part of the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony and Volunteer Training events in Fiscal Year 2026.
- C. Request from the Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) to transfer \$52,922 from the Capital Acquisition Resources (CAR) Reserve to the Office to address a shortfall for medical x-ray equipment replacement included in the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget.
- D. Request from the County Judge, who statutorily serves as the Director of Emergency Management to create a Chief Emergency Management

Coordinator Special Project Worker (SPW) within Emergency Services from January 20, 2026, to September 30, 2026, at an estimated cost of \$135,563 with any needed budget adjustments brought forward at a later date (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Consider and take appropriate action on a resolution relating to the Longview 71 Public Improvement District, including:
 - A. Determining the costs of certain public improvements to be financed within Improvement Area #2 of the Longview 71 Public Improvement District.
 - 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 Improvement Area #2 assessment roll with the County Tax Assessor-Collector to make available for public inspection.
 - D. Setting a public hearing for February 10, 2026, to consider a resolution levying assessments on Improvement Area #2 of the Longview 71 Public Improvement District and other matters related thereto
 - E. Directing County staff to publish and mail notice of said public hearing. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

9. Consider and take appropriate action on items related to a socioeconomic survey for the Apache Shores neighborhood to support grant applications to the Texas Water Development Board to be submitted by Water District 17:
 - A. Request to approve an agreement with Water District 17 to conduct a socioeconomic survey on their behalf.
 - B. Request to authorize the creation of three temporary workers to assist with conducting the survey. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

10. Consider and take appropriate action on items related to a socioeconomic survey for the River Ridge neighborhood to support grant applications to the Texas Water Development Board to be submitted by Water District 17:

- A. Request to conduct a socioeconomic survey on behalf of Water District 17.
- B. Request to approve an agreement with Water District 17 to conduct a socioeconomic survey on their behalf.
- C. Request to utilize the same three temporary workers for the Apache Shores socioeconomic survey to conduct the River Ridge survey.
(Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Purchasing

- 11. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
- 12. Approve exemption and Contract No. 4400008444 with Youth and Family Alliance dba LifeWorks of Austin, in the amount of \$127,750.00, for Life Skills Training Services. (Juvenile Probation) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
- 13. 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
- 14. Declare items surplus property and sell at public auction pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 263.152(a)(1). (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
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

Other

- 16. Order Designating Main Early Voting Polling Place, Temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Place, and Hours for Early Voting on Weekdays for the March 3, 2026, Primary Election. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Order Designating Election Day Polling Places for the March 3, 2026, Primary Election. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

18. Consider and take action to approve five license agreements for use as Early Voting and Election Day polling sites for the March 3, 2026, Joint Primary Election.

- A. Genesis Presbyterian Church
- B. Peace Lutheran Church
- C. Typhoon Texas Waterpark
- D. Balcones Shopping Center
- E. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Approve bond for Dolores Ortega-Carter, County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Approve the minutes for the December 2, December 9, December 16, 2025, voting sessions and the December 4, 2025, special voting session. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Kristie Quigley to Emergency Services District Board of Commissioners # 16 to be effective on January 29, 2026, through December 31, 2027. (Commissioner Ann 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

22. 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 22 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

23. Executive session review of interview questions for candidates in the County Executive, Technology and Operation recruitment.^{1&3} (Commissioners Gómez & Travillion)

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. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the Travis County Executive for Innovative Justice & Program Analysis.^{1&3} (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 and Gov't. Code Ann. 551.074, Personnel Matters.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge