



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court February 3, 2026 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on February 3, 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

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: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

AYES: Andy Brown, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard

ABSENT: Jeffrey Travillion and Margaret Gómez

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:

Mark Heep, Save Austin Cemeteries
Linda White-James, Save Austin Cemeteries
Margaret, Save Austin Cemeteries
Arthur Graves, Travis County Resident
Travis Gatlin, Assistant Budget Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Paige Hemingson, Analyst I, PBO

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 1, 4, 6.a-d, 9, 10.a-e, 11.a-e, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.a-d, 17, 18.a, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, and 31.
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

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
 - 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

3. Consider and take appropriate action renewing and amending the Interlocal Agreement between County of Travis and Travis County Emergency Services District #2 for Emergency Medical Services for the term of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Chuck Brotherton, County Executive, Emergency Services
Nick Perkins, Fire Chief, Travis County Emergency Service District #2

MOTION: Approve Item 3.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez

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

Health & Human Services

4. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a collaboration agreement between Travis County and Integral Care for the operation of a Mobile Behavioral Health Van. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

5. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a waiver request from Mobile Loaves and Fishes, Inc. for an additional Lender's Title Policy issuance related to Contract No.4400006882 for the benefit of the Burleson Village project. (*This item may be taken into Executive Session under Government Code section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney exception*) (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 5 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Intergovernmental Relations

6. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant Letters of Intent, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:

- A. Application from Travis County Health and Human Services for the Fiscal Year 2027 Specialty Courts Grant Program solicited by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office
- B. Application from Travis County Medical Examiner's Office for the Fiscal Year 2027 Testing of Forensic Evidence Grant Program solicited by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office
- C. Application from Travis County Juvenile Probation Dept. for the Fiscal Year 2027 Juvenile Justice and Youth Diversion Grant Program solicited by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office.
- D. Any other necessary grant applications, letters of support or grant awards attached to Commissioners Court backup for this Agenda item. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

7. Consider and take appropriate action on recommendations for interim charges for the 89th Texas Legislature. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Julie Wheeler, Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office (IGR)

Cicely Kay, Deputy Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office

MOTION: Approve Item 7.

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

Innovative Justice & Program Analysis

8. Receive briefing and presentation from the Department of Innovative Justice & Program Analysis, providing an overview of the programs and divisions within IJPA. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

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 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 Transfer \$200,000 from a \$500,000 Earmark against the Allocated Reserve for Housing Services Purchases, that is planned to be reimbursed by weatherization grant funds later in the fiscal year

B. Request from Health and Human Services to establish a New Budget of \$11,000 in Fund 2117 for Revenue Received from Reliant Energy for the CARE Program

C. Request from Innovative Justice & Program Analysis (IJPA) for \$136,970 from the Counsel at First Appearance (CAFA) Earmark against the Allocated Reserve to create a Data Analyst (Pay Grade C15) FTE position to support the ongoing reporting and analysis requirements of CAFA, including those related to the settlement with the ACLU along with Central Booking ILA data requirements

- D. Request from the Travis County Sheriff's Office to internally fund a succession position Special Project Worker (SPW) within their Fiscal Year 2026 budget for their Finance Director position from February 3, 2026, to May 1, 2026, with an estimated cost of \$53,646
- E. Request from Emergency Services to add five Special Project Worker (SPW) Deputy Fire Marshal II positions and one Administrative Assistant II Special Project Worker (SPW) position to the Department effective February 1, 2026, to September 30, 2028, along with associated operating expenses and capital equipment for FY 2026 cost of \$984,463 from the Fire Code Fund (0134) to support changes made to the Travis County Fire Code that were effective January 1, 2026
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- 11. Consider and take appropriate action on a resolution relating to the WildHorse Ranch Public Improvement District (the "District"), including:
 - A. Determining the costs of certain public improvements to be financed within Improvement Area #1 Tract C-4, Improvement Area #1 Tract C-13, and Improvement Area #3 of the District
 - B. Approving a preliminary amended and restated service and assessment plan, including updated Improvement Area #1 and Improvement Area #2 assessment rolls and proposed Improvement Area #1 Tract C-4, Improvement Area #1 Tract C-13, and Improvement Area #3 assessment rolls
 - C. Directing the filing of such proposed assessment rolls with the County Tax Assessor-Collector to make available for public inspection
 - D. Noticing a public hearing for February 24, 2026, to consider an order levying assessments on Improvement Area #1 Tract C-4, Improvement Area #1 Tract C-13, and Improvement Area #3 of the District and other matters related thereto
 - E. Directing County staff to publish and mail notice of said public hearing
(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

- 12. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

13. Approve Modification No. 9 to Contract No. 4400004572 with MWM Design Group, Inc., in the amount of \$48,250.50, for the Onion Creek Greenway III Improvements. (Transportation and Natural Resources) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
14. Approve contract award for Habitat Restoration Services, RFS No. 107-CM, as needed, to the highest-ranked respondent, Heritage Tree Care LLC. (Transportation and Natural Resources Department) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
15. Approve Change Order No. 8 to Contract No. 4400006680 with Geofill Material Technologies, LLC dba Geofill Construction, in the amount of \$73,772.81, for the County Clerk Expansion Project. (Facilities Management) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
16. Approve ratifications and contract awards for Access to Basic Support Services, RFS No. 083-JL, to the highest-ranked respondents as follows:
- A. Contract No. 4400008506 with Central Texas Food Bank, in the amount of \$100,000.00
 - B. Contract No. 4400008507 with Meals on Wheels and More, Inc., dba Meals on Wheels Central Texas, in the amount of \$100,000.00
 - C. Contract No. 4400008508 with El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission, in the amount of \$146,391.00
 - D. Contract No. 4400008509 with Sustainable Food Center, Inc., in the amount of \$218,800.00 (Health & Human Services) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Approve Modification No. 6 to Contract No. 4400002425 with Klotz Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$287,433.81 for the Onion Creek Greenway II Improvements. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner 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 the license agreement between Travis County and the YMCA Texas Youth & Government State Conference to use Travis County courtrooms to conduct mock trials at the Civil and Family Courts Facility. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

20. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a temporary detour and restriction of all traffic on Sassman Road between Thaxton Rd. and State Highway FM 1625 beginning on or about Sunday, February 8, 2026, and continuing through Sunday, November 22, 2026, or until work is complete, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the submission of a comment letter to the LCRA regarding their 2032 Water Management Plan. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

David Peyton, Assistant Director, Environmental Programs, Transportation
and Natural Resources

Kiersten Ivy, Manager, Environmental Programs, (TNR)

Ryan Petr, Environmental Specialist Sr., TNR

MOTION: Approve Item 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

22. Consider and take action on the Reimbursement Agreement Preliminary Engineering Services with Union Pacific Railroad relating to the Travis County 2023 Bond project: Howard Lane Shared Use Path. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Receive a briefing on the draft Master Flood Plan that has been completed as part of a Flood Infrastructure Fund grant through the Texas Water Development Board. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Shawn Snyder, Manager, Development Services, Transportation and Natural
Resources (TNR)

Sunit Deo, Water Resources Team Leader, Halff Associates

Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR

RESULT: DISCUSSED

24. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to approve the final payment to TXDOT for the FM 969 Phase II project, Contract No. 4400002940.
(Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
25. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Second Amendment to E Pflugerville Parkway/Jesse Bohls Roadway improvements Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Pflugerville and Travis County.
(Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
26. Receive briefing regarding the 2025 Surface Water Quality Program Report.
(Commissioners Shea & Howard)
RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Other

27. Approve the minutes for the January 6, January 13, January 20, and January 27, 2026, Voting Sessions and the January 15, 2026, Special Voting Session. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
28. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Natalie Poulos, PhD, RD, LD to the Austin-Travis County Food Policy Board, for a term effective immediately and ending on February 28, 2027. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
29. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of a Travis County representative to the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition. (Commissioner Howard)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
30. Receive a briefing and take appropriate action on the 2026 annual work plans from County Departments, including:
- A. Innovative Justice & Program Analysis
 - B. Community Legal Services (Judge Brown)
- Members of the Court heard from:
- Corey Bryks, Chief Deputy, Innovative Justice and Program Analysis (IJPA)
 - Leah Harrington, Interim Director, Counseling and Education Services, IJPA
 - Cynthia Simons, Planning Manager, Justice Planning, IJPA
 - Valerie Hollier, Planning Project Manager, Justice Planning, IJPA
 - Reyda Taylor, Strategic Advisor, IJPA
 - Geoffrey Burkhart, County Executive, Community Legal Services

RESULT: DISCUSSED

31. Amend Order Designating Early Voting & Election Day Polling Places for the March 3, 2026, Primary Election. (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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

33. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding recent revisions to the Texas Public Information Act, designation of public information coordinators by County offices, and legal responsibilities of County Judge and Commissioners Court under the Act.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 33 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: (1) Direct the County Departments under the Commissioners Court to confirm their designated public records liaison, establish a designated email address for receiving public information requests, and to implement a standardized open records webpage and/or webform on the County website, in consultation and with guidance from the County Attorney's Office.

(2) Direct ITS to update the County website's content and layout to provide additional information to efficiently direct the public on requesting information as advised by the County Attorney's Office.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

34. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding the appointment, hiring, employment, evaluation and duties of the Travis County Executive for Technology & Operations.^{1&3} (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 34 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

35. Receive briefing and take appropriate action regarding the appointment, hiring, employment, evaluation and duties of the Travis County Executive for Innovative Justice & Program Analysis.^{1&3} (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 35 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

36. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding *Brown, et al v. Paxton, et al.*, Cause No. 1:24-CV-1095-ADA, United States District Court for the Western District, Austin Division.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 36 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

37. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding outdoor burning and the sale and use of fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Travis County.¹ (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge