



Minutes for the Travis County Commissioners Court July 28, 2026 Voting Session

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order on July 28, 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

MOTION: Reduce public comments to 2 minutes.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion
AYES: Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George Morales
ABSENT: Andy Brown

Public Communication

Members of the Court heard from:

Michael Lofton, Founder & Executive Director, Harvest Trauma Recovery Center (HTRC)
Corey Hopkins, HRTC
Terrance Vincent Hopkins, HRTC
Thulani Lewis, HRTC
Elaine Lofton, HRTC
Davian Young Clark, Digital Team Media, HRTC
Darlene Gross, HRTC
Cheryl Lewis, Out of School Time Coordinator, HRTC
Deandre Wheeler, HRTC
Tyrone Jones, Youth Development Coordinator, African American Youth, HRTC
Calvin Kelly, Chief Clinical Office, African American Youth, HRTC
Carolina Martinez, Mentoring Program, HRTC

Shephora Pierre, Data Coordinator, African American Youth, HRTC
Kelia Hopkins, Data Coordinator, African American Youth, HRTC
Madhu Periyasamy, Data Team, HRTC
Yetunde Odugbemi, Mentor, HRTC
Lee Williams, HRTC
Tatiana Williams, HRTC
Maybeth Cannon, Vista Program, AmeriCorps
Nikita Kemp, HRTC
Saul Paul, Founder, The Saul Paul Foundation
Laura Seaton, Administrative Associate, Technology and Operations

County Announcements

Clerk's Note: The Commissioners Court held a moment of silence for Anthoneil Williams II.

Consent Motion

MOTION: Approve Items 4, 6, 7, 9, 10. a-b, 13, 14. a-b, d-e, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23. a-b, 24. a-b, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 35.
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 the proposed assessments on Improvement Area #1A and #1B of the Lagos Reserve Public Improvement District. (Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
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

Members of the Court heard from:

Sally McFeron, PID Managing Director, Planning and Budget Office (PBO)
Christy Moffett, Director, Economic Development and Strategic Investments,
PBO
Pete Dwyer, Owner & President, Dwyer Realty Companies

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
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

2. Receive comments regarding a request from NEXWASTE LLC for a variance from the County's siting criteria for transfer stations and recycling facilities, set forth in Travis County Code Section 312.003, that require that such facilities be located at least 350 feet away from all individual residences, for a proposed facility located at 9110 S. U.S. 183 Hwy, Austin, Texas 78747. (Judge Brown)

MOTION: Open the Public Hearing.
RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**
MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 2 Brigid Shea
SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 4 George Morales
AYES: Andy Brown, Jeffrey Travillion, Brigid Shea, Ann Howard, George Morales

Members of the Court heard from:

Emily Auckland, Division Director, Transportation and Natural Resources
(TNR)
Walter Biel, Owner, Nexus Recon Services
Pedro Jaime, Travis County Resident
David Peyton, Assistant Director, TNR

MOTION: Close the Public Hearing.
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

Resolutions & Proclamations

3. Approve proclamation recognizing the retirement of Patrick Kutac for his 23 years of service to Travis County and its residents. (Commissioners Travillion & Howard)

RESULT: POSTPONED

Auditor

4. Approve payment of claims by the County Treasurer. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Emergency Services

5. 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 disaster or emergency, including Travis County's response, operations, policies, emergency assistance, agreements, preparedness for future flood events and other disasters, 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, preparedness and recovery efforts (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Health & Human Services

6. Consider and take appropriate action to approve modification to Interlocal Agreement No. 4600001072 with Worksource – Greater Austin Area Workforce Board DBA Workforce Solutions – Capital Area Workforce Board, for the provision of Child Care Scholarships. (Judge Brown & Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

7. Consider and take appropriate action to approve a modification to Professional Services Subaward with Youth and Family Alliance D/B/A Lifeworks, Contract No.4600000851, for the provision of Workforce Development Services. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

8. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an extension of the Interlocal Agreement between Travis County and the City of Austin for the provision of Public Health Services, Contract #4400001726 through September 30, 2026, to allow continuation of services and contract negotiations (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

9. Consider and take appropriate action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Travis County and the City of Austin for the Creation and Support of a Family Justice Center. (Judge Brown)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Intergovernmental Relations

10. Consider and take appropriate action on the following grant Letters of Intent, contracts and related special budgets, and permissions to continue:
- A. Letter of Support and Memorandum of Understanding with the Northeast Austin Promise Neighborhoods coalition for their application for a U.S. Department of Education Promise Neighborhoods implementation grant.
 - B. Closeout documents for the FY 2025 Retired and Senior Volunteer Program grant within Health and Human Services.

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

11. Consider and take appropriate action on an appointment to the Strategic Housing Finance Corporation Board of Directors (*This item may be taken into Executive Session under Government Code section 551.074, Personnel Matters exception, and Government Code section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney exception*). (Judge Brown)

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

Innovative Justice & Program Analysis

12. Receive an update from the Austin-Travis County Reentry Roundtable on the Fiscal Year 2026 overview and 2027 strategy. (Commissioner Howard)

Members of the Court heard from:

Misty Campbell, Chair, Austin/Travis Reentry RoundTable
(ATRR) Melissa Shearer, Past Chair, ATRR
Atma Meek, Current Fellow, ATRR
Jennifer Pinkley, Lead Coordinating Committee Member, ATRR
Barbara Ornelas, Community Partner/Past Fellow, ATRR

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 Health and Human Services' Office of Children's Services to transfer for \$7,300 from CPS Board operating budget to the temporary personnel budget to support completion of projects that will improve family access to support and services

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- B. Request from the Criminal Courts to create a 1.0 Judicial Aide Specialist FTE to help cover Criminal Court Judges' Court Coordinators when they are on vacation or leave at an estimated cost of \$26,622 for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026. The Judicial Aide Specialist FTE has an annualized cost of \$106,488 that is recommended by PBO in the Fiscal Year 2027 Preliminary Budget. The Fiscal Year 2026 expense will be covered internally by the department with the position needing to start this year due to the anticipation of employees out on paid leave

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- C. Request from the Facilities Management Department (FMD) for \$1,250,000 from a \$7,810,000 Earmark against the Capital Acquisition Resources (CAR) Reserve that includes \$1,000,000 to replace HVAC units at the Exposition Center Arena - Skyline Club and \$250,000 to complete repairs needed to keep the Exposition Center's HVAC plumbing, and electrical systems in good working condition

Judge Brown announced that Item 14.c. would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Approve Item 14.c.

RESULT: **APPROVED - UNANIMOUS**

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

SECONDER: County Judge Andy Brown

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

- D. Request from HRMD to transfer \$13,703,879 from Allocated Reserve within the Employee Health Benefit Fund for the estimated employee and retiree health claims for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026 above the existing budget

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

- E. Request from the Medical Examiner's Office to transfer \$9,363 from a \$25,000 Earmark against the Capital Acquisition Resources (CAR) Reserve to replace the Office's commercial washer and dryer, which are no longer operational (Commissioner Shea)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

15. Consider and take appropriate action on Fiscal Year 2027 budget hearings. (Commissioner Shea)

Members of the Court heard from:

Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office

MOTION: Approve Item 15.

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

16. Consider and take appropriate action on the following items for the Lagos Reserve Public Improvement District (District):

- A. An order (1) accepting and approving a service and assessment plan and assessment rolls for Improvement Areas #1A and #1B of the District; (2) making a finding of special benefit to the property to be assessed within Improvement Areas #1A and #1B; (3) levying assessments against and establishing a lien on certain property within Improvement Areas #1A and #1B; (4) providing for method of assessment and the payment of the assessment in accordance with Chapter 372, Texas Local Government Code, as amended; (5) providing for penalties and interest on delinquent assessments; (6) providing for severability; (7) resolving all matters incident and related thereto; and (8) providing an effective date
- B. A resolution approving and authorizing a Funding Agreement and Acquisition and Reimbursement Agreement for Improvement Areas #1A and #1B
- C. A resolution approving and authorizing Landowner Agreements for Improvement Areas #1A and #1B (Commissioner Travillion)

MOTION: Approve Item 16.
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

17. Consider and take appropriate action on an agreement between Travis County (Tax Office) and the Travis County Development Authority for billing and collection services related to the Lagos Reserve Public Improvement District. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Purchasing

18. Receive bids from County Purchasing Agent. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

19. Approve contract award for Vending and Micro Market Concession Services, RFS No. 168-BH, a revenue agreement, to the highest-ranked respondent, Sodexo Operations, LLC. (Facilities Management Department and Sherrif's Office) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

20. Approve Modification No. 4 to Contract No. 4400004267 with Huitt-Zollars, Inc., in the amount of \$31,990.21, for the Thoroughbred Farms Drainage Project. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

21. Approve Modification No. 1 to Contract No. 4400008330 with Texas Harm Reduction Alliance for Overdose Prevention Program. (Health & Human Services) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

22. Approve contract award for professional consulting services, Pyramid/O'Reilly Roadway Improvements, RFQ No. 143-GC, in the amount of \$1,187,513.77, to the most highly qualified respondent, Rodriguez Transportation Group, Inc. (Transportation & Natural Resources) (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

23. Consider and take appropriate action to:

- A. Approve order amending the Travis County Code by amending Chapter 32 Purchasing Rules with revised Chapter 32 Purchasing Rules
- B. Approving revisions to the Purchasing Procedures Guide.
(Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Technology & Operations

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

- A. Routine Personnel Actions
- B. Non-Routine Personnel Actions (Commissioners Travillion & Morales)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

25. Receive an update on the annual report and survey for the Paid Parental Leave policy.
(Commissioners Travillion & Morales)

Members of the Court heard from:

Susan Welbes, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources
Management Department (HRMD)
Shannon Steele, Benefits Manager, HRMD
David Canales, Finance & Administration Manager, HRMD
Emily Steinberg, Office Manager Senior, Community Legal Services

RESULT: DISCUSSED

26. Receive a briefing and take appropriate action on the Classified Employee Compensation for Fiscal Year 2027. (Commissioners Travillion & Morales)

Members of the Court heard from:

Susan Welbes, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources
Management Department (HRMD)
Jessica Rio, County Executive, Planning and Budget Office
Carol Guthrie, Business Manager, AFSCME 1624
David Canales, Finance & Administration Manager, HRMD

RESULT: DISCUSSED

27. Approve modification to the License Agreement between Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector and Contract No. 4600001193 with Preciado Auto Title LLC f/k/a Preciado Insurance Agency LLC. (Commissioner Morales)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

28. Consider and take appropriate action on an automobile total loss claim recommendation for the date of loss of June 14, 2026. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

29. Consider and take appropriate action on an automobile total loss claim recommendation for the date of loss of May 9, 2026. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

30. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the allocation of a portion of the excess revenue generated by the Travis County Deferred Compensation (457 plan) to support the education activities of the Travis County Deferred Compensation Oversight Committee. (Commissioners Travillion & Morales)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

Transportation & Natural Resources

31. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to release a portion (0.2225 acres) of a lateral support easement associated with Whisper Valley Village 1 Phase 6A, located on East Braker Lane. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

32. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to release a portion (0.2644 acres) of a lateral support easement associated with Whisper Valley Village 1 Phase 6A, located on East Braker Lane. (Commissioner Travillion)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

33. Consider and take appropriate action regarding a request to use a Cash Security Agreement for environmental fiscal security for True Spin Dental, in Precinct Three. (Commissioner Howard)

RESULT: ADDED TO CONSENT

34. Consider and take appropriate action to approve updated fees for the Transportation & Natural Resources development review process. (Judge Brown)

Members of the Court heard from:

Chris Yanez, Division Director, Development Services and Long-Range Planning, Transportation and Natural Resources (TNR)
Cynthia McDonald, County Executive, TNR
Sydnia Crosbie, Chief Deputy, TNR

MOTION: Increase 15% to all fees.
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

Other

35. Approve the minutes for the June 2, June 9, June 16, and June 24, 2026, Voting Sessions and the June 11, 2026, Special Voting Session.

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

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

RESULT: NO ACTION NECESSARY

37. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action on general procedures for November election, including security, voter registration, and privacy issues, and the possibility of hiring pro bono outside counsel to assist.^{1,4 & 6} (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 37 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

38. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding the siting of solid waste facilities in Travis County and a request from NEXWASTE LLC for a variance from the County's siting criteria for transfer stations and recycling facilities, set forth in Travis County Code Section 312.003, that require that such facilities be located at least 350 feet away from all individual residences.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 38 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: I move that the Court direct TNR to obtain additional information from NexWaste, including specific information on: (1) how NexWaste will comply with all necessary conditions and employ all necessary measures to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by mitigating any adverse impacts (including impacts related to air, noise, water, and light pollution) on persons, property, and natural resources adjacent to the facility, and (2) the remediation plan that NexWaste would be required to implement in the event of any release of pollutants or waste from the facility.

MOVER: Commissioner Precinct 4 George Morales

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Direct staff to talk to NexWaste about collecting some evidence that they have spoken with all the neighbors about their plan.

MOVER: Ann Howard

RESULT: **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT ACCEPTED**

Clerk's Note: A Vote on the Standing Motion was taken.

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

39. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action on hiring outside counsel for representation in federal committee request for documents.¹ (Commissioner Shea)

Judge Brown announced that Item 39 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

MOTION: Hire the law firm of Miller & Chevalier as outside counsel for the District Attorney, and authorize County Attorney to negotiate terms of a professional services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

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

40. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding Section 1.021 of the Travis County Code, including section 1.021 (c) Criteria for Qualifying Names, regarding the Renaming of County Parks.¹ (Commissioners Travillion & Morales)

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 briefing and take appropriate action regarding the sale of approximately 7.8982 acres of land designated as excess, unused right of way owned by Travis County to support former alignments of Hergotz Lane and Edwin Lane located in Precinct 4.^{1&2} (Judge Brown)

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. 551.072, Real Property.

Members of the Court heard from:

Richard Suttle, Attorney, Armbrust & Brown, PLLC

Andy Pastor, Managing Principal, Endeavor

Stacey Schmitt, Executive Leader, Opportunity Austin

Bobby Levinsky, Senior Staff Attorney, Save Our Springs Alliance

MOTION: Approve the sale of approximately 7.8982 acres of land designated as excess unused right of way, owned by Travis County to support former alignments of Hergotz Lane and Edwin Lane, as discussed in executive session with right of reversion in the deed without warranty if grantee requests disannexation and to maintain at all times two ways in and out of the area at all times.

RESULT: APPROVED - UNANIMOUS

MOVER: County Judge Andy Brown

SECONDER: Commissioner Precinct 1 Jeffrey Travillion

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

42. Receive legal briefing and take appropriate action regarding legislative changes affecting Chapter 26 of the Texas Tax Code.¹ (Judge Brown)

Judge Brown announced that Item 42 would be considered in Executive Session pursuant to Gov't. Code Ann. 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

Adjourn

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners Court

Date of Approval

Andy Brown, County Judge