



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court June 16, 2026 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on June 16, 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 George Morales

Public Communication

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

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: There were no County Announcements.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 3, 5, 6, 7. a-e, 8, 9, 10.a-b, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, and 20.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George Morales

Public Hearings

1. 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 10 & 10A, Travis

Landing No.2 Phase 1, a subdivision in Precinct Two. (Commissioner Shea)

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, George Morales

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 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George Morales

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 1055 & 1056, Apache Shores Section 2, 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, George Morales

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 3 Ann Howard
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 George Morales
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George Morales

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

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

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)

Items 4.b and 21 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion.

Members of the Court heard from:

Eric Carter, Chief Emergency Management Coordinator, Emergency Services

Patrick Phillips, Chief Deputy, Emergency Services

Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, Transportation and Natural Resources
(TNR)

Robert Valenzuelz, Public Works Director, TNR

MOTION: Approve Order to continue the County Judge's disaster declaration regarding the New World Screwworm issued on June 12, 2026, as attached in backup.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 George Morales

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

Health & Human Services

5. Consider and take appropriate action on a draft of the Travis County CDBG/HOME Program Year 2026 (PY26) Action Plan to be posted for public comment. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

6. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the public comment draft of the substantial amendments to the CDBG PY2024–2028 Consolidated Plan and the

PY2024 and PY2025 Action Plans for public comment.
(Judge Brown & Commissioner Gómez)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

7. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant Letters of Intent, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:
 - A. Resolution and signature authority for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Program grant within Emergency Services
 - B. Modification request from the Travis County District Attorney's Office for the Fiscal Year 2024 Smart Prosecution Program solicited by the US Department of Justice
 - C. Modification request from the Facilities Management Department for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
 - D. Modification request from the Health and Human Services Department for the Fiscal Year 2026 Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program
 - E. 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

8. Consider and take appropriate action on appointments to the Travis County Children's Protective Services Board. (Judge Brown)

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 the District Attorney's Office to transfer \$100,000 from the Allocated Reserve for anticipated court costs through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026. The request is \$80,000 above the \$20,000 Fiscal Year 2026 Earmark for this purpose.

- B. Request from the County Judge's Office to increase their Fiscal Year 2027 Preliminary Budget by \$12,471 on an annualized basis to hire their preferred candidate to fill their Business Office Manager position (#20056502) that can be covered with vacancy savings in Fiscal Year 2026 but will require the annualized amount in Fiscal Year 2027 (Commissioner Gómez)

Judge Brown announced that Item 10 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. Judge Brown also announced the following in regard to Item 10: "Consider and take appropriate action on budget amendments, transfers and discussion items, including, but not limited to the following listed items, and any other necessary budget amendments and transfers attached to Commissioners Court backup, including the memo dated June 11, 2026, published in the backup regarding a potential budget amendment related to available state property under the real property and consultation with attorney exceptions to the Texas Open Meetings Act."

Clerk's Note: Items 10. a and 10. b were approved on consent. Item 10 was taken into Executive Session and discussed, but no further action was taken.

11. Consider and take appropriate action to approve assignment of Private Activity Bond authority by Travis County Housing Finance Corporation to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs related to its Single Family program. (Commissioner Shea)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

12. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
13. Approve exemption and Contract No. 4400008804 with The American National Red Cross, as needed, for CPR Training Services. (Juvenile Probation Department and Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioners Travillion & Gómez)
RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT
14. Declare used equipment as surplus and authorize trade-in to purchase of new equipment pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 263.152(a)(2). (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

16. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a lease with the Health and Human Services Commission for Travis County to use 1,183 square feet in Building 784 of the Austin State Hospital Campus, located at 4110 Guadalupe Street in Austin, Texas, and delegate authority to sign the lease and approve yearly renewals to the Director of Facilities Management.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

17. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located along the lot lines of Lots 10 & 10A, Travis Landing No.2 Phase 1, a subdivision in Precinct Two.
(Commissioner Shea)

MOTION: Approve Item 17.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

18. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located along the lot lines of Lots 1055 & 1056, Apache Shores Section 2, a subdivision in Precinct Three.
(Commissioner Howard)

MOTION: Approve Item 18.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 3 Ann Howard

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea

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

19. Approve setting a public hearing on July 14, 2026, regarding a request to authorize the filing of an instrument to vacate a public utility easement located along the lot lines of Lots 408 & 873, Apache Shores Section 2, a subdivision in Precinct Three.
(Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Other

20. Appoint the Travis County Risk Manager as mediation representative in Cause No. D-1-26-000940, *Rafael Reyes v. Travis County*; In the 126th District County, Travis County, Texas. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Receive briefing on New World Screwworm from Desmar Walkes, MD, Austin/Travis County Health Authority. (Judge Brown)

Items 4.b and 21 are associated with one another and were called for concurrent discussion. Please refer to Item 4.b for a summary of the action taken by the Court.

Members of the Court heard from:

Desmar Walkes, MD, Austin/Travis County Health Authority
Ana Almaguel, Division Director, Health and Human Services
Sonja Swiger, Extension Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
Ann-Marie Sheely, Division Director, Travis County Attorney's Office
Hector Nieto, Public Information Officer, Public Information Office

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

23. Receive a briefing, consider, and take appropriate action on hiring the County executive for IJPA in Executive Session.^{1&3} (Judge Brown)

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

Adjourn

**Minutes Approved by the Commissioners
Court**

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge