



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

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on March 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 Deputy Lola Ogunro.

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: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

ABSENT: Margaret Gómez

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:
Laura Seaton, Administrative Associate, Technology and Operations

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The court held a moment of silence for the victims of the shooting on West Sixth Street.

Clerk's Note: The court held a moment for the passing of Elizabeth Paxton.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 5, 8, 9, 10, 11.a, 12, 13, 14.a-i, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21.a, 22, 24, 25, 26.a-b, 27.a-b, 29.
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

Public Hearings

1. Receive comments regarding the issuance of a mass gathering permit for the Luck Reunion event, scheduled to take place on March 19-20, 2026, at 1100 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, TX 78669. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)

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, Margaret Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

Danny Timmons, Assistant Deputy III, Travis County Fire Marshall's Office
Scott Marsh, Director of Operations, In Luck Productions LLC

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

2. Receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located along the lot lines of Lots 475 & 476, Apache Shores First Installment, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

Chris Yanez, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range Planning, 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, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

3. Receive comments regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located along the lot lines of Lot 685, Apache Shores Section 4 a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Members of the Court heard from:

Chris Yanez, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range Planning, 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, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

Resolutions & Proclamations

4. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a proclamation recognizing the month of March as Professional Social Work Month in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Leslie Gains, Division Director, Health and Human Services (HHS)
Jamey Bellisle, Social Services Program Administrator, HHS
Reno Gomez, Social Services Program Administrator, HHS
Robert Lilly, Peer Support Specialist, Travis County Public Defender's Office

MOTION: Approve Item 4.
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

5. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Emergency Services

6. 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 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

7. Consider and take appropriate action on the issuance of a mass gathering permit for the Luck Reunion event, scheduled to take place on March 19-20, 2026, at 1100 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, TX 78669. (Commissioners Shea & Howard)

MOTION: Approve Item 7.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

8. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the Memorandum of Agreement between County of Travis, Texas and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office regarding the use of County of Travis, Texas Interoperable System and IPAWS OPEN Platform for Emergency Networks (IPAWS-OPEN). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the Program Year 2025 (PY25) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Grant Agreement and Special Conditions provided by HUD. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez).
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
10. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a request to approve the declaration of land use restrictive covenants for the Land Use Restrictive Agreement (LURA) for the Juniper Creek SHIP project. (Commissioners Howard & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

11. 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 NRG Reliant CARE Program within Travis County Health and Human Services department
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
- B. Any other necessary grant applications, letters of support or grant awards attached to Commissioners Court backup for this Agenda item (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Dashiell Daniels, Travis County Grants Administrator
Julie Wheeler, Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office

MOTION: Approve the list of projects, including the support letter.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

12. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Housing Authority of Travis County Board of Commissioners. (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 12 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

Planning & Budget

13. Authorize the County Treasurer to invest County funds. (Judge Brown)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
14. 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 Transportation & Natural Resources to transfer \$130,000 from the Allocated Reserve to budget prior year revenues related to the Arkansas Bend Surety settlement, which were received in Fiscal Year 2024 and not certified at that time, therefore falling to ending fund balance, but were intended to assist with the Arkansas Bend project per the agreement
 - B. Request from Transportation and Natural Resources to transfer \$7,384,035 from the Allocated Reserve of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve Special Revenue Fund (0115) to their budget for a BCP property purchase approved by Commissioners Court on January 29, 2026
 - C. Request from the County Clerk's Office to create an internally funded Records Analyst succession position effective April 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026, with an estimated cost of \$94,314
 - D. Request from the Public Defender's Office to create an internally funded Office Manager Sr. succession position effective March 9, 2026, to April 3, 2026
 - E. Request from the Public Defender's Office (PDO) to transfer \$82,389 from an Earmark against the Allocated Reserve for the continuation of the expanded Emergency Shelter Fund
 - F. Request from the Juvenile Probation Department to use up to \$8,700 of existing internal departmental resources to purchase food and beverages for 25 events involving youth and families served by the Department
 - G. Request from Health and Human Services to transfer \$37,250 of temporary salary savings in the AgriLife Program to operating to fund increases in livestock costs for the 4-H AgriLife program
 - H. Request from Emergency Services to transfer \$1,000,000 from the Emergency Reserve to provide resources for future unplanned emergencies for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026
 - I. Request from the Purchasing Office to use up to \$300 of existing internal

departmental resources to purchase food and beverages for the annual Purchasing Office Vendor Conference on March 5, 2026
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Guidelines.
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

16. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to approve a TEFRA Certificate for tax-exempt financing to be undertaken by the Iowa Finance Authority for the benefit of Lifespace Communities, Inc. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

17. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the debt model presentation, Fiscal Year 2026 Certificates of Obligation Issuance, cash flow assumption for the 2023 Voter Approved projects, and change of use for prior year certificates of obligation, including:

- A. An update to the Certificates of Obligation project list, including the addition of \$12,000,000 for the Precinct Two property purchase and a request to authorize the use of \$2,375,000 of prior year CO resources to decrease the Fiscal Year 2026 CO issuance, for a net change of \$9,625,000 including issuance costs, for a total planned issuance of \$138,875,000
- B. An update to the Fiscal Year 2023 Voter Approved Authorization cash flow/issuance schedule that will result in no Voter Approved bonds issued in Fiscal Year 2026, with all cash flow shifted to Fiscal Year 2027 and Fiscal Year 2028
- C. An update to the debt model to reflect the above requested changes, as well as changes in assumptions related to interest rates
- D. Request authorization to utilize \$1,508,431 of prior year CO resources to fully fund a project approved for partial funding as part of the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Acquisition Resources (CAR) budget
- E. An order authorizing publication of a notice of intent to issue Certificates of Obligation
- F. Proposed debt issuance timeline (Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
Michelle Surka, Assistant Budget Director, PBO
Gabe Stock, Director, Facilities Management Department

Judge Brown announced that Item 17.a-f would be further 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: Approve requested actions for Items 17. a, b, c, e, and f.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Brigid Shea

Clerk's Note: Item 17.d was discussed, but no action was taken.

18. Consider and take appropriate action on a request to set a date of March 10, 2026, at 9:00 AM for a public hearing required by Chapter 394, Texas Local Government Code concerning the issuance of tax-exempt multifamily housing revenue bonds to finance the Payton Gin apartments. (Commissioner Shea)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

19. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
20. Approve Modification No. 9 to Contract No. 4400004924 with Fibertown DC, LLC, in the monthly amount of \$28,048.00, for Secondary Data Center Lease. (Technology & Operations) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

21. Consider and take appropriate action on the following Personnel Amendments
- A. Routine Personnel Actions
(Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
22. Consider and take appropriate action on the adoption of plan changes to the Travis County Deferred Compensation 457 Plan as recommended by the Deferred Compensation Committee at its August 2025 quarterly meeting. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Consider and take appropriate action regarding an update to the Space Standards for offices and departments in County buildings. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

24. Consider and take appropriate action on total loss vehicle claims. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

25. Consider and take appropriate action on the Acceptance of the Dedication of the Public Street and Drainage Facilities within Easton Park Section 5A subdivision, in Precinct Four. (Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

26. Consider and take appropriate action on the Acceptance of the Dedication of the Public Street and Drainage Facilities within West Bella Fortuna Phase 2 and Phase 3 subdivisions, in Precinct Four:

- A. Acceptance of the Dedication of the Public Street and Drainage facilities within West Bella Fortuna Phase 2 final plat
- B. Acceptance of the Dedication of the Public Street and Drainage facilities within West Bella Fortuna Phase 3 final plat
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Consider and take appropriate action on the following requests regarding the Hills at Provence condominium development in Precinct Three:

- A. An exemption from the requirement to plat for Hills at Provence condominium site project.
- B. A Condominium Construction Agreement between Masonwood HP, LTD and Travis County.
(Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

28. Receive a briefing and take appropriate action on the 2026 annual work plans from County Departments, including:

- A. Planning & Budget
- B. Intergovernmental Relations
- C. Public Information (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
 Travis Gatlin, Budget Director, PBO
 Christy Moffett, Director, Economic Development & Strategic Investments,
 PBO
 Julie Wheeler, Officer, Intergovernmental Relations Office
 Hector Nieto, Public Information Officer, Public Information Office

RESULT: DISCUSSED

- 29. Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of Melody McClary to the Austin/Travis County Food Policy Board for a term effective immediately and ending February 29, 2028. (Commissioner Shea)

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

- 30. 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 30 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

31. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding economic development and program implementation in connection with the voter-approved Child Care and Out of School Time Fund (Raising Travis County).¹ (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)

Judge Brown announced that Item 31 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

32. 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 32 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.

MOTION: Approve the questions 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

33. 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)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

34. 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 34 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Authorize filing a cause of action related to Brown, et al v. Paxton, et al., Cause No. 1:24-CV-1095-ADA, United States District Court for the Western District, Austin Division.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

35. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action on development impacting property located at approximately 100 N. IH-35, Austin, Texas, 78701.^{1&2} (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. 551.072, Real Property.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge