



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court April 14, 2026 Voting Session

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

Meeting called to order on April 14, 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

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:

Audri Nelson, Travis County Resident
Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, Health and Human Services (HHS)
Esmaya Hendrickson, Heart Galleries of Texas
Rochelle Vickory, Travis County Resident
Joanna Wolaver, Executive Director, Travis County Parks Foundation
Francesca Solano, Texas Humane Legislation Network
Monique Budd, Health & Wellness Program Administrator, HHS
Laura Seaton, Administrative Associate, Technology and Operations
Emily Ackland, Division Director, Environmental Quality, Transportation and Natural Resources
Henrietta Manzanares-Schnick, Volunteer, AmeriCorps Vista

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 7, 9, 14.a-c, 15, 16.a-e, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26.a-b, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37.

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

Resolutions & Proclamations

1. Approve a proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Travis County. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, Health and Human Services
Susana Martinez, Executive Director, Partnerships for Children
Natalie Taylor, Director, Child Welfare, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
Michael Torres, CEO, Center for Child Protection
José Garza, Travis County District Attorney
Sally Hernandez, Travis County Sheriff

MOTION: Approve Item 1.
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

2. Approve a proclamation recognizing the Harvest Family Life Ministries for their work with families and children involved in the child welfare system. (Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Bishop Aaron Blake, Harvest Family Life Ministry
Jady Griffin, Pastor, Antioch Church
Allo Sanchez, Pastor, Agape Iglesia de Dios

MOTION: Approve Item 2.
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

3. Approve a Proclamation recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Wild Basin Wilderness

Preserve and designating April 18, 2026, as Wild Basin Day to honor its history.
(Commissioners Shea & Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Barbara Dugelby, Executive Director, St. Edwards Wild Basin Creative
Research Center
Jonathan Hodge, Professor, St. Edwards School of Natural Sciences
Jeremy Hull, Assistant Director, Natural Resources, Transportation and
Natural Resources

MOTION: Approve Item 3.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez
ABSENT: Andy Brown

4. Approve a proclamation recognizing April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, including an awards presentation to honor two community members.
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

5. Approve a proclamation recognizing April 2026 as Arab American Heritage Month in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Hatem Natsheh, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Austin
Chapter
Susanna Ledesma, Travis County Resident

MOTION: Approve Item 5.
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

6. Approve a proclamation recognizing April 2026 as Counseling Awareness Month in Travis County. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Katherine Emery, President, Capital of Texas Counseling Association (TCA)
Noah Jones, Public Policy Analyst, TCA
Lisa Schenk, Treasurer, TCA

MOTION: Approve Item 6.

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

Auditor

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

Emergency Services

8. 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

9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve setting a public hearing for Tuesday, April 28, 2026, to receive public comment and consider appropriate action regarding the issuance of a Mass Gathering Permit for the Sammy Virji Event, scheduled to be held on May 9, 2026, at 8509 Burleson Road, Austin, Texas 78719. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Health & Human Services

10. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a resolution authorizing a proposed Travis County Facilities Corporation multi-family development known as the Perch Manor Downs, located at 9001 Hill Lane, Austin, Texas, a public facility corporations project sponsored by the Housing Authority of Travis County, pursuant to Local Government Code Section 303.0421(b)(4). (Judge Brown & Commissioner Travillion)

Members of the Court heard from:

Monique Coleman, Division Director, Supportive Housing, Health and Human

Services
David West, Partner, Good + West Residential
Jena Stude, Vice President, Development, Good + West Residential

MOTION: Approve Item 10.
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

11. Receive and accept the annual report from the Travis County Child Protective Services Board (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Laura Peveto, Director, Office of Children Services, Health and Human Services
Sarah Rees, Secretary, Travis County Child Protective Services Board
Ben Mercer, Intern, Travis County Child Protective Services Board

RESULT: DISCUSSED

12. Consider and take appropriate action on approval of the CDBG Owner Septic System Rehabilitation Agreement for program implementation. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez).

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

13. Consider and take appropriate action to approve subaward amendment/modification No. 3 to the Contract No. 4400006882 with Mobile Loaves & Fishes, Inc. for the Burleson Project loan package. (Commissioners Howard & Gómez)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Intergovernmental Relations

14. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant Letters of Intent, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:
- A. Application request from Health and Human Services for the Children's Mental Health Initiative - Fiscal Year 2026 grant solicited by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
 - B. Modification request from the District Attorney's Office for the Enhancing Investigation and Prosecution of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Initiative - Fiscal Year 2024 grant
 - C. 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

Planning & Budget

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

16. 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 the Office of Security and Protection (OSP) within the Technology and Operations Department (TOPS) for \$50,693 from the Courthouse Security Fund's (0111) Allocated Reserve to purchase replacement baggage screening devices for the Justice of the Peace, Precinct Five
- B. Request from the Human Resources Management Department (HRMD) to use up to \$580 of internal operating resources for food, beverages and event decor, for an Employee Recognition Event to recognize the dedication and contributions of long-term employees and acknowledge staff achievements scheduled for May 5, 2026, at 700 Lavaca
- C. Request from Emergency Medical Services to extend the internally funded Helicopter Pilot Special Project Worker (SPW) position, originally approved on June 25, 2025, to end on September 30, 2026, and this action will extend the position through June 30, 2027, due to a newly planned retirement of a Helicopter Pilot
- D. Request from the Community Legal Services (CLS), in coordination with CAPDS, for a fee schedule modification of Contract 4400003950 for the CAPDS Forensic Review Project to incorporate a reduction of \$16,259.26 that will be re-allocated to allow for the procurement of technical equipment on behalf of CAPDS in support of all active CAPDS projects and contracts, including the Forensic Review projects
- E. Request from Emergency Services to transfer \$252,579 from the Allocated Reserve of the Fire Code Fund (0134) to the departmental budget within the Fund to cover additional expenses related to the 11th floor relocation of the Fire Marshall's Office within 700 Lavaca. If approved, this will increase the project budget from \$550,000 to \$802,579
(Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

17. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
18. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400008163 with Garratt Callahan Company, in the amount of \$725,567.85, for Water Treatment System Services. (FMD) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
19. Approve Purchase Order 4100262822 for the Control Room Upgrade Project at the Travis County Jail and Travis County Correctional Complex, for a total amount of \$1,168,068.00, from Ford Audio Video Systems, LLC through the TIPS Cooperative. (Sheriff's Office) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
20. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400005860 with enCodePlus, LLC, in the amount of \$2,500.00, for the enCodePlus system. (TNR) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
21. Approve Modification No. 6 to Contract No. 4400005641 with HMG & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$14,950.00, for the Medical Examiner's Office Evaluation. (Facilities Management Department) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
22. Approve exemption and Contract No. 4400008659 with Cothron Safe and Lock Company, Inc. dba Cothrons Security Professionals, as needed, for locksmithing and door security services. (Technology and Operations, Countywide) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
23. Approve exemption and Contract No. 4400008607 with Brianna Nicole Eichhorn Voudouris, in the amount of \$90,000.00, for adult education instructor services. (Sheriff's Office) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
24. 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
25. Declare used equipment as surplus and authorize trade-in for the purchase of new equipment pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 263.152(a)(2). (Commissioner Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

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

- A. Routine Personnel Actions
- B. Non-Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

27. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the Adaptive Workplace Annual Update and Recommendations. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Members of the Court heard from:

Dr. June Mighty, Director, Human Resources Management Department
(HRMD)

Dr. Gene Holloway, Director, Organizational Development, HRMD

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office

Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, Transportation and Natural Resources

RESULT: DISCUSSED

28. Consider and take appropriate action to set the Employee Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 23, 2026, from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Consider and take appropriate action regarding the eleventh amendment to the 1989 sublease agreement between the Travis County Exposition Center and Rodeo Austin using space at 7311 Decker Lane, Austin, Texas. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

30. Consider and take appropriate action on the final 2026 Travis County Parks Comprehensive Plan and the 2026 Pace Bend Park Vision Plan. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Janet Coles, Planning Project Manager, Parks, Transportation and Natural
Resources (TNR)

Robert Armistead, Division Director, Parks, TNR

Tommy Cude, Assistant Director, Parks, TNR

Joanna Wolaver, Executive Director, Travis County Parks Foundation

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office

MOTION: Approve Item 30.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 Margaret Gómez
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, Margaret Gómez

31. Receive briefing regarding the TNR Capital Improvement Program Quarterly Update. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessy Milner, President, Frontline Advisory Group (FLAG)
Robert Valenzuelz, Public Works Director, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
Kondala Rao Mantri, Public Works Assistant Director, TNR
Sydnia Crosbie Chief Deputy, TNR

RESULT: DISCUSSED

32. Approve setting a public hearing on May 12, 2026, regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located along the lot lines of Lots 21 & 22, Highland Club Village Section 1, a subdivision in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

33. Consider and take appropriate action on the Acceptance of the Dedication of the Public Street and Drainage Facilities within Entrada Phase 5 subdivision, in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

34. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to use a Cash Security Agreement for environmental fiscal security for Martin Lane Business Park, in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

35. Consider and take appropriate action on the Construction and Traffic Mitigation Agreement between A M Petroleum, Inc, a Texas corporation, and Travis County for traffic mitigation associated with the proposed JD's Supermarket, in Precinct One. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

36. Consider and take appropriate action to approve Interlocal Agreement with Travis County Community Supervision and Corrections Department for Community Service Work Crew Activities. (Commissioners Travillion & Shea)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

37. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request for the Commissioners Court, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 232.010, to allow a conveyance, by metes and bounds and without revising the plat, of a portion of Lot

4, Block A of the Jaketown Subdivision, a subdivision recorded in Document No.201400122 of the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, more commonly known as 12208 FM 969, Austin, Texas 78724.
(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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

39. Executive session review of candidates recommended for 1st Panel Interviews in the County Executive, IJPA Recruitment.^{1&3} (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 39 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

40. Consider and take appropriate action on a proposal from the Dell Medical School on the use of Opioid Abatement Funds.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 40 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

41. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action on hiring County Executive for Technology & Operation.^{1&3} (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 41 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